



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

6th October to 10th October 2025

It was wonderful to see so many children wearing yellow to school today in support of World Mental Health Day.

October 10 is World Mental Health Day, an annual global event established by the World Federation for Mental Health to raise awareness and encourage positive change for mental health. The day is an opportunity to discuss mental health, address stigma, promote wellbeing, and encourage people to seek or offer support for mental health issues.

Fight for mental health today, and every day

Mental health is more than a small part of our lives – it's every moment of every day. It's a hard day's work and a catch-up with friends. It's when you become a parent and the day you lose someone you love. It's the times you reach out for support and the years you spend on a waiting list. It's the fight for a mental health system that works and hospitals that are safe. If you would like more information please follow the link below - <https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day/>

The support options available are linked below for County Durham –

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/5647/Mental-health-support-for-adults>

We held the first of our new starters meeting for children due to start school in September 2026 this week and it was amazing to see so many parents/carers attend. We are incredibly proud of our school, and it was lovely to hear the heartwarming comments. If you missed this week's meeting, we are holding our second open evening on 12th November 2025, starting at 5pm and finishing around

A big thank you to Mrs Eckert who created a wonderful video which we shared in the open meeting and will be shared on our Facebook page.

A reminder to ask that all parents/carers park considerately around school during drop offs and collection times. If you do witness any illegal parking this can be reported to the police using the QR codes around school fences.

Please ensure any out of hours club bookings are made at least 48hrs in advance to ensure the staffing ratios are correct and safe. Any bookings requested last minute may not be honoured due to this.

I have attached the School Holidays List for 2026/2027 for your information.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Teacher's Awards

Our next week's assembly, to be held on 17.10.25 will be for parents of children receiving awards in YR, Y1 & Y2.

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	Ray C, Daisy McG	C2	Grace J, Matilda A
C3	Olivia H, Alfie McD, Holly K	C4	Arthur T, Eliza D, Lola G
C5	Isabel S, Arlo G	C6	Isabelle V, Jacob F
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		<u>Our Minimum Target is 96%</u>
Class	% Attendance	
1	90.9	Well done to Class 2,3,4, 7,10,12 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Classes 2 & 14 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	98.3	
3	98.2	
4	96.8	
5	92.7	
6	94.5	
7	98.0	
8	94.5	
9	95.3	
10	97.4	
11	93.7	
12	97.3	
13	93.0	
14	98.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.7%

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

17 Oct	Show Racism the Red Card Day Awareness Day – Children can wear a red top with school uniform & shoes
17 Oct	Football Competition at Shildon F.C.
23 Oct	Cross-Country Finals at East Durham College
24 Oct	Y5 Escape Room
24 Oct	Break up for Half-Term
3 Nov	Children return to school
12 Nov	New Starter 2026 Open Evening 5pm
14 Nov	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform
17 Nov	Book Fair
17 Nov	Individual Photographs in School
17 & 18 Nov	Parents' Evenings
w/b 8 Dec	Christmas Nativities - TBC
w/b 15 Dec	Christmas Parties – TBC
19 Dec	Break up - End of Term
5 Jan 2026	PD day – school closed to pupils
6 Jan	Children return to school
21 Jan	KS2 Yr6 SATs parents' evening
10 Feb	Safer Internet Day



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026-2027

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HOLIDAY	CLOSING DATE	DATE RE-OPEN FOR TEACHING PURPOSES
OCTOBER 2025 Half-Term	FRIDAY 24 TH OCTOBER 2025	MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER 2025
DECEMBER 2025 Christmas (+ 1 PD Day)	FRIDAY 19 TH DECEMBER 2025	TUESDAY 6 TH JANUARY 2026
FEBRUARY 2026 Half-Term	FRIDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY 2026	MONDAY 2 ND MARCH 2026
APRIL 2026 Easter	THURSDAY 2 ND APRIL 2026	MONDAY 20 TH APRIL 2026
MAY DAY 2026	FRIDAY 1 ST MAY 2026	TUESDAY 5 TH MAY 2026
MAY 2026 Half-Term (+ 1 PD Day)	FRIDAY 22 ND MAY 2026	TUESDAY 2 ND JUNE 2026
JULY 2026 (+ 2 PD DAYS)	FRIDAY 17 TH JULY 2026	THURSDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER 2026
OCTOBER 2026 Half-Term	FRIDAY 23 RD OCTOBER 2026	MONDAY 2 ND NOVEMBER 2026
DECEMBER 2026 Christmas (+1 PD DAY)	FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER 2026	TUESDAY 5 TH JANUARY 2027
FEBRUARY 2027 Half-Term	FRIDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY 2027	MONDAY 22 ND FEBRUARY 2027
MARCH 2027 Easter	THURSDAY 25 TH MARCH 2027	MONDAY 12 TH APRIL 2027
MAY DAY 2027	FRIDAY 30 TH APRIL 2027	TUESDAY 4 TH MAY 2027
MAY 2027 Half-Term (+ 2 PD DAY)	THURSDAY 27 TH MAY 2027	TUESDAY 8 TH JUNE 2027
JULY 2027	WEDNESDAY 21 ST JULY 2027	T.B.A.

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