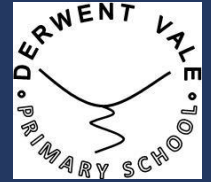
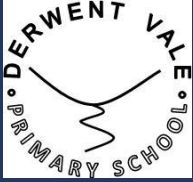


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter



18th September 2026

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Wynter – for a great effort in her learning

Year 1/2

Elijah – for a brilliant effort with his handwriting

Year 3/4

Paige – for fantastic enthusiasm in all her learning

Year 5/6

Theo – for having a positive attitude to his learning

Swimming

A reminder that Year 3/4 will be going swimming every day except Friday next week (Monday 21st to Thursday 24th September). Please could children bring their swimwear and a towel with them to school each day. Year 5/6 will be starting their swimming lessons on Friday 25th September and then every day the following week (Monday 28th to Friday 2nd October). Thank you.



Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 97.5%

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.



Year 3/4 Horrible Histories Trip

Year 3/4 are going on a trip to see a production of Horrible Histories at the Sands Centre in Carlisle on Friday 25th September. The trip will take place during the school day and children should wear their school uniform. Children will need to take a packed lunch with them and if you would like to order a school packed lunch, please could you order on School Hub by Wednesday 23rd September. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.4%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 21st – Thursday 24th September

Year 3/4 Swimming (daily)

Wednesday 23rd September

Years 3-6 Graphic Design After School Club

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

Wednesday 30th September

Years 3-6 Graphic Design After School Club

Thursday 1st October

Year 3/4 Stone Age trip, Windermere

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. The children attending are enjoying a varied breakfast and playing with their friends before the start of the school day. 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.



Positive Feedback

We were delighted to receive some positive feedback from a parent whose child has recently joined our school and wanted to share it: *"I just want to say a thank you to the school for how welcoming the staff and pupils have been to my child. He is loving every moment at school so far and always mentions what a great day he has had. Please feel free to pass the feedback onto the staff and governors as your school is lovely - we are appreciative as a family all for the hard work you do each day."*