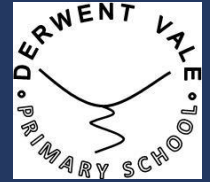


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



Newsletter

13th June 2025



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Maya – for brilliant singing and African drumming

Year 1/2

Orla – for an amazing effort in Maths

Year 3/4

Freddie – for super sewing skills

Year 5/6

Gracie – for working hard this week

Swimming

A reminder that Year 5/6 will be going swimming every day next week (Monday 16th to Friday 20th June). Please could children bring their swimwear and a towel with them to school each day. Thank you.



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies have arrived!



Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 96.7%

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.

Nursery/Reception Parent/Carer Stay and Play Session

We have been working with Primed for Life on an 'I See You' project about movement and play in Nursery and Reception. The children have enjoyed their sessions and the Primed for Life team would like to invite parents/carers to come in on Friday 20th June from 2pm to find out more about the project. We hope that you can make it. Thank you.

Reception Multi Skills Festival



Dazzling Dash

This year's Dazzling Dash will take place on Friday 4th July at 2pm. Parents/carers should book their place on School Hub if they are accompanying their child – there is a cost of £1 for parents/carers. Spectators will not be allowed at this event and everyone who attends will need to take part. T-shirts and sunglasses are also available to order on School Hub and the deadline for these orders is Friday 20th June.

Our fundraising team would really appreciate any donations of raffle prizes and cakes as there will be some stalls available to look around after the event. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

94.6%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Active Travel to School Week

We are taking part in the Active Travel to School Week between Monday 16th and Friday 20th June. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period.

Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope it will:

Improve the health & wellbeing of our pupils & families, encourage pupils and families to be more active, reduce congestion and parking problems around our school and promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge ends.

During the challenge each child will receive their own card to record their active journeys. Those pupils with at least one sticker on the card at the end of the challenge will be awarded an individual prize.

There will also be a small number of prizes awarded to those children who have made an exceptional effort during the challenge.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family. Children who use school transport during the active challenge week will also be able to collect stickers as this also helps to reduce individual car use on the school run.

Thank you for your support.

Upcoming dates

Monday 16th – Friday 20th June

Walk to School Week

Year 5/6 Swimming every day

Monday 16th June

8am Year 3/4 Vindolanda trip

Tuesday 17th June

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Forest School

Thursday 19th June

10am Sports Day

Friday 20th June

2pm Nursery/Reception parents – Stay and Play session

Tuesday 24th June

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Forest School

Year 5/6 team – Cricket festival

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th June

Years 3-6 Berwick residential

Year 1/2 Gardening



Sports Day

We will be holding this year's Sports Day on Thursday 19th June at 10am and parents/carers and families are welcome to come and watch the children take part in their races. Please could children come to school wearing their sports day team colours. We hope that the weather is kind but in the unfortunate event that it isn't, we have a reserve Sports Day planned for Thursday 10th July. Thank you.