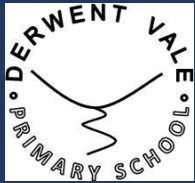


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

3rd July 2026



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Carina – for fantastic number recognition

Year 1/2

Elias – for fantastic knowledge of the history of flight

Year 3/4

Tyga – for stepping into other people's play roles brilliantly

Year 5/6

Eve – for a great effort at the hobby horse competition

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 93.3%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in September 2026 and January 2027. 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.

Parking

Please could we remind parents/carers and anyone who is dropping off/collecting children to park away from school. There have been some near misses recently and the school bus is struggling to pass parked cars. Thank you.



Years 3-6 Summer Show

There will be two performances of this year's summer show of 'Mamma Mia!' on Tuesday 7th July at 2.00pm and 5.30pm. The deadline to purchase tickets on School Hub is today. Tickets are £2.50 each. Initially, each child in Years 3-6 will be allocated two tickets for each performance. If there are any spare tickets available, an email will be sent to parents on Monday morning. Thank you.

Dazzling Dash

Thank you to everyone who has supported today's Dazzling Dash event and we are delighted to be able to hold it this year! Look out for photos on our Facebook page and on next week's newsletter. A huge thank you to Miss Irving and the parent fundraising team led by Anna Dobinson for all their hard work in organising the event for our whole school community.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

91.0%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 6th July

Year 1/2 Puppet trip, Rosehill Theatre

Tuesday 7th July

Year 1/2 Football festival

Nursery/Reception, Year 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

2pm & 5.30pm Years 3-6 Summer Show

Thursday 9th July

Year 5/6 Forest School trip

Friday 10th July

Whole school transition Day

Year 6 Escape Room trip

Monday 13th July

10am Sports Day

Year 5/6 visit to Clarendon Grange

Tuesday 14th July

2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 17th July

1.30pm School closes for summer holidays

Year 5/6 Forest School trip

Next Thursday (9th July) 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



Year 6 Escape Room Trip

As an end of school treat to celebrate their time with us, Year 6 will be going to Lakes Escapes on Friday 10th July to try and break out of an escape room! They are going within the school day and will be back at school by the end of the school day. Thank you.