Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

20th November 2026

Star of the Week

Nursery & Reception

Carina – for trying new things and being kind

Year 1/2

Harper – for a fantastic effort mixing colours in art

Year 3/4

Kyle – for being a kind and helpful member of class

Year 5/6

Jude O – for a great effort with his handwriting

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 97.0%

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 Play Tickets

Tickets for our Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas play are now available to buy on School Hub for £2.50 each. There are two performances: Wednesday 9th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th December at 5.30pm. Each child will be allocated two tickets for each performance initially and more may be available nearer the time depending on the number of tickets sold. Thank you.





Christmas trips

A reminder that payments for the Christmas trips should be made on School Hub. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

95.0%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

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

Friday 27th November

Nursery/Reception Whinlatter trip

Tuesday 1st December

Year 1/2 Rookery Woods trip

Year 3/4, 5/6 Gymnastics

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

Wednesday 2nd December

Year 3-6 Theatre by the Lake trip

3.30 – 4.30pm Chess 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

