

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Ava** – for amazing odd and even work in Maths

#### Year 1/2

**Robyn** – for making a brilliant moving monster in DT

#### Year 3/4

**George** – for asking great questions to the Viking

#### Year 5/6

**Rory** – for taking care with her punctuation

#### Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 98.2%

#### Governor Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for new governors to join our governing body. You do not need to have had any experience in schools or as a governor and you would be well supported by our current governors. If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you.

#### Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in April and September 2026. If you have a child who will turn 3 before April or September or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

### YEAR 3/4 VIKING TRIP



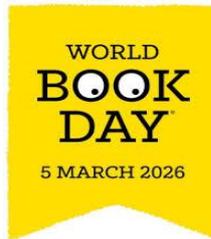
# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

**95.8%**

**Just below target**

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and we will be celebrating it in school with a week of activities designed to promote a love of reading!

### The Derwent Vale Bookshop

Miss Irving has big plans for converting one of our

learning spaces into a themed bookshop for the week – this word-themed room will become the hub of our World Book Day activities across the week!

### Book Swap

We would love every child to go home with a book to keep that they've never read before! We'll be providing some books, but we really want you to donate any books you no longer need and send them to school with your child so that they can swap a book! We'll be running the book swap all week, and your child can bring and swap a book each day if they like. The book swap will take place in our 'bookshop' space.

### Special Visitors

Some of our governors have kindly volunteered to come into school and spend 30 minutes with the children in our bookshop! They'll read a story to the children, talk about their favourite author and ask and answer questions from the children.

### Competition

There are 4 £10 book vouchers to be won! 1 for Early Years, 1 for Year 1/2, 1 for Y3/4 and 1 for Y5/6. Each child will be sent home with a book-related challenge on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March with all the information on. Winners will be announced on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and presented with their prize in assembly. Boxes to submit their completed entries will be in the bookshop.

### Dress Up Day

We invite all children to come to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in non-uniform. If they choose to wear something linked to a book, that would also be welcomed but there is no pressure to do so. Some members of staff will be joining in with a book-related costume too!

Finally, the best way you can support your child is by reading with them, sharing your favourite author with them and promoting a positive attitude to reading. Thank you for your support.

## Upcoming dates

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Boccia festival – Year 3-6 team

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

5pm Full Governing Body meeting

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Rivers Trust field trip (more information to follow)

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Yoga

Year 3/4 team – Football festival

