

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

14th March 2025



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Ollie – for fantastic listening skills on our walk

Year 1/2

Robyn – for a great effort in geography learning about polar adaptations

Year 3/4

Jude Q – for using correct vocabulary when telling the time

Year 5/6

Ebanie – for showing great resilience in writing

Parent Meetings

Parent meetings for all classes will take place on Monday 17th and Wednesday 20th March in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who has booked appointments and you should have received your appointment time via text message or email. If you haven't made an appointment yet, you can no longer do it via the online form but can email the school office to make one. Thank you.



Walk around our local area



Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 96.7%

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 2025. 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.



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

96.3%

Just above target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Feet First Active Travel Challenge

We are taking part in the Feet First 5 day Active Travel challenge between Monday 17th



and Friday 21st March. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope it will:

Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & families, encourage pupils and families to be more active, reduce congestion and parking problems around our school and promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge ends.

During the challenge each child will receive their own card to record their active journeys. Those pupils with at least one sticker on the card at the end of the challenge will be awarded an individual prize.

There will also be a small number of prizes awarded to those children who have made an exceptional effort during the challenge.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family. Children who use school transport during the active challenge week will also be able to collect stickers as this also helps to reduce individual car use on the school run.

Thank you for your support.

Upcoming dates

Monday 17th – Friday 21st March

Feet First Walk to School Challenge

Monday 17th & Wednesday 19th March

3.30 – 6pm Parent meetings

Thursday 20th March

Full Governing Body meeting

Tuesday 1st April

Year 3/4 team – Football festival

Friday 4th April

1.30pm School closes for Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

School re-opens after Easter holidays

Year 3/4 Forest School

Year 1/2 Multi sports after school club

Tuesday 29th April

Year 3/4 Forest School

Year 1/2 Multi sports after school club

YEAR 1/2 R.E



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School Meal Price Increase

We have been informed by Orian, our school meal provider that there will be a price increase from 1st April 2025. The new prices will be £2.45 for nursery children and £3.75 for Years 3-6. Orian have told us that these price increases are due to inflationary pressures that they are under.