



Welcome to the final and busiest part of the year at Drumahoe. Please find details of events and activities that are taking place between now and the end of term.

P7 Trip to Edinburgh:

Primary 7 will depart for Edinburgh early on Tuesday morning. We would like to wish them all a safe trip. I know the children will all look back on this trip with very fond memories and I would like to thank Mrs Hegarty, Mr Scott and Mrs Bryson for giving up their time to accompany our children.

Bicycles/Scooters:

Now that a bit of better weather is with us we will have larger numbers coming to school on bicycle/scooter. Can I remind everyone that bicycles/scooters must be pushed whilst on the school premises and that a helmet should be worn for safety purposes.

Diary Dates:

The holiday dates for next year have recently been communicated to parents via the school app. I respectfully request that you arrange any family holidays outside of term time as prolonged absences from school often leads to interruption of work and consequent lack of progress. It is **not** practical for the school to provide work for children when on holiday.

N.B. We will endeavour to keep to these dates if at all possible but sometimes circumstances beyond our control dictate otherwise. Any changes will be communicated as early as possible.

Summer Term Closings:

School will be closed on **Monday 26th May 2025** for the Bank holiday and on **Tuesday 27th May 2025** for staff training. The school will finish for the summer holidays at 12 noon on **Friday 27th June 2025**.

Transition Workshops:

Transition and moving classes were areas identified by parents that could be better supported by the school through the completion of recent questionnaires. In response to this, our Being Well Doing Well team are planning some activities during term 3 to help support parents and pupils as they move on to their next class and to their next school.

Parent workshops have been organised for **Tuesday 20th May (P1 – P6)** and **Thursday 22nd May (P7)**. Both workshops will take place at 2.15p.m. in the Dining Centre.

We will have a transition week for the children in June to prepare them for moving on to their new classes in September.

Sport's Day:

Sport's Day (**House colours to be worn**) will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June**. If the weather is inclement, Sport's Day will be held on the first day of suitable weather during the following week. Sports Day will run in a similar way to how it has done in previous years.

- Sports day will be held in the field behind the P1 and P2 playground.
- If the weather is inclement, Sports Day will be held on the first suitable day of the following week.
- Foundation Stage (Reception, P1 & P2) and KS1 (P3 and P4) – races start at 9.30 and finish at 12. Children in these year groups will then leave school at 12. If your child is in Kadet Klub on this day and are in P1 – P4, please provide them with a packed lunch.
- KS2 (P5 – P7) will remain in school for lunch – races will begin at 1pm and last until 3pm.
- PTA will be providing tea and coffee at a cost of £1 per cup.
- If the weather is hot, please ensure your child has applied sun cream, wears a sun hat and brings a bottle of water.

P1 Induction Afternoon:

P1 parents and pupils for the next school year will visit school on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th June 2025. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our new pupils and their parents to the "Drumahoe family" in September. We have extremely limited availability in P1 for September and do have scattered availability for places throughout certain year groups in the school for the 2025/26 academic year. If you know of anyone who would like further information on securing a place at school then please ask them to ring the school office (02871302284).

Family Fun-Night/B.B.Q:

We are delighted that this P.T.A. event will take place again this year. The Fun Night will take place on **Thursday 19th June 2025** from 6.00 – 8.30 p.m. The first half hour of the evening (6.00 – 6.30pm) will be an autism friendly half hour. No music will be played and the lights from rides etc. will be switched off. If you are able to assist in any way at the Fun Night/BBQ please either ring the Office (71302284) or call and leave your name with Mrs Glenn. The PTA are particularly looking for help with face-painting and tattoos on the night. If you have any other ways you would be willing to help please get in touch or speak to Dawn Allen.

We would really like to sell some home-made tray bakes on the night along with our tea and coffee. If you can assist with this, please leave any donations in school on the morning of the Fun Night.

Once again this year some staff have (reluctantly) agreed to participate in the popular 'Sponge the Staff.' We will let you know who has 'Volunteered' as soon as everyone has been persuaded! Children will again get to vote on who they would like to sponge as many times as they like and it costs 20p per vote.

The PTA are also planning to hold a raffle on the Evening of the Fun Night BBQ. If you are able to donate a prize to the raffle or know of a local business who may be willing to donate a prize, could you please let us know.

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Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up to easyfundraising. Please remember to download the browser extension once signed up. This means a donation reminder will automatically pop up when you shop if a donation is available when online. This is a super easy way to support the PTA when you shop online and it doesn't cost you a penny.

School Reports:

Academic Reports will be sent home on **Friday 20th June 2025**. If you have any queries in relation to your child's report, you can discuss these with your child's teacher by ringing the school and organising a suitable time for a telephone call with your child's teacher.

House Cross-Country:

The House Cross-Country competition will take place on **Friday 20th June** with the following starting times: Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) @ 1.15 p.m.; Key Stage 1 (P3 & P4) @ 1.30 p.m. and Key Stage 2 (P5-P7) @ 1.45 p.m. Parents are very welcome to come to the walking park to support the children.

Leavers Assembly:

The P7's "Leavers Assembly" will take place on **Thursday 26th June 2025** at 10am. Further details for the parents of the P7 pupils will be issued by Mrs Hegarty and Mr Scott closer to the date.

Non-Uniform Day:

The last day of term (**Friday 27th June 2025**) has been designated as a non-uniform day to raise money for the School Fund. I will be asking that the pupils bring a minimum donation of £1.00 to their Class Teacher on the day. The donation will also gain entry into a "Farewell Disco" that we will be running for everyone (P1-P7) in the Assembly Hall from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon with staggered times for each key stage.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Wall'.

Principal



DRUMAHOE P.S. HOLIDAY LIST – 2025/2026

2025:

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 26 August – Friday 19 December (**inclusive**)

School Days:

Staff Development Day:

Closed:

Friday 26 September

1 day

Half-Term:

Closed:

Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

5 days

Christmas and New Year: Autumn Term ends for pupils at noon on Friday 19

December 2025.

Closed:

Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026 (**inclusive**)

10 days

2026:

Spring Term:

Monday 5 January – Friday 27 March (**inclusive**)

Half-Term:

Closed:

Monday 9 February – Friday 13 February

5 days

St Patrick's Day:

Closed:

Monday 16 March – Tuesday 17 March

2 days

Easter: Spring Term ends for pupils at noon on Friday 27 March 2026.

Closed:

Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April (**inclusive**)

10 days

Summer Term:

Monday 13 April – Tuesday 30 June (inclusive)

May Day Bank Holiday:

Closed:

Monday 4 May

1 day

Spring Bank Holiday:

Closed:

Monday 25 May – Tuesday 26 May

2 days

School will close at noon on Tuesday 30 June 2026 for the Summer Vacation.

You are notified well in advance of all holidays and I respectfully request that you arrange your vacations within these dates as prolonged absences from school often leads to interruption of work and consequent lack of progress. It is not practical for the school to provide work for children when on holiday.