

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

## Newsletter

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Ollie** – for great knowledge of the life cycle of a butterfly

#### Year 1/2

**Robyn** – for independently coding a programme in computing

#### Year 3/4

**Adrianna** – for a brilliant effort simplifying fractions

#### Year 5/6

**Hunter** – for using fantastic Maths vocabulary

**Highest Attendance this week:**

**Year 1/2 98.7%**

### 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.

### Parent Meetings

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended the parent meetings for all classes over the last two weeks. It was lovely to see lots of parents engaging in the process and finding out how the children are getting on with their learning. Thank you for all the positive comments that were received – the school staff really appreciate them.



### Year 3/4 Multi-Sports After School Club

There is an amendment to the start date for the multi-sports after school club for Year 3/4 after Easter. The first week will now be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 3.15 – 4.15pm and it will run weekly until the first week after the May half term. There are still some spaces left and if you would like a place for your child, please email [admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk). Thank you.

# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

95.2%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Year 3/4 Forest School

We are delighted to be continuing our partnership with Escape Education this term which starts with Year 3/4's Forest School sessions. These will start on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April and run weekly until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. 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 Easter holidays. Thank you.



## Easter Egg/Bonnet Decorating Competition

There were some fantastic entries for our Easter egg/bonnet decorating competition this week and deciding on the winners was very tough! Well done to the winners and thank you to everyone who took part.



## Upcoming dates

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

1.30pm School closes for Easter holidays

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens after Easter holidays

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3/4, 5/6 Yoga

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3/4 Forest School

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Year 3/4, 5/6 Yoga

Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Year 3/4 Forest School

Year 3/4 Rugby

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3/4, 5/6 Yoga

Year 3/4 Multi-sports after school club

## Year 1/2 Gardening

It was lovely to welcome Mr and Mrs Gregg back into school this week to start this year's gardening club with our Year 1/2 children. They worked to clear up the garden after winter and were very excited to start their weekly sessions!

