

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> June 2026



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Brandon** – for working hard on his writing and having a brilliant attitude this week

#### Year 1/2

**Elijah** – for a great effort with his handwriting

#### Year 3/4

**Michael** – for trying hard with his reading

#### Year 5/6

**Connie** – for a fantastic comparison of 5 significant monarchs

### Staffing Update

The finalised school staffing for September will be shared later this term but we wanted to provide an update on some staffing changes that will be happening.

We are sad to say that Mr O will be leaving us in July as he has secured an assistant head role at another school and we wish him the best of luck in his new position. As a result of this, Mrs Heron will be teaching Year 5/6 and Miss Simpson will be teaching Year 3/4 from September.

We are currently recruiting teachers for our Nursery/Reception and Year 1/2 classes and will provide an update on this as soon as we have one. Thank you.



### Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 93.1%

### 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.

### Sports Day

Our Sports Day is planned for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June and looking at the weather forecast for next week, it is unlikely that this will go ahead due to the amount of rain we have had and are predicted to have in the coming days. This means that the school field will be too wet for us to safely hold the event. We will confirm on Monday whether it will go ahead or be postponed until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

89.6%

### Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Dates

We have the following special events planned for this term:

- Sports Day – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10am (a reserve Sports Day is planned for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 10am)
- Dazzling Dash, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.30pm
- Years 3-6 Summer Show – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm and 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm



## Upcoming dates

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

3.20pm Years 3-6 Eskdale Residential Parent Meeting

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Walk to School Week

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

Reception Multi-Skills Festival

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

10am Sports Day

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5/6 Forest School

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5/6 Swimming – daily

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

Reception Multi-Skills Festival

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Reserve Sports Day

## Feet First 5 day Active Travel Challenge

Our school will be taking part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge starting on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** and finishing on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting active journeys on the school run.



There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as the chance to win a whole school prize, so we would love everyone to take part. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting, and park & stride are all active ways of travelling, and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health and wellbeing of our pupils and families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Reduce our school community's collective carbon footprint
- Promote active travel for the school run and encourage families to continue to do this after the challenge ends
- Be good fun!

Each child will receive their own card to record their active journeys. Those pupils who have recorded at least one active journey on the card at the end of the challenge will be awarded an individual prize.

We understand that it's not always possible for families to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but if you live a long way from school, you can still take part by parking further away 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 be able to collect stickers as this helps to reduce individual car use. Thank you.