

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Anabia** – for amazing behaviour

#### Year 1/2

**Michael** – for a great effort in Maths

#### Year 3/4

**Vinnie** – for a brilliant start to life in a new school

#### Year 5/6

**Alfie R** – for settling in so well and being brave enough to get on stage during the performance



**Highest Attendance this week:**

**Year 1/2 98.3%**

### Governor Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for new governors to join our governing body. You do not need to have had any experience in schools or as a governor and you would be well supported by our current governors. If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you.

### Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in September 2025 and January 2026. If you have a child who will turn 3 before September or January or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

### Dazzling Dash

We are hopeful that The Dazzling Dash will be able to take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.15pm. Any bookings already made will be carried over. We hope that everyone will be able to make the rearranged date and fingers crossed for the weather! Cake donations and tombola prizes would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

### September classes

We had a brilliant whole school transition day last week when everyone got chance to experience their new classes. The staff for next year will be:

Year Group	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery/Reception	Mrs N Steel	Miss D White Miss E Bowden
Year 1/2	Miss H Simpson	Miss A Cowan
Year 3/4	Mrs E Heron	Miss C Southward
Year 5/6	Mr G O'Townson	Miss A Varty Miss E Irving
PPA cover	Mrs V Bell	

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

**96.4%**

**Just above target**

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Year 5/6 Forest School trip

This Tuesday sees Derwent Vale visit Escape Education at our specialist site near Whitehaven! Your child will take part in 4hrs of activities exploring the forest deeper than ever before! Lunch in the woods, meeting creatures and flora, games and much more! It's going to be epic!

### What to bring?

Please wear layers and bring spare clothing (a backpack is recommended). Sturdy footwear/trainers are perfect for this terrain. Wellies are fine but are not the comfiest footwear for long periods of time. All attendees are encouraged to wear long sleeves and bottoms - no shorts!

The woodland canopy and weather especially in May will likely mean we could be colder and potentially wetter than people expect. A decent jacket or coat and any waterproofs are a wise pack especially as we live in Cumbria. If the forecast is sunny or warm please still bring warm clothing.

### Snacks

Please bring a refillable drinks bottle with you - we will have a supply of water on site to refill any empty bottles (we are trying our best to be sustainable!). Please can all attendees bring a snack. Simply put, food = fuel so please pack them supplies with that in mind. Packed lunch required!

Why not follow us on Instagram: [escape\\_education](#)

I look forward to welcoming your child to Escape Education!

John Lee



## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

We will be holding our Year 6 Leavers' assembly on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm when we will be sharing memories of the Year 6 children and their time at Derwent Vale. We hope that lots of our families will be able to join us to celebrate Year 6's school journey.

## Upcoming dates

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

2pm Year 6 Leavers' assembly

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5/6 Forest School trip

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

1.15pm Dazzling Dash

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

1.30pm School closes for summer holidays

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

School re-opens after summer holidays

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 Bikeability

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3/4 Bikeability

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Reception to Year 6 – Nasal flu spray

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga