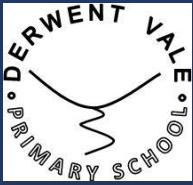


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

15th May 2026



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Jax – for a fantastic effort on the dinosaur topic

Year 1/2

Frankie – for great enthusiasm in gardening and trying hard in phonics

Year 3/4

Eliza – for a brilliant effort in history

Year 5/6

All of Year 6 – for trying hard in their SATs

Year 6 SATs

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who had their SATs this week. They remained calm, focused and determined throughout the tests and worked really hard. They enjoyed celebrating with a McDonald's for lunch and an afternoon of fun activities. Well done!



Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 98.5%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in September 2026 and January 2027. If you have a child who will turn 3 before September or January 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. There have been some near misses recently and the school bus is struggling to pass parked cars. Thank you.

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

Next Thursday (21st May) sees Derwent Vale visit Escape Education at our specialist site near Whitehaven! Your child will take part in activities exploring the forest deeper than ever before! Lunch in the woods, meeting creatures and flora, games and much more! It's going to be epic!

What to bring?

Please wear layers and bring spare clothing (a back pack is recommended). Sturdy footwear/trainers are perfect for this terrain. Wellies are fine but are not the comfiest footwear for long periods of time. All attendees are encouraged to wear long sleeves and bottoms - no shorts!

The woodland canopy and weather will likely mean it could be colder than people expect. A decent jacket or coat and any waterproofs are a wise pack especially as we live in Cumbria. If the forecast is sunny or warm please still bring warm clothing.

Snacks

Please bring a refillable drinks bottle with you - we will have a supply of water on site to refill any empty bottles (we are trying our best to be sustainable!). Please can all attendees bring a snack. Simply put, food = fuel so please pack them supplies with that in mind. Packed lunch required (you can either bring your own or order through school).

Why not follow us on Instagram: [escape_education](https://www.instagram.com/escape_education)

I look forward to welcoming your child to Escape Education!

John Lee

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

94.4%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Dates

We have the following special events planned for this term:

- Sports Day – Wednesday 10th June, 10am (a reserve Sports Day is planned for Wednesday 17th June, 10am)
- Dazzling Dash, Friday 3rd July, 1.30pm
- Years 3-6 Summer Show – Tuesday 7th July, 2pm and 5.30pm
- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, Tuesday 14th July, 2pm

More information on each of these events will follow in the coming weeks but we thought it would be useful for you to be aware of them in advance.

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 19th May

Year 3/4, 5/6 Yoga

Year 1/2 team – Football festival

Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club

Wednesday 20th May

5pm Full governing body meeting

Thursday 21st May

Year 3/4 Forest School trip

Friday 22nd May

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Cricket

3.15pm School closes for half term

Monday 1st June

8.45am School re-opens after half term

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club

YEAR 3/4 FOREST SCHOOL



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RECEPTION

