



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

4th May to 8th May 2026

This week has flown by with the bank holiday Monday!

Our Year 4 children took part in their residential trip to Moor House on Thursday and stayed overnight. They showed fantastic resilience, giving the activities a go even if they were feeling a little nervous. Well done Year 4! Staff were so impressed by their behaviour and they were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support and allow our children this opportunity!

Please see below important notice regarding Calpol/paracetamol.

Parents/carers please be aware of the following guidance:

In line with medical advice, Calpol or paracetamol should only be administered in school in an emergency.

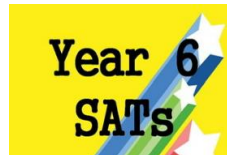
Wherever possible, parents and carers are expected to give medication at home, either before or after the school day.

If Calpol or paracetamol has been prescribed by a doctor, it should be for short-term use only (up to 3 days). If a child requires it for longer than 3 days, further medical advice must be sought.

Parents or carers who have provided a supply of Calpol or paracetamol to the school may be asked to come and collect it from school.

Further information can be found on our website.

I am pleased to share that following the vacancy for a parent governor Mr Peter Dixon has been successfully appointed. We are looking forward to welcoming him to our Governing Body.



A reminder that next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. It is extremely important that all children arrive at school on time to allow Year 6's a settled start to their days. Gates will be locked promptly.

We are all so proud of each and everyone of our Year 6 children. They have worked incredibly hard. It is your time to shine! Good luck!

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

Have a lovely weekend!

Teacher's Awards

Our next KS2 assembly will be held on 15.5.26 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 15.5.26. 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
C7	Jessica L, Ethan W	C8	Joshua F, Rory H
C9	Teddy H, James P-J	C10	Curtis G, Theo P
C11	Zachary Y, Isla K	C12	Freya M, Louis T
C13	Archie L, Rex N	C14	Lucas M, Maddison L

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	98.3	Well done to Class 1,2,5, 7, 8,11 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Classes 8 & 14 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	96.3	
3	92.6	
4	95.8	
5	97.9	
6	94.4	
7	97.1	
8	99.2	
9	87.1	
10	93.5	
11	97.9	
12	93.7	
13	92.9	
14	99.2	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.4%

This is slightly 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

11-14 May	Year 6 SATs Week
21 May	Carlton Meeting for Y6 Parents - 3.30pm
22 May	Y5 Mini Police in school
22 May	Y1 Trip to Hamsterley Forest
22 May	Break up for Half-Term
1 Jun	PD Day – No children in school
2 June	Return to school after Half-Term
8-10 June	Y6 Residential Trip - Carlton Activity Centre
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
14 July	Y6 Leavers' Performance – 10am
15 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco – 5pm – 6pm

CENTRAL AVENUE – CROSSING PATROL

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.

They have asked that we share the advertised vacancy –

https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/290177

This is incredibly concerning due to how busy the road can be. Please take extra care when crossing and if your child walks to school on their own please remind them to cross as safely as possible.



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.