Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

13th November 2026

Star of the Week

Nursery & Reception

Aaima – for brilliant work in phonics

Year 1/2

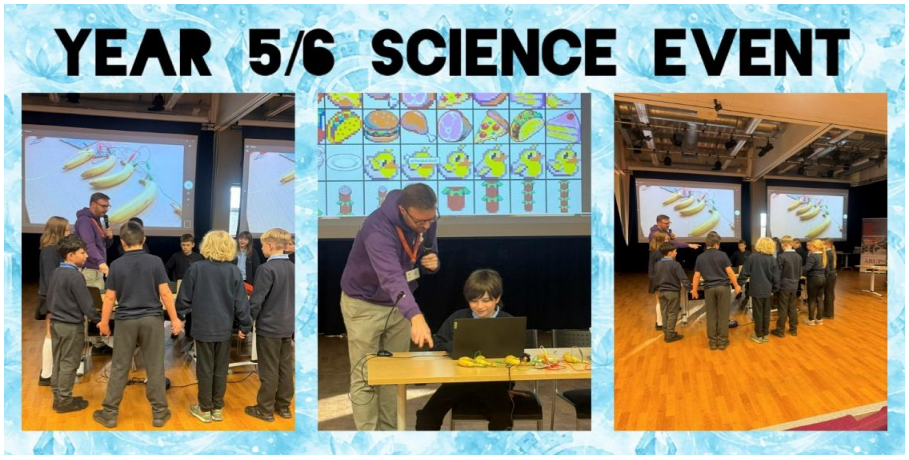
Ava – for her fantastic writing

Year 3/4

Blake – for a great effort in science

Year 5/6

Hunter – for working hard at adding fractions



Highest Attendance this week:

Nursery/Reception 96.8%





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.

Christmas trips

Letters were emailed out to parents/carers last 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

94.2%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 17th November

Whole School Wheelchair Rugby

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

Wednesday 18th November

Year 3/4, 5/6 Gymnastics

3.30 – 4.30pm Chess After School Club

Thursday 19th November

3.30 – 4.30pm Spanish After School Club

Tuesday 24th November

Year 3/4, 5/6 Gymnastics

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

Wednesday 25th November

3.30 – 4.30pm Chess After School Club

Full Governing Body meeting

Thursday 26th November

3.30 – 4.30pm Spanish 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

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraising for Children in Need today. We are all enjoying being cosy and warm in our pyjamas or non-uniform!

