Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

6th November 2026

Star of the Week

Nursery & Reception

Lily K – for great enthusiasm when learning new things

Year 1/2

Anabia – for brilliant work on her times tables

Year 3/4

Archer – for great knowledge of the Stone Age

Year 5/6

Eliza – for working hard at simplifying fractions

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 94.9%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in January and April 2027. If you have a child who will turn 3 before January or April 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 in order to ensure the safety of our whole school community. Your support with this issue is much appreciated. Thank you.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be having a non-uniform/Pyjama day for a £1 donation to raise money for Children in Need. Children should bring the £1 to school in cash. Thank you.



Christmas trips

Letters were emailed out to parents/carers this week containing information about the Christmas trips that each class will be going on this half term: Whinlatter for Nursery/Reception, Rookery Woods for Year 1/2 and Theatre by the Lake in Keswick for Years 3-6. Payments are now able to be made on School Hub. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

90.1%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 9th November

Year 5/6 Robotics event, Lakes College

Tuesday 10th November

Year 3/4, 5/6 Gymnastics

3.15 – 4.15pm Year 3/4 Multi Sports After School Club

Wednesday 11th November

3.30 – 4.30pm Years 3-6 Chess After School Club

Thursday 12th November

Forest School – Year 1/2 group

3.30 – 4.30pm Reception – Year 6 Spanish After School Club

Friday 13th November

Children in Need – Pyjama day

Tuesday 17th November

Whole School Wheelchair Rugby

Year 3/4, 5/6 Gymnastics

3.15 – 4.15pm Year 3/4 Multi Sports After School Club

Christmas event dates

Friday 27th November
Nursery/Reception Whinlatter trip
Tuesday 1st December
Year 1/2 Rookery Woods trip
Wednesday 2nd December
Years 3-6 Theatre by the Lake trip
Wednesday 9th December
2pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas performance – more details to follow
Thursday 10th December
Christmas Lunch Day
Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day
5.30pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas performance – more details to follow
Monday 14th December
Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas party - non-uniform can be worn
Years 3-6 Christmas party – non-uniform can be worn
Tuesday 15th December
2pm Years 3-6 Christmas Carol Service – more details to follow
Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Assembly with St. Luke's Church
Thursday 17th December
Year 5/6 Carol Singing, Clarendon Grange
Friday 18th December
Christmas jumper/non-uniform day
School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm



Year 5/6 Science Event

On Monday 9th November, Year 5/6 will be taking part in an interactive robotics and coding show at Lakes College. The event will take place in the morning and children will be back at school for their usual lunchtime. Thank you to the Centre for Leadership Performance who have kindly funded this event for primary schools.