



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

16th February to 20th February 2026

Thank you to all our reception parents/carers who were able to attend the maths workshop led by Peter Foulds (Lingfield Education Trust) I hope you and your child/ren enjoyed it as much as the staff did.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Dress Down for Benny Day today with your support we have currently raised £303.00 for an extremely worthy cause.

Year 2 have been very busy this week with their parent workshop on Thursday and their trip to Hopetown today. Both events were a huge success. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the workshop. We couldn't do it without your support.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION STORY IN A JAR (or box)

We are launching a competition for children to create their favourite book or story in a jar or box! Children can create the character or part of the story into a jar or box using whatever you would like. Some people have used card and paper, some people have used colourful clays and some people have used pipe cleaners. Please have a look at the ideas on the handout attached. I know lots of our children love being creative so I can't wait to see their designs.

If your child wishes to take part, the deadline is Wednesday 4th March. Please hand it in to your child's class teacher making sure their name and class are clearly visible. Staff will judge these and the winners will receive a golden pin and a book of their choice.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term and we look forward to seeing you when school re-opens on Monday 3rd March 2026.

Teacher's Awards

Our next assembly of the year will be held after half-term on 6.3.26 and will be for parents of Children receiving awards in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

The following children have been nominated to receive an award at our next merit assembly. 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	Next week's Round Up	C2	Next week's Round Up
C3	Next week's Round Up	C4	Next week's Round Up
C5	Next week's Round Up	C6	Next week's Round Up
C7	Harry S, Luke H, Grace T	C8	Sophie W, Leo W
C9	Olivia T, Carter McP	C10	Georgia A, Joey B
C11	Oscar C, Jaxon K	C12	Luke H, Harriet G
C13	Jace P, Oscar R	C14	Harvey G, Zane F, Bradley S

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	95.9	Well done to Class 3,5,6, 7,8,10,11 & 12 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 6 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	95.0	
3	96.5	
4	94.3	
5	97.7	
6	98.7	
7	98.6	
8	96.5	
9	94.8	
10	98.4	
11	97.3	
12	97.3	
13	94.7	
14	95.0	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 96.4%

This is up on last week's figure and 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

3 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
5 Mar	World Book Day (Dress Up)
10 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
17 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y1 Parent Workshop
25 Mar	Nursery Open Evening – 5pm
1 Apr	Nursery – Olympic Game Themed Carousel with Parents - 1.30 – 2.30pm
2 Apr	Break up for Easter Holidays
22 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
22 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
4 May	May Day Holiday
8 May	Y5 Mini Police in school
11-14 May	Year 6 SATs Week
22 May	Y5 Mini Police in school
22 May	Break up for Half-Term
1 Jun	PD Day – No children in school
8-10 June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Carlton Activity Centre

NURSERY LOOK-AROUND

We are holding another nursery open evening for prospective parents to come and have a look round on the following dates.

- Wednesday 25th March at 5pm

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Poulter & The Nursery Team

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

We have been advised by Lingfield Trust that from Monday 20th April, school meals will increase to £2.50 per day = £12.50 per week. Over recent years, the cost of providing school meals has increased significantly due to rising food prices, utilities, and staffing costs. While we have worked hard to keep prices as low as possible, the current charge no longer reflects the true cost of providing good quality, nutritious meals for our pupils. To continue offering healthy, balanced food to children, we now need to increase the price of school meals.

We understand that many families are experiencing financial pressures, but please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly, and we remain committed to supporting our families in a fair and compassionate way.

100% Attendance Award Prizes

Our end of term attendance awards were given out this week.

Our winners are as follows:

Name	Class	Award won
Jasmine W	Class 12	Pamper Hamper
Harriett G	Class 12	45 Minute Extended Class Break-Time
Ahliyah-Rose M	Class 10	£15 Aldi Voucher

Many thanks to those who donated towards the prizes.

We will be keeping these incentives going this term, as we continue to monitor our school

Story in a jar competition

- 1) Pick your favourite story
- 2) Make your story in the jar or box.
- 3) Add your name and class then hand it to your teacher by

Wednesday 4th March



Prizes to be won!

A bookworm badge and a book of your choice could be yours!





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.