



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

18th May to 22nd May 2026



Mrs Howe's Weekly Highlights!

Our boys football team were in action this week playing in Lingfield Trust League and we are delighted to say they brought home the trophy! Well done to all!

Our girls played in their league on Thursday and we are delighted to say that they also brought home the trophy! Well done to all!

The dodgeball team were also out and about this week playing in the finals. They came 6th and are now in the North-East Finals

Our girls played football again today in Shildon and came a great 3rd after a penalty shoot-out



The cast of Matilda are busy putting the final touches to their performance and we are so excited to watch them shine on stage in a few weeks' time.



We are working hard this week on our school values of respect, resilience, ambition, inclusivity and kindness with a real focus on respecting each other, our resources and environment.

Teacher's Awards

Our next KS1 assembly will be held on 12.6.26 and will be for parents of children receiving awards in YR, Y1 and Y2.

The following children have been nominated to receive an award at our next merit assembly on 12.6.26. Assembly time is **9:15am** (doors open at **9.10am**), Parents/Carers are invited to come along.

Below are the names of children who will be receiving an award.

C1	Leo W, Ray C, Finley S	C2	Oscar K, Jacob C, Emmett H
C3	Kenzie B, Charlotte F, Alfie-Issac F-McD	C4	Gracie L, Delilah G
C5	Amelia T, Killian C-B, Jamie S	C6	Frankie S, Willow R, Ava S
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C7	Next Week Round Up	C8	Next Week Round Up
C9	Next Week Round Up	C10	Next Week Round Up
C11	Next Week Round Up	C12	Next Week Round Up
C13	Next Week Round Up	C14	Next Week Round Up

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	94.6	Well done to Class 2, 9, 10 & 12 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 12 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	96.8	
3	94.0	
4	87.5	
5	93.3	
6	92.2	
7	91.3	
8	90.4	
9	96.9	
10	99.2	
11	89.6	
12	100	
13	92.1	
14	92.9	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 93.6%

This is down on last week's figure but still no longer on target for the 96% expected.

If you have any issues regarding Attendance, please contact Mr. Grady as soon as possible.

Dates for Your Diary



1 June	Year 4 MFC Check
8 June	Whole School Colour Run
8-10 June	Y6 Residential Trip - Carlton Activity Centre
9 June	Year 1 PSC
17 June	Uniform Day in School – 2.30pm to 5.30pm
23 June	Trust Athletic Event
24 June	Matilda Performance 6pm
25-29 June	Scholastic Book Fair
29 June	EYFS (Reception) Sports Day 1.30pm
30 June	KS1 Sports Day (Y1/Y2) 1.30pm
1 July	Y6 Transition Day to Woodham Academy
1 July	Whole School Transition Day to new classes
3 July	KS2 Sports Day – Y3/Y4 morning 10am Y5/Y6 afternoon 1.30pm
6 July	YR Teddy Bears Picnic – Parents invited
6 July	GD Maths Challenge
8 July	Summer Fayre – 1.30pm
14 July	Y6 Leavers' Performance – 10am
15 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco – 5pm – 6pm

CENTRAL AVENUE – CROSSING PATROLS – PLEASE HELP/REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CROSS SAFELY

Some of you may have noticed that we still have no school patrol crossing at Central Avenue. We have reported our concerns to Durham County Council on numerous occasions and they have shared that due to long-term absence there is no crossing currently in place.

Also there will be no school crossing patrol cover at Central Avenue, outside St Mary's RCVA Primary on 18/05/2026 returning on 01/06/2026. They have asked that we share the advertised vacancy –

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/290177

IMPORTANT!!

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

(Universal KS1 meals are not affected)

Due to changes to National Free School Meal funding from September 2026, we require and update on information relating to free school meals. In accordance with this we will shortly be sending out paperwork to be completed and returned to the school office before the summer break to allow us to do the new checks on free meals and allow your current entitlement to continue.

The paper-work will hopefully be sent out with your child next week.



WHO CAN I SPEAK TO?

We know it can be tricky to know who to talk to.
Here is a quick guide to help.

Office Staff Mrs Whalen and Mrs Dick

- Reporting absence or lateness.
- Educational visits, letters.
- School communication.
- Payments
- Breakfast/After School Club
- School meals



When?
Visit the office or contact school via phone or email.

Class Teacher

- Learning
- Progress
- Attainment
- Classroom behaviour
- General wellbeing



When?
Quick messages can be shared at drop off or collection times. Alternatively, please arrange a meeting.

SENDCO Mrs Elliot

(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator)

- Special educational needs concerns
- Learning support
- SEND support plans
- Support working with outside agencies
- Referrals
- EHCP
- SEND assessments



When?
Contact the school office or ask your child's class teacher or arrange a meeting.

Pastoral Mr Grady

- Mental health and emotional wellbeing support
- Help with friendship and social skills
- Behaviour support
- Advice from outside agencies
- Family support
- Attendance and punctuality



When?
Contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

Deputy Head / Head of School Miss Wren /Mrs Howe

- Questions about school policies
- Share feedback or suggestions
- If an issue has not been resolved by other members of school staff.



When?
Please request an appointment with us through the school office.