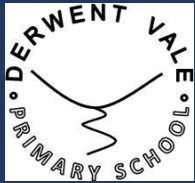


# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Ava** – for fantastic independent learning

#### Year 1/2

**Isla** – for a great effort in computing

#### Year 3/4

**Lincoln** – for excellent work on money in Maths

#### Year 5/6

**Jude Q** – for excellent use of coordinates

### Year 5/6 Forest School

Year 5/6 will begin their Forest School sessions when we return after half term. These will start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June and run weekly until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The last session will take place at Escape Education HQ at Westlakes Science Park. Please could children come to school wearing suitable outdoor clothing and footwear for these sessions including suncream and a hat if needed. Consent forms will be emailed to parents and sent home with the children today. Please could these be emailed back to the school office or returned on the first day after the half term holiday. Thank you.



### Living Walls

Thanks to a grant from the National Education Nature Park, we have been able to add some living walls to the outside of our school building. It has been a busy week of planting them; they are looking wonderful already and we can't wait to see how they grow! An enormous thank you to Mr and Mrs Gregg who have given up most of their week to plant them with the children.



### Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 89.3%

### 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.

### Fundraisers Meeting

Our school fundraising team will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30pm in school to organise the upcoming Dazzling Dash. They are always looking for people to join them and help out and anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like to be involved and can't attend the meeting, please contact the school office and we will pass on your details to the fundraisers. Thank you.

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

89.9%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Dates

We have the following special events planned for this term:

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

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

8.45am School re-opens after half term

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

2.30pm Fundraisers meeting

Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5/6 Forest School

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

3.20pm Years 3-6 Eskdale Residential Parent Meeting

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Walk to School Week

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Reception Multi-Skills Festival

Year 1/2, 3/4 Yoga

Year 5/6 Football

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

10am Sports Day

