

Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

7th March 2025



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Axel – for a great job following instructions to make cookies

Year 1/2

Paige – for trying really hard in everything she does and being a lovely classmate

Year 3/4

Tyga – for trying hard with fractions

Year 5/6

Jenna – for settling in well and working hard

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 5/6 93.3%

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.

Cars/Parking Around School

We have received complaints from parents/carers regarding the increased number of cars and the way they are being driven in the area around school. We would appreciate it if parents/carers could park away from school if possible at drop off and pick up times. The school car park is for staff and visitor use only. Thank you for your support in ensuring we keep our whole school community safe.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Midday Supervisor

After devoting many years to looking after the children at lunchtime, we are very sad to say that Miss Kate has decided to retire from her midday supervisor role and will be leaving us at Easter.

As a result, we are looking for a new midday supervisor to start after the Easter holidays. If you know anyone who would be interested in this role, please ask them to contact the school office via email (admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk) for more information.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

90.5%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.



Parent Meetings

Parent meetings for all classes will take place on Monday 17th and Wednesday 20th March in the school hall. Appointments will be between 3.30 and 6pm and will be available to book online. Information on how to book an appointment will be sent out today. If you are unable to make either of these days/times, please complete the online form and add a note. Thank you.

Upcoming dates

Monday 10th March

Author visit – Helen Haraldsen

Science demonstrations

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



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.