

# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## ★ Star of the Week ★

### Nursery & Reception

**Ava** – for showing great enthusiasm in her writing

### Year 1/2

**Archer** – for a great effort in speedy reading

### Year 3/4

**Kobie** – for brilliant attention to detail in art

### Year 5/6

**Imogen** – for being a helpful member of the class

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Now that the end of the autumn term is drawing near, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your continued support to both myself and the staff team. Your help in continuing to create a successful and nurturing school community for our children is very much appreciated especially at this extremely busy time of year.

We have taken part in a range of festive activities and I hope that the children have enjoyed the opportunities and experiences that we have provided: visiting Whinlatter to meet Father Christmas and choosing the school Christmas tree, The Jungle Book at Theatre by The Lake, a visit to Honister Slate Mine, Christmas lunch, parties, Christmas play, Carol Service, cupcake decorating and Christmas crafts. We continue to work hard on planning a range of memorable, engaging and fun experiences for the children to look forward to and to enrich our curriculum in the coming months.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a wonderful festive holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

From Mr Lucey and all of the staff and governors at Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School.

## Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 97.6%

## 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.



# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

95.2%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Upcoming dates

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

8.45am School re-opens after Christmas holidays

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3/4 Netball

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5/6 Multi-sports

Year 5/6 Rugby

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

Year 1/2 team – Dodgeball festival

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3/4 Netball

Year 5 Climbing Wall trip

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5/6 Multi-sports

Year 5/6 Rugby

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

Year 1/2 Football

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Year 3/4 Netball

