



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

24th November to 28th November 2025

We started the week with an assembly from Mark Solan. Mark is the Founder of Team Solan, a charity based in Spennymoor who have raised thousands of pounds for families battling with Cancer. As part of our Career's Curriculum Mark talked to the children about a day in the life of a Charity Founder. He also detailed the roles of his team and the volunteers who help run the charity. The children asked thought provoking questions such as, "How did you become a founder of this charity?" and "What kind of support does your charity offer?"

Thank you to Miss Wren for organising the assembly.

Mark commented on the children's excellent behaviour during his Assembly. As a thank you to Mark we would like to make a donation to this incredible charity. On the 17th December we are inviting children to wear Winter Jumpers and we would be very grateful if you could make a small donation of £1 on this day (this is not compulsory). Mark said that £400 would be enough to ensure that a family affected by Cancer and unable to currently work would have a wonderful Christmas.



Our play leaders have been working hard this week on modelling appropriate play at lunchtime and how to use play equipment appropriately. They have been focusing on our school's values of respect, kindness and inclusivity.

As a senior leadership team, we are looking at our school communication and how this can be further improved. Please see attached a helpful poster about who is the best person to contact regarding your concerns.

Christmas is fast approaching, and we shared the dates/times of our upcoming events last week. Please see attached a reminder of important dates.

Teacher's Awards

Our next week's assembly, to be held on 5.12.25 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	Luke H, Alex-Rae P	C8	Fox B, Archie H
C9	Poppy S, Teddy H	C10	Emmie J, Ronan B, Lily P
C11	Thomas K, Jayden C, Colton C	C12	Jay S, Lilah D
C13	Martha B, Isaac T	C14	Mollie Mck, Oskar R

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	88	Well done to Class 3,4,5, 9, & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 4 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	94.3	
3	97.4	
4	98.3	
5	97.7	
6	94.8	
7	89.7	
8	95.3	
9	97.3	
10	93.2	
11	95.2	
12	93.3	
13	89.8	
14	96.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 94.3%

This is down on last week's figure and 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

3 Dec	Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumper can be worn)
9 Dec	C8,10,12 & 14 Christmas Sing-Along at Church – 10.00am
9 Dec	C7,9,11 & 13 Christmas Sing-Along at Church – 1.30pm
10 Dec	Nursery Christmas Crafts & Story with Santa
10 Dec	Reception Nativity – 2.00-3.00pm
10 Dec	C4 & C6 KS1 Performance – 9.30am
10 Dec	C3 & C5 KS1 Performance – 1.30pm
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 2026	School re-opens to pupils

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

For Children & Parents

(Updates in Bold)

Year	Class	Activity	Date	Time
Nursery	N2	Christmas Crafts & Story with Santa (1 Parent/Carer – sorry we don't have space for siblings)	11/12/25	10.00 – 11.00am
PERFORMANCES				
YR	1 & 2	Reception Nativity (Parents)	10/12/25	2-3pm
Y1/Y2	4 & 6	KS1 Performance (Parents)	10/12/25	9.30am
Y1/Y2	3 & 5	KS1 Performance (Parents)	11/12/25	1.30pm
Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	8,10,12,14	Christmas Sing-Along at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, DL5 5QL (Parents)	9/12/25	10.00am
Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	7,9,11,13	Christmas Sing-Along at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, DL5 5QL (Parents)	9/12/25	1.30pm
PARTIES				
Nursery	Nursery	Christmas Party	15/12/25	9.30am
Y3	7 & 8	Christmas Party	15/12/25	1.30pm
Y6	13 & 14	Christmas Party	16/12/25	9.30am
Y2	5 & 6	Christmas Party	16/12/25	1.30pm
Y5	11 & 12	Christmas Party	17/12/25	9.30am
YR	1 & 2	Christmas Party	17/12/25	1.30pm
Y4	9 & 10	Christmas Party	18/12/25	9.30am
Y1	3 & 4	Christmas Party	18/12/25	1.30pm
Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party				
CHRISTMAS DINNER				
Whole School		Christmas Dinner Day	3/12/25	Lunch
Winter Jumpers can be worn to school for Christmas Dinner Day				
WINTER JUMPER DAY				
Whole School		Winter Jumper Day	17/12/25	All Day



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