



# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY ROUND-UP

18<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Happy half term!

I am so pleased the sun is starting to shine just in time for the half term break.

We have had another very busy week in school. Our Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Hamsterley Forest today to talk about all things Gruffalo.

Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their residential trip at Carlton following the half term break. A well-deserved treat for all their hard work!

Some staff have brought to my attention concerns around some of our nursery and reception children running/playing in the car park on a morning. We politely ask that children do not do this as we do not want them to get hurt or cause any damage to cars.

We will be holding a school colour-run on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Your child will need some old clothes to change into and further information will be sent out after the holiday.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Pictures from 2025 Colour Run



### Teacher's Awards

**Our next KS2 assembly will be held on 5.6.26 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 on 5.6.26. 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 Round Up	C2	Next Week Round Up
C3	Next Week Round Up	C4	Next Week Round Up
C5	Next Week Round Up	C6	Next Week Round Up
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C7	Alex-Rae P, Jack R	C8	Tate W, Lucas W
C9	Zoori B, Abigail B	C10	Caeben S, joey N, Eya K-B
C11	Rayna P, Archie H, Zachary Y	C12	Phoenix K, Aaron C
C13	Ava-Rose C, Anna S	C14	Lacey J, Aria T-S

## Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		<b>Our Minimum Target is 96%</b>
Class	% Attendance	
1	90.4	Well done to Class 3,5,6, 7, 11, 12 & 14 xx who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to <b>Class 5</b> for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	86.3	
3	97.0	
4	85.9	
<b>5</b>	<b>97.3</b>	
6	97.2	
7	96.7	
8	92.3	
9	90.7	
10	94.5	
11	97.0	
12	96.3	
13	94.3	
14	96.3	

**Whole School Weekly Attendance = 93.9%**

**This is down on last week's figure but still 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

1 Jun	PD Day – No children in school
2 June	Return to school after Half-Term
8 June	Whole School Colour Run
8-10 June	Y6 Residential Trip - Carlton Activity Centre
17 June	Uniform Day in School – 2.30pm to 5.30pm
23 June	Trust Athletic Event
25-29 June	Scholastic Book Fair
29 June	EYFS (Reception) Sports Day 1.30pm
30 June	KS1 Sports Day (Y1/Y2) 1.30pm
1 July	Y6 Transition Day to Woodham Academy
1 July	Whole School Transition Day to new classes
3 July	KS2 Sports Day – Y3/Y4 morning Y5/Y6 afternoon
6 July	YR Teddy Bears Picnic – Parents invited
6 July	GD Maths Challenge
8 July	Summer Fayre – 1pm
14 July	Y6 Leavers' Performance – 10am
15 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco – 5pm – 6pm

## CENTRAL AVENUE – CROSSING PATROLS – PLEASE HELP/REMIND YOUR CHILD TO CROSS SAFELY

Some of you may have noticed that we still have no school patrol crossing at Central Avenue. We have reported our concerns to Durham County Council on numerous occasions and they have shared that due to long-term absence there is no crossing currently in place.

**Also there will be no school crossing patrol cover at Central Avenue, outside St Mary's RCVA Primary on 18/05/2026 returning on 01/06/2026.**

They have asked that we share the advertised vacancy –

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School\\_Crossing\\_Patrol/290177](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/290177)

## **IMPORTANT!!**

### **PUPIL INFORMATION/CONTACT FORMS**

Could we please remind you to return your completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. We have still a lot of forms that have not been updated. This is needed for our next census in the summer. You can request a new form from the office or by email if you need one. Thank you for your co-operation.



# 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.