



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

23rd March to 27th March 2026

We have had many visitors into school this week starting with South-West Durham on Monday. As part of our careers programme, Kirsty Lewton from South-West Durham Training delivered two assemblies. The first was to Key Stage 1 where she read the story, 'Engineering Your Future' and the children met Bolt the robot. Kirsty also presented a PowerPoint to Year 5 about engineering apprenticeships at South-West Durham. Kirsty very kindly donated copies of today's story to our school library.

On Tuesday we had a whole school assembly led by Colin Grainger from Young Carers. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Young Carers Champion, Mr Grady.

On Wednesday, the local fire service delivered a fire safety workshop to our Year 5 and 6 children. All children engaged really well and understood how important the rules of fire safety are.

On Monday we are holding our annual Easter egg competition. All entries are to be brought to the hall between 8.50am – 9.00am. Entries will be judged by staff during the day and children will bring their entries back home at the end of the day. We have 1st prize, 2nd prize and two 3rd prizes on offer for each year group and our Nursery. Good luck to all!

Important date change

Due to the local secondary transition dates being released, we have had to move our KS2 Sports day to **the 3rd of July**. Years 3/4 will be held at 9.30am on the morning and years 5/6 at 1.30pm on the afternoon. Please accept our apologies for the change of date but we know how important the transition dates are for our children.

The 1st July will also be our transition day for all our year groups in school.

Upcoming dates

A reminder we break up for the Easter holidays next Thursday 2nd April and return on Monday 10th April 2026.

Parents evenings; Monday 27th of April and Tuesday 28th of April – 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Letters will follow.

Our Cross-Country team have been taking part in a competition at Peterlee College today. Everyone who took part competed well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Teacher's Awards

**** No assembly next week ****

Our next KS2 assembly will be held after Easter on 1.5.26 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. 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.

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| C1 | After Easter Round Up | C2 | After Easter Round Up |
| C3 | After Easter Round Up | C4 | After Easter Round Up |
| C5 | After Easter Round Up | C6 | After Easter Round Up |
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| C7 | NAMES ON NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER | C8 | NAMES ON NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER |
| C9 | | C10 | |
| C11 | | C12 | |
| C13 | | C14 | |

Weekly Attendance

| This week's attendance | | Our Minimum Target is 96% |
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| Class | % Attendance | |
| 1 | 88.6 | Well done to Class 5,7,8, 9,10 & 12 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 5 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school. |
| 2 | 80.0 | |
| 3 | 94.4 | |
| 4 | 90.4 | |
| 5 | 99.3 | |
| 6 | 94.7 | |
| 7 | 97.7 | |
| 8 | 97.3 | |
| 9 | 96.5 | |
| 10 | 98.4 | |
| 11 | 92.0 | |
| 12 | 97.7 | |
| 13 | 93.7 | |
| 14 | 90.0 | |

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 93.6%

This is down slightly 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

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| 31 Mar | Y4 Parent Sewing Workshop |
| 1 Apr | C9 Y4 Trip to Tees Barrage |
| 1 Apr | Nursery – Olympic Game Themed Carousel with Parents - 1.30 – 2.30pm |
| 2 Apr | Break up for Easter Holidays |
| 20 Apr | School re-opens to children |
| 22 Apr | Moor House Meeting – 3.30pm or 4.15pm |
| 27 Apr | Whole School Parents' Evening |
| 28 Apr | Whole School Parents' Evening |
| 4 May | May Day Holiday |
| 7-8 May | Year 4 Residential Trip to Moor House |
| 8 May | Y5 Mini Police in school |
| 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 | Break up for Half-Term |
| 1 Jun | PD Day – No children in school |
| 8-10 June | Year 6 Residential Trip to Carlton Activity Centre |



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.