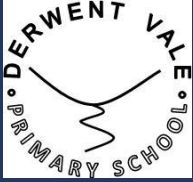
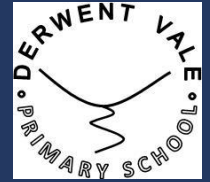


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



Newsletter

11th September 2026



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Ava – for settling in to her new class brilliantly

Year 1/2

Alonso – for a fantastic attitude to his learning

Year 3/4

Alex – for a wonderful piece of creative writing

Year 5/6

Freddy – for using a range of strategies in Maths

As we come to the end of our first week back at school, I would like to extend my warmest thanks to our wonderful pupils and families for such a positive start to the new school year. It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back and to see the enthusiasm, kindness and energy our pupils have brought with them.

At our school, we are committed to providing every pupil with fun, memorable and enriching experiences that extend beyond the taught curriculum. This week, some pupils had the opportunity to try golf and chess for the first time. Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils successfully completed their Bikeability training, while our Year 1 pupils enjoyed spending time with Mr and Mrs Gregg in our school garden.

We have many more exciting experiences planned throughout the year. Regular school attendance is so important in ensuring that every child can take part in and benefit from these valuable opportunities.

Our new free Breakfast Club is also proving extremely popular, particularly the delicious range of healthy breakfast foods on offer. We warmly encourage families to make the most of this provision by booking their children a place through the School Hub app.

Thank you once again for helping us make the first week back such a happy and successful one. We look forward to all that the year ahead will bring!

Mr Lucey

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 96.0%

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.



Nursery/Reception



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.2%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Free Breakfast Club

A reminder that our free breakfast club is now available to book and needs to be booked well in advance on School Hub. It has had a great start with the children attending so far enjoying a varied breakfast and playing with their friends. 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.



Upcoming dates

Tuesday 15th September

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

Monday 21st – Thursday 24th September

Year 3/4 Swimming (daily)

Friday 25th September

Year 3/4 Horrible Histories trip,
Carlisle Sands Centre

Year 5/6 Swimming

Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October

Year 5/6 Swimming (daily)

Tuesday 29th September

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

Thursday 1st October

Year 3/4 Stone Age trip, Windermere

Tuesday 6th October

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

Year 5/6 REACT Science Show trip



Pageticker

Thank you to parents/carers for their support with the reading journal app, Pageticker that we have started to use this year. The children who are using it seem to be enjoying it and we are looking forward to it helping with the recording of our reading.