

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

6th December 2024



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Ollie – for being a fantastic weather monitor

Jack-Ryan – for a great effort in writing

Year 3/4

Indie – for working hard in science this week

Year 5/6

Grace – for having a very positive attitude

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 99.3%



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



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

93.5%

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 9th December

2pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Christmas Play

Tuesday 10th December

3.15 – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Multi sports
after school club

5.30pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2
Christmas Play

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas lunch

Christmas jumper/non-uniform day

Thursday 12th December

Years 3-6 Theatre by the Lake trip

3.30 – 4.30pm Hobby horse after
school club

Friday 13th December

Year 5/6 Carol singing – Clarendon
Grange

Year 3/4 Rugby

Monday 16th December

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



Christmas Trip/Tickets/Lunch

A reminder that the Christmas trip for Years 3-6 is available to pay for on School Hub and the deadline for payment is Monday 9th December.

Tickets can also be purchased on School Hub for the Years 3-6 Carol Service. If any children who usually have a packed lunch would like to order a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11th December, please order on School Hub. Thank you.

Honister Trip



Years 3-6 Theatre by the Lake Trip

Years 3-6 will arrive back at school later than usual from their trip to Theatre by the Lake on Thursday 12th December. We are anticipating that the approximate arrival time will be 4.30pm but will provide further updates on the day. If there are different arrangements for your child being collected/going home on that day, please let us know. 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.