



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 6th 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.ovv8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

Moor House Residential

Year 6 children, who went to Moor House Adventure Centre for their residential this year, had a fantastic time! From archery to high ropes courses in the wind and rain (a little scary but lots of fun), our children were brave, exhibited working well as a team and were very encouraging of one another to give things a go and try their best. We were so proud of them!

Retirement

Mrs McCartney will be retiring at the end of the year. She has been a teacher at The Drive since 1988 and has been an integral part of the team and community. Thank you, Mrs McCartney, for everything you have done for The Drive, our children, parents, staff, and governors. You will be a great miss, but we wish you all the happiness when venturing into her next life adventure.

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.

As always, if you need any support with your child/children's attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	74.8% -
Reception	3	90.5% +
Year 1	0	85.45% +
Year 2	3	91.58% -
Year 3	3	94.33% -
Year 4	4	92% -
Year 5	0	90% -
Year 6	1	95.52% -

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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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. 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 2 nd – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks - 2-week window
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th June	Phonics Screening Checks
Monday 9 th June	Dr Bike – Free Safety Checks. Flyer sent to parents before half term and is on the bottom of this letter.
	Year 5/6 Countdown Cricket C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.
Wednesday 11 th June	Learn to Fix a Bike – Parent/carer session – 3:15 – 4:15pm. Flyer sent to parents before half term and is on the bottom of this letter.
Thursday 12 th June	Boccia Regional Finals C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.
Monday 16 th June – Thursday 19 th June	Bike Ability – Year 5 More details to follow
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day – PM More details to follow. Please also note, that if the weather is poor, this event may need to be rearrange.
Monday 30 th June	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip C
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 3 and Year 4 Beach Trip C
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach Trip C
Thursday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre
Friday 4 th July	Occasional Day School is closed.
Tuesday 8 th July	Summer League Attendance Party C
Wednesday 9 th July	Reports will be distributed. 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.
Wednesday 9 th July	Meet the Teacher
Friday 11 th July	School Council Fun Day C
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole School Water Fight (children will be in their own classes for this event) C
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM
	Shine Awards Evening – after school – invite only.
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.





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FREE DR BIKE & SCOOTER SESSION!

AT THE DRIVE WITH SUSTRANS

Monday 9th June at Drop Off



For kids, guardians and family bikes and scooters . Drop off at the start of the school day, and they'll be ready to collect at pick up.

The bike or scooter will get a full safety check and small adjustments where necessary.

We will pump tyres, adjust gears, seats and check brakes and headsets. We don't replace or install new parts but if it's needed, we'll advise you on local bike shops and the possible cost.



Questions? I'm happy to help, email : lou.millington@sustrans.org.uk



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LEARN TO FIX A BIKE WITH LOU AT THE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 11th June 3:15-4:15



*If I can do it,
so can you!*

Parents, carers, staff and their children are invited to join Lou from Sustrans to learn the basics of looking after your bike!

You can bring your own bike or learn from our project bike.

On the school yard (weather permitting).

If you can't make it but want to chat, email lou.millington@sustrans.org.uk



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