

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter



16th May 2025

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Archie – for using fantastic scientific vocabulary

Year 1/2

Emilia – for trying really hard in Maths

Year 3/4

Marcus – for brilliant comprehension skills in the reading lesson

Year 5/6

All of Year 6 – for an amazing effort in their SATs

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. We were so proud of the effort they put in and the way they conducted themselves throughout the whole week.



Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 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.

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

Next Tuesday (20th May) sees Derwent Vale visit Escape Education at our specialist site near Whitehaven! Your child will take part in 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 back pack 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 will likely mean it could be colder 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 (you can either bring your own or order through school).

Why not follow us on Instagram: [escape_education](#)

I look forward to welcoming your child to Escape Education!

John Lee

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

94.9%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Swimming

Year 3/4 will be going swimming every day between Monday 9th and Friday 13th June. The following week (Monday 16th to Friday 20th June), Year 5/6 will be going swimming daily. Please could children bring their swimwear and a towel with them to school each day. Thank you.



Upcoming dates

Tuesday 20th May

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Year 1/2 team – Football festival

Year 1/2 Multi Sports After School Club

Wednesday 21st May

5pm Governors' meeting

Friday 23rd May

Year 3/4 Cricket

3.15pm School closes for half term

Monday 2nd June

8.45am School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 3rd June

Nursery/Reception trip to Harrington Nature Reserve

Year 3/4, 5/6 Yoga

Year 1/2 Multi Sports After School Club (last one)



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. 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. We will send out more information about the event after half term. Thank you.