

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter



9th October 2026

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Isaac – for a fantastic effort in repeating patterns in Maths

Year 1/2

Tommy – for brilliant independent writing

Year 3/4

Florence – for a fantastic work ethic

Year 5/6

Tyga – for a great attitude to her learning especially Maths

Highest Attendance this week:

Nursery/Reception 100%

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.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has booked a Parent meeting for Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 20th October, 3.30 – 6pm. You should have received an email with an appointment time. Please come to the main playground gate and we will let you into school. If you are unable to attend the planned dates, please complete the online form letting us know this and we will be in touch to arrange an alternative date/time. Thank you.

Nursery/Reception



Free Breakfast Club & Parent Survey

Parents and carers are invited to take part in a short survey about your family's morning routine. Whether or not your child attends our free breakfast club, we'd like to hear about your morning routines and before school childcare.

- Complete the 10-minute survey: Click [here](#)
- Be in with a chance of a £100 voucher as a thank you.

A reminder that our free breakfast club is now available to book and needs to be booked well in advance on School Hub. The free breakfast club starts at 8.15am each day and children must arrive then as the gate will be closed shortly after. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

92.8%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 13th October

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

3.30 – 6pm Parent meetings

Wednesday 14th October

Years 3-6 Graphic Design After
School Club

Thursday 15th October

Full governing body meeting

Friday 16th October

Harvest Foodbank Collection Day

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October

Walk to School Week

Monday 19th October

School photos

Tuesday 20th October

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

Thursday 22nd October

Nursery/Reception Stephney Farm
Halloween trip

Harvest Foodbank Collection

We will be holding our annual Foodbank collection next week and if you can help to donate any of the items on the list below by next Friday, we would appreciate it. Thank you.



**HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
WITH A FOOD HARVEST COLLECTION**

PLEASE HELP

Our school appeal this year is called

**SHARING
Together**

Nothing makes a community stronger
when we look out for one another.

Please help by donating any of the
food items listed.



Please help if
you can.
THANK YOU!

HARVEST SHOPPING LIST

Milk UHT full fat
Fruit Juice UHT 1 litre
Tinned Meat
Dried Pasta (500g)
Dried Rice (500g)
Sponge Pudding
Tinned Tuna
Tinned Fruit
Jam
Tinned Veg
Tinned pasta e.g. Ravioli
Pasta Sauce
Tinned Custard
Tinned Rice Pudding
Baked Beans
Cereals (300 to 500g)
Instant Mash (single packets)

Halloween

For Halloween this year, we will be having the following activities:

- Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 will be going on a trip to Stephney Farm near Calder Bridge on the afternoon of Thursday 22nd October where they will be taking part in some Halloween themed activities.
- Years 3-6 will be having a Halloween disco during the school day on Friday 23rd October and children are welcome to bring a costume to get changed into.
- There will be a whole school pumpkin carving/decorating competition (£1 per entry to be paid on School Hub). Decorated pumpkins should be brought into school by Tuesday 20th October.

