



# VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY ROUND-UP

9<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

We had a fantastic start to the week with Rufus Ayr from Husqvarna. As part of our careers development, he delivered a whole school assembly on the different career opportunities that may be of interest to them when they are older. He talked about and shared many different roles in engineering particularly for women.



Following on from this Wednesday was International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Head of Science, Mr. Richards shared some excellent resources with staff that they have discussed in class this week. We may just have the future Beatrice Shilling amongst us.

[Beatrice Shilling: Pioneering engineer's genius 'helped win World War Two' - BBC News](#)

Beatrice Shilling is thought to be one of the greatest engineers of her time. In 1932 she was one of only two women studying engineering at the University of Manchester, where she also took up motorbike racing.

Beatrice is mostly known for her work on spitfire and hurricane engines during the Second World War.

Today we supported Children's mental health week by wearing our school uniform inside out. This is to show how important it is to talk about feelings and emotions and how beneficial it can be to get what's on the inside, out.

I have included the link below to Place2Be for further information –

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Our coffee and catch-up session unfortunately was not well attended on Wednesday. I think the weather certainly did not help. We will put a date in the diary for another one next half term and hopefully we will have brighter weather.

Have a lovely weekend!

## Teacher's Awards

**Our next assembly of the year will be held on 20.2.26 and will be for parents of children receiving awards in YR, Y1 and 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	Grace M, Carson W	C2	Ollie R, Rosina D
C3	Tyler N, Rowan T-J, Poppy L	C4	Oscar A, Olivia L, Cassadee A
C5	School Trip	C6	School Trip
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	95.5	Well done to Class 3,5,6, 7, 8, 10 & 13 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	95.0	
3	96.5	
4	93.9	
<b>5</b>	<b>98.7</b>	
6	97.7	
7	97.2	
8	98.4	
9	94.1	
10	96.4	
11	92.3	
12	94.7	
13	96.0	
14	94.3	

**Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.6%**

**This is slightly up on last week's figure but 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

17 Feb	Reception Maths Stay & Play
18 Feb	Y1 Phonics Screening Parents' Meeting
19 Feb	Y2 DT Parent Workshop
20 Feb	Dress Down for Benny – Non-uniform Day
20 Feb	Y2 visit to Hopetown
20 Feb	Break up for half-term
3 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
5 Mar	World Book Day (Dress Up)
10 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
17 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y1 Parent Workshop
25 Mar	Nursery Open Evening – 5pm
2 Apr	Break up for Easter Holidays
22 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
22 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
4 May	May Day Holiday
8 May	Y5 Mini Police in school
22 May	Y5 Mini Police in school

## NURSERY LOOK-AROUND

We are holding two nursery open evenings for prospective parents to come and have a look round on the following dates.

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Poulter & The Nursery Team




# 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.