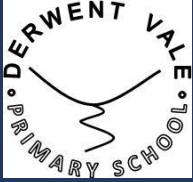
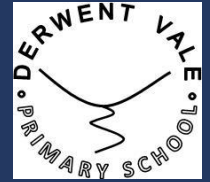


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



Newsletter

17th July 2026



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Taylor – for a brilliant effort at sports day

Year 1/2

Anabia – for a great effort in art

Year 3/4

Tallie – for fantastic Egyptian art work

Year 5/6

Amelia & Lily – for being incredible sports day helpers

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 94.8%

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.

As another wonderful school year draws to a close at Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to you all for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

The strength of our school lies in the relationships we share with our children, families, staff, governors and wider community. By working together, we create a nurturing and inspiring environment where our children can learn, grow and flourish. Derwent Vale is a very special community, and I am truly grateful for the many ways in which you support the school and contribute so positively to school life throughout the year.

The children have approached school life with enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and determination, and they have given us so many reasons to be proud. From their efforts in the classroom to their confidence in performances, their excitement on educational visits and their contributions to the wider community, they have shown what a wonderful group of children they are. Their hard work, positive attitudes and care for one another help make Derwent Vale such a happy, nurturing and inspiring place to learn.

I would also like to say a very sincere thank you to our exceptional staff team. The dedication they show to the children of Derwent Vale is truly special. They give so much of themselves each day to create a safe, happy and inspiring environment. Their kindness, commitment and belief in every child make a lasting difference, and I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a caring and talented team.

My thanks also extend to our Governing Body for their support throughout the year. Their commitment and involvement help our school continue to grow and develop, and their support enables trips, events and wider school opportunities to run smoothly, creating memorable experiences for our children.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children, families, staff and friends of the school a happy, safe and restful summer break. I hope the weeks ahead bring time to pause, relax and enjoy special moments with family and friends. Thank you once again for being such an important part of our Derwent Vale community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year together.

Mr Lucey



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

94.4%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 2nd September

8.45am School opens after summer holidays

Tuesday 8th September

Whole school golf day

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Gymnastics

Wednesday 9th September

Year 4 & 5 Bikeability training

Thursday 10th September

Year 5 Bikeability training

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



Free Breakfast Club

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