

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Marliya** – for trying really hard in phonics

#### Year 1/2

**Bradley** – for a great effort in history

#### Year 3/4

**Hayley** – for brilliant work on food chains and food webs

#### Year 5/6

**Alfie R** – for modelling and solving algebra

### Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 96.0%

### 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 April and September 2026. If you have a child who will turn 3 before April or September or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026

### Reading Celebrations

We have had a wonderful week celebrating reading in school with a whole host of activities from participating in online author sessions, reading outside, listening to special guest readers and dressing up as book characters to swapping books, taking part in book related competitions and guessing

which staff members were The Masked Readers! Thank you for your support at home with our reading celebrations this week.



### Year 3/4 Geography Trip

A letter has been emailed out today regarding the Year 3/4 geography trip to Branthwaite on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please could school packed lunches be ordered by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March for this trip. Children will be spending most of the day outside so will need to wear suitable clothing/footwear. Thank you.

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

**94.1%**

**Below target**

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



YEAR  
3 / 4



## Upcoming dates

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga  
Boccia festival – Year 3-6 team

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

5pm Full Governing Body meeting

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Rivers Trust field trip

Year 5/6 Rugby

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga  
Year 3/4 team – Football festival

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

1.30pm School closes for Easter holidays

