



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

8th to 12th September 2025

I want to start by sharing some exciting news, Mr McConnell is launching our outdoor learning this half term. He will be working with each year group across the year on outdoor skills such as whittling, clay making, fire building and much more. He will start with Year 5.

We will share photographs via class dojo as soon as we can.

Our Year 5 children had a fantastic visit to The Oriental Museum this week where they learnt all about Ancient Egypt & Mummification via an interactive workshop.

Mrs McMahon and Mr Cant were thrilled with how the children conducted themselves following all our school values and being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Next Tuesday is our curriculum evening for parents/carers at 3.30pm. This will be held in your children's classroom and important information for the year ahead will be shared. It is also an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions you may have.

I have attached important dates for the year ahead. We have tried our best to include as many key dates as we can so that parents/carers have as much notice as possible and we will endeavor to stick to the dates as much as possible. Please note sports day dates are dates that may be moved due to the weather.

Please keep a note of the dates in your calendars.

For events such as year group workshops or assemblies' teachers will notify parents/carers in a timely manner and with as much notice as possible.

Please note that last entry into Breakfast Club is now 8.15am, due to our new Nursery. The gates to the club must be locked at this time. All children attending should be in by 8.15am or entry may be restricted. Thank you for your co-operation.

Next Friday 19th September is Jeans for Genes Day and we are inviting children to come to school wearing jeans with their school uniform t-shirt/sweatshirt and school shoes. Donations of £1 can be brought into school on the morning.

The following Friday 26th September we are hosting a MacMillan Coffee afternoon where parents/carers are invited to join us for a coffee and a cake from 2.00pm. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be brought to school on Friday morning.

Our after-school clubs are in the process of being organized and sign up forms will be shared next week on class dojo and will start slightly later than originally planned on Monday 22nd September.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Teacher's Awards

Our next week's assembly, to be held on 19.9.25 will be for parents of children receiving awards in years reception, year 1 and year 2.

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	George B, Alfie G, Lucy T	C2	Nico J, Saoirse A
C3	Romeo C, Ava-Grace H	C4	Poppy B, Blake H
C5	Wray M, Jamie S	C6	Amelia H, Charlie H, Willow R
C7	Next week's Round Up	C8	Next week's Round Up
C9	Next week's Round Up	C10	Next week's Round Up
C11	Next week's Round Up	C12	Next week's Round Up
C13	Next week's Round Up	C14	Next week's Round Up

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target Is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	100	Well done to Class 1,2,3, 4,5,6,7,8,9,11, 12 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 1 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	99.0	
3	97.8	
4	98.9	
5	98.7	
6	96.4	
7	96.7	
8	98.7	
9	97.0	
10	95.7	
11	98.3	
12	97.0	
13	95.0	
14	99.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 97.8%

This is a good start to the new term and above target for the 96% expected.

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

Dates for Your Diary

9 Sept	Y5 Trip to The Oriental Museum, Durham
15 Sept	Y3 Trip to Hardwick Park
16 Sept	Whole School – 200 Yr Railways Workshop
17 Sept	Y4 Trip to Binchester Roman Fort
19 Sept	Jeans for Genes Awareness Day
26 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning
30 Sept	C14 Visit to Hitachi
1 Oct	C13 Visit to Husqvarna
9 Oct	New Starter 2026 Open Evening 5pm
17 Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day
24 Oct	Y5 Escape Room
24 Oct	Break up for Half-Term
12 Nov	New Starter 2026 Open Evening 5pm
14 Nov	Children in Need Day
17 Nov	Book Fair

SNAG Team Meeting Update from Miss Wren

We had our first SNAG team meeting this year with Mrs Guthrie and myself on Thursday. The Team shared that they thought the school meals were much better and they had more choices this Term. Hannah said, "The fish is much bigger and has more flavour". Mrs Guthrie shared that they were Harry Ramsden fish, we were all very impressed!

Mrs Guthrie is now employed directly by school which has given her more freedom when designing our school meals and menus.

Our next Themed Days will be Children in Need, Bonfire Meal and Remembrance Day. The children chose some delicious meals for these days and we will share these on the Dojo very soon!

Just a reminder to Key Stage 2 Parents who pay for lunches, school has reduced the price of a school dinner down from £2.81 last year to £2.40 a day.

Our SNAG Members this year are Isabelle V, Ezra S, Poppy E, Georgia A, Matilda G, Finley P, Hannah B and Jace P.



Vane Road Yearly Dates 2025- 2026

Autumn 1 2025	
16/9/25	Parent curriculum evening at 3.30pm
19/9/25	Jens for Genes Day. Children welcome to come to school in jeans
26/9/25	Macmillan coffee afternoon – parents/carers invited
09/10/25	Reception visits for new starters 2026
17/10/25	Show racism the red card -Wear red to school day
24/10/25	Break up for half term
Autumn 2	
3/11/25	Children return to school
12/11/25	Reception starter visits for new starters 2026
14/11/25	Children in need day– non-uniform day
17/11/25	Parents evenings
18/11/25	
8/12/25	Week beginning 8th Dec Christmas nativities - TBC
15/12/25	Week beginning 15th Dec Christmas parties – TBC
19/12/25	Break up for Christmas

Spring 1 2026	
5/1/26	5 th Jan PD day School closed to pupils
6/1/26	6 th Jan – children return to school
20/1/26	20 TH Jan – Lumiere event
21/1/26	21 st Jan -KS2 Year 6 SATs parents evening
10/2/26	Safer internet day
18/2/26	Yr 1 phonic screening meeting for parents/carers
20/2/26	Break up for half term

Spring 2 2026	
2/3/26	Children return to school
5/3/26	World book day. Children welcome to dress up as their favourite book character.
30/3/26	Easter Egg entries to the hall
2/4/26	Break up for Easter holidays

Summer 1 2026	
20/4/26	Children return to school
27/4/26	Parents evenings
28/4/26	
4/5/26	May Bank holiday – school closed to pupils

11/5/26 - 14/5/26	KS2 Year 6 SATs week. No holidays to be taken during this time.
22/5/26	Break up for half term

Summer 2 2026	
1/6/26	PD day. School closed to pupils
2/6/26	Children return to school.
1/6/26	Multiplication checks week Year 4. No holidays to be taken during this time please.
8/6/25 – 10/6/25	Year 6 Carlton Residential
09/6/26	Year 1 Phonics screening check week. No holidays to be taken during this time please.
29/6/26	EYFS Sports Day 1.30pm
30/6/26	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day 1.30pm
1/7/26	Years ³ / ₄ and Years 5/6 Sports Day
8/7/26	Summer Fayre
14/7/26	Year 6 Leavers performance 10am Optional parents evening
15/7/26	Year 6 Leavers disco 5pm – 6pm
17/7/26	Break up for the summer holidays.