



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

8th December to 12th December 2025

We have had a wonderfully festive week at school! I am so proud of all the children speaking with confidence and their beautiful singing. Well done to all!

Next week we have our Christmas parties. On your child's Christmas party day, they are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes. They will still be outside for playtimes and lunch times so please make sure sensible shoes are worn.

Next Wednesday 17th December is our Christmas/Winter Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas/Winter jumper in school along with their usual school trousers/skirt and school shoes.

Donations of £1 are welcome for the The Solan Connor Fawcett Family Cancer Trust (Team Solan). These can be brought into school on the day.

I have included a link for further information – teamsolan.org.uk

On Friday 19th December children are also welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school trousers/skirt and school shoes as it is our last day before we break up for the Christmas break.

Our pupil ambassadors hosted their first meeting this week. Pupil ambassadors from four other schools in Lingfield Education Trust joined us for lunch and a tour of the school. I was then interviewed by the ambassadors who had some very good questions. Albie and Harper were excellent hosts. The next visit will be in the Spring term where they will visit Corporation Road Primary School in Darlington.

We return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

A few reminders -

Gates, if closed could parents/carers please not open them unless a member of staff is present. This is for safety reasons. Any children who are late must be taken to the school office to sign in.

Payment for trips

Now on Arbor trips must be paid for before the trip day as it does not support payments afterwards. Can all parents please keep this in mind when their child has a trip out and make payments timely.

E-safety

A new app has come to our attention, Polly Buzz. It is an AI app which allows the user to talk to different characters and claims to offer a safe AI experience. However, this does not seem to be the case. Please be extra vigilant in monitoring your child's mobile phone use. For further information on keeping children safe online please see below a link to the NSPCC website –

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>



Teacher's Awards
Our 2026 New Year Assembly Details

Our first merit assembly of the New Year will be held on **16.1.26** and will be for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

The next week **23.1.265** will be YR, Y1 and Y2.

Children receiving awards will be shared on the previous week's newsletter. If your child is receiving an award you are invited to attend the assembly. Doors open at 9.10am for a 9.15am start.

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		<u>Our Minimum Target is 96%</u>
Class	% Attendance	
1	87.7	Well done to Class 8, 10 & 12 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 10 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	91.3	
3	88.8	
4	90.4	
5	92.0	
6	88.4	
7	88.6	
8	98.7	
9	87.3	
10	99.7	
11	93.3	
12	96.7	
13	95.5	
14	92.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 92.4%

This is down on last week's figure and still not 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

15 Dec	C7 & C8 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
16 Dec	C13&14 Christmas Party – 9.30am C5 & 6 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
17 Dec	C11&12 Christmas Party – 9.30am C1 & 2 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
17 Dec	Winter Jumper Day
18 Dec	C9&10 Christmas Party – 9.30am C3 & 4 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
19 Dec	Break up - End of Term
5 Jan 2026	PD day – school closed to pupils
6 Jan	School re-opens to pupils
21 Jan	Y6 SATs Parents' Evening
9 Feb	Apprentices – Husqvarna Careers Assembly
10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
18 Feb	Y1 Phonics Screening Parents' Meeting
20 Feb	Break up for half-term





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.

Telephone: 01325 300380

Email: admin@vanerod.lingfieldtrust.org.uk