

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

13th December 2024

★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Maya – for trying her best with all her learning

Year 1/2

Debanie – for a great performance in the play

Year 3/4

Mya – for working hard on dividing two digit numbers

Year 5/6

Cameron – for applying his Maths knowledge brilliantly

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 95.2%

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 January and April 2025. 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.



Christmas event dates

Friday 29th November

Nursery/Reception Whinlatter trip

Thursday 5th December

Year 1/2 Honister Slate Mine trip

Monday 9th December

2pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas performance – more details to follow

Tuesday 10th December

5.30pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas performance – more details to follow

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Lunch Day

Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 12th December

Years 3-6 Theatre by the Lake trip (arriving back at school at approximately 4.30pm)

Friday 13th December

Year 5/6 Carol Singing at Clarendon Grange Care Home

Monday 16th December

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas party - non-uniform can be worn

Christingle Assembly with St. Luke's Church

Tuesday 17th December

Years 3-6 Christmas party – non-uniform can be worn

Wednesday 18th December

2pm Years 3-6 Christmas Carol Service – more details to follow

Friday 20th December

Christmas jumper/non-uniform day

School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

93.9%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Christmas Party Glitter Face Painting

Our parent fundraisers have very kindly offered to do glitter face painting for the children before their Christmas parties (Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 on Monday 16th December and Years 3-6 on Tuesday 17th December). If your child would like this, it costs £1 and can be paid on School Hub. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

Monday 16th December

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Christmas party (am)

Tuesday 17th December

Years 3-6 Christmas party (pm)

Wednesday 18th December

2pm Years 3-6 Carol Service

Friday 20th December

Christmas jumper/non-uniform day

1.30pm School closes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 7th January 2025

8.45am School re-opens after Christmas holidays

Wednesday 8th January

Year 3/4 Netball

Friday 10th January

Year 5/6 Multi-sports

Year 1/2 Rugby

Tuesday 14th January

Year 1/2 team – Dodgeball festival



Years 3-6
Theatre by the Lake Trip

Christmas Play



Years 3-6 Carol Service

Years 3-6 will be performing their Christmas carol service on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm. Tickets are available to buy on School Hub. Please order tickets by Monday 16th December. If children have a Christmas jumper and/or hat, please could they bring it to school on Wednesday to wear for the carol service with the rest of their uniform. Thank you.

Year 5 Climbing Wall Trip

Year 5 children should have brought home a letter and consent form for a trip to the indoor climbing wall at Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project in January. Please could consent forms be completed and returned to school by Friday 20th December. Children who do not have a completed consent form will be unable to take part in the activity. Thank you.