



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 18th July 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/>

Water Fight Joy

The class water fights were pure joy—laughter echoed as everyone dashed around, soaked, and smiling. Some staff even wore shower caps, adding to the fun! Huge thanks to Active Future for running such a brilliant event—no one stayed dry, but everyone left happy.

Leavers Assembly – Class of 2025

What a fantastic performance our Year 6 pupils delivered in their leavers' assembly! With a hilarious jailhouse setting, the show was packed with clever satire, brilliant acting, and songs that had the whole room smiling. The children truly shone on stage, showing confidence, creativity, and a great sense of humour throughout.

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, guardians, and family friends who came along to support the children—it meant the world to them. We are so proud of everything our Year 6s have achieved, and we wish them all the very best as they move on to their next adventure. You'll be missed!

End of Year Message

As we reach the end of another school year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership have played a vital role in helping our children thrive.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils—their hard work, resilience, and achievements have been truly inspiring. A special mention goes to our Year 6 children, who are now ready to embark on their next exciting adventure. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to secondary school.

A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated staff and Governors, whose passion and commitment have made this year so special for every child.

We hope you all have a safe, restful, and joyful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year!

Have a lovely holiday – stay safe and we will see you all Tuesday 2nd September!

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	
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.
Autumn Term 1 2025 – 8 week half term	
Monday 1 st September	Staff INSET DAY – children not in school
Tuesday 2 nd September	Children return to school from the Summer Holidays Pick up information was sent in a flyer 17.07.25

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 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



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