



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

13th October to 17th October 2025

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their outdoor learning this term with Mr McConnell. They have made clay sculptures, built dens and even tried their hand at lighting fires. Next half term Year 4 will be starting.



Mr Messenger and Mrs Eckert held interviews for our Digital Leader positions this week. They received many application forms for the roles and after a thorough interview process we delighted to successfully appoint our new Digital Leader team. Well done to all who applied and showed great aspiration and resilience!

Today we showed our support to Show Racism the Red Card. It was heartwarming to see the sea of red and the many children who participated.

Children completed work with their class teachers today on the importance of inclusivity, kindness and respect.

We have had a real focus on our school values during this half term.

Inclusivity	Kindness	Respect	Ambition	Resilience
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Children have worked especially hard on following school values during playtimes and lunchtimes where their time is less structured and sometimes imaginative play can get carried away.

We have also worked hard on our lining up skills and ensuring all staff have the same expectations to support children in being successful.

We will continue this focus into next half term.

On Monday 10th November at 9am Miss Wren and I will be holding our first Coffee and Catch-up session. This is informal and will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come and discuss any concerns they may have from things like frustrations over bookbags to concerns around behaviour. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teacher's Awards

Our next week's assembly, to be held on 24.10.25 will be for parents of children receiving awards in Y3, Y4, Y5 & 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	Bonnie-Roze G, Robbie R	C8	Hallie S-D, Thomas B
C9	Mia C, Teddy H, James C	C10	Flynn D, Alfie W
C11	Ellis B, Reign B	C12	Jakob F, Neenah T, Imogen S
C13	Connor A, Charlotte H	C14	Alayna C, Jude S-F

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	83.1	Well done to Class 2,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10, 12 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 7 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	97.3	
3	90.0	
4	98.9	
5	98.7	
6	98.4	
7	100	
8	97.7	
9	96.0	
10	97.7	
11	92.6	
12	99.0	
13	89.9	
14	98.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.7%

This is the same as 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

23 Oct	Cross-Country Finals at East Durham College
23 Oct	Halloween Disco KS1- 4pm – 5pm, KS2 - 5.15 – 6.15pm
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
3 Dec	Christmas Lunch
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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