

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

13th March 2026



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Axel – for amazing odd and even work in Maths

Year 1/2

Alice – for a brilliant effort making a chair for baby bear in DT

Year 3/4

Debanie – for working hard on her advert writing

Year 5/6

Allegra – for fantastic sentence construction in her explanatory text

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 98.2%

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.

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will take place for all classes over the next two weeks. You should have received an email containing information on how to book a meeting yesterday. Appointment times will be confirmed by email early next week. 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.

Year 3/4



School Meal Price Increase

We have been informed by Orian, our school meal provider that there will be a price increase from 1st April 2026. The new prices will be £2.60 for nursery children and £3.95 for Years 3-6. Orian have told us that these price increases are due to wages inflation, food cost pressures and statutory employment cost increases.



AP Smilestars Supervised Toothbrushing Programme

Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2 have been invited to join the above programme to promote good dental hygiene. There will be a session in school next week to explain it to the children. Please could you complete the consent form that was sent out yesterday (even if you wouldn't like your child to take part) and return it to school by Tuesday 17th March. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.8%

Just below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Year 3/4 Rivers Trip

West Cumbria Rivers Trust visited Year 3/4 yesterday for a workshop before their trip next week and provided more information about what they need to take with them. Please could children bring wellies if they have them (in a bag) to school early next week to allow us to see who doesn't have them as the Rivers Trust can provide some but they don't have enough for everyone. The children should wear warm clothes and waterproofs if they have them as well as comfortable footwear and a change of clothes in a bag as there is a chance they will get wet/muddy. Thank you.



Nursery/
Reception



Upcoming dates

Tuesday 17th March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Wednesday 18th March

5pm Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 19th March

Year 3/4 Rivers Trust field trip

Year 5/6 Rugby

Monday 23rd March

1-5pm Nursery/Reception Parent meetings

Tuesday 24th March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Year 3/4 team – Football festival

3.30-5pm Parent meetings – all classes

Wednesday 25th March

1-5pm Year 3/4 Parent meetings

Thursday 26th March

Year 3/4 Rugby

1-5pm Year 5/6 Parent meetings

Easter Egg/Bonnet Decorating Competition

There will be an egg/bonnet decorating competition for any children who would like to join in. It costs £1.50 to enter and the payment can be made on School Hub. Decorated eggs/bonnets should be brought into school by Thursday 26th March. Thank you.

Words Read

Well done to everyone who has been reading this week – we have read 236263 words as a school this week and over 2 million words have been read since Christmas! Thank you for your support with reading at home.

