

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

23rd May 2025



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Axel – for fantastic teamwork building an ant colony

Year 1/2

Jack-Ryan – for a brilliant effort in gardening

Year 3/4

Travis – for working hard to understand equivalent lengths

Year 5/6

Allegra – for excellent work on her pop-up book

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 95.9%

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.



DO YOU WANT TO HELP US SAVE THE BEES?

YEAR 1&2 HAVE STARTED THEIR NEW BUSINESS VENTURE, MAKING BEE BOMBS!

FILL YOUR GARDEN WITH BEAUTIFUL WILD FLOWERS AND HELP US TO SAVE THE BEES!

£1 PER BOMB - AVAILABLE TO ORDER ON SCHOOL HUB!

PIC•COLLAGE

YEAR 3/4 FOREST SCHOOL TRIP



After School Club

Due to staffing, there will be no after school club on Thursdays for the next half term (until the summer holidays). Thank you.

Years 3-6 Berwick Residential Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents/carers regarding the upcoming residential trip to Berwick on Wednesday 11th June at 3.30pm. It will only be a short meeting but will provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions that you might have about the trip. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

93.6%

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.



Road Safety

There have been a number of incidents in recent weeks where parents and staff have reported near misses with children on bikes and scooters on the roads around the school area. Please could you reiterate to your children the importance of road safety as some of their behaviour is putting them at risk. The children have also been spoken to about this issue in school and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message to ensure that everyone stays safe. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

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)

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June

Walk to School week

Year 3/4 Swimming every day

Tuesday 10th June

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Year 2 Cricket competition

Year 5/6 Forest School

Reception Multi Skills festival

Wednesday 11th June

3.30pm Residential meeting

Monday 16th June

Year 3/4 Vindolanda trip



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.