



## The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Calendar – Read More – Friday Letters**

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<https://thedriveprimary.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

### Sports Day

Sports Day is always a heartwarming celebration of energy, teamwork, and community spirit. Our children beamed with excitement as they took part in races and games, cheered on by their friends and teachers. The support from parents and carers always adds a special touch—clapping, encouraging, and sharing in every triumph, big or small. Your presence not only boosts confidence but also strengthens the bond between school and home, making the afternoon such a lovely one for everyone involved. Thank you again for joining us and thank goodness the rain stayed away (for the most part)!

Another round of applause for our winners this year, Angel of the North, who were awarded a total of 379 points. Well done Angels!

House Team	Points
Angel of the North	379
Baltic	361
Millenium Bridge	360
Glass House	342

### Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a great day at Cullercoats Bay: we explored the caves; some people were buried alive; crabs were found in the rock pools; the North Sea was paddled in, and a hole was dug! All the children had a great time and were sensible and polite when travelling on the Metro and exploring the bay. We had so much fun we didn't get time to eat the sunflower seeds and onions! We shall complete these tasks at school in the coming weeks.

### Year 6 Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a trip through time at the Great North Museum. Our challenge was Time Odyssey, finding answers to clues in a variety of the galleries in order to escape through the portal. To end the day, we had ice-creams on the grass!

### Attendance – The Summer League and attendance update

**0 points if attendance is below 96%**

**1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%**

**2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%**

**3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%**

No points this week. Year 4 are still in the lead with 4 points. Some very low attendances as you can see, and we are still combating a lot of illnesses as you will be aware. Please let us know if you feel like you need support with your child's attendance or if you are thinking of taking your child out of school for a period of time. Also, if your child has been prescribed medication for an illness that could affect others and requires a period of 24 hours off school for the medication to start to work (Scarlett Fever for example), please ensure that school are made aware. Mrs Conroy and I will be able to explain the expectations and what school need to do in line with Government legislations.





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Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	85.77% -
Reception	3	90% +
Year 1	0	92.38% +
Year 2	3	92.11% -
Year 3	3	94.74% +
Year 4	4	89.97% -
Year 5	0	93.87% +
Year 6	1	94.67% +

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary (as they stand) – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Items highlighted in yellow are parent/carer events.

Summer Term 1 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 23/06/25</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 3 and Year 4 Beach Trip <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 20/06/25</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach Trip <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 20/06/25</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Days – Heworth and Cardinal Hume
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July and Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	XP Secondary School Transition Days
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Summer Fayre</b> <b>Commences 1:30pm. Separate letter issued 26.06.25</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional Day - School is closed.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer League Attendance Party <b>C</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports will be distributed. <b>If you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please contact them via DOJO/call the office and they will organise a time: there will be no Parent Consultations unless your child is on the SEND register, and you have requested a meeting (after conversations with Mrs Tate or myself – Mrs Farren – and feel you require a face-to-face).</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the Teacher <b>This event is for the children, not parents/carers.</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Fun Day <b>C</b>



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Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Water Fight (children will be in their own classes for this event) <b>C</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1:30pm
	Shine Awards Evening – after school – invite only.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.


**Summer Reading Challenge**

## Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

### Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at

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to get started from 5 July 2025.

**Help your child start their reading adventure today!**



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