



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

3rd November to 7th November 2025

Welcome back!

The weeks are flying over, and Christmas will soon be upon us.

The children have settled extremely well back into school routine, and we can't believe we have only been back for one week.

I am delighted to share that Mr Pearson will be joining us in Class 5 as their class teacher on Monday 10th November. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to our Vane Road family. We continue to send Mr Vasey our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

A reminder that on Monday 10th November Miss Wren and I will be holding our coffee and catch-up morning from 9am - 10am. This is an opportunity for you to come and discuss any concerns you may have in an informal manner over a cup of coffee. ☕🍰

Mrs Elliott will be holding a specific SEND coffee morning later in the term.

Our Year 4 children have started their Outdoor learning with Mr McConnell and are thoroughly enjoying being outside.

Our nursery children are very excited to be going on their first school trip next week to Darlington Hippodrome to see The Smeds and the Smoods as part of their topic on Planets and Space. I can't wait to hear all about it.

A big thank you to Best Kebab Aycliffe for their kind donation of Pizza & Chips for Mr Grady's afternoon group rewards

Finally, a reminder that next Friday 14th November we are inviting children to support Children In Need by coming to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1. Please see the link below to find out further information –

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target Is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	92.0	Well done to Class 2,6,7, 8 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 2 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	99.3	
3	92.6	
4	91.9	
5	95.6	
6	95.0	
7	96.7	
8	98.0	
9	92.7	
10	95.8	
11	95.7	
12	95.6	
13	91.2	
14	98.7	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.2%

This is up 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 Nov	Durham Fire Service Visit to Reception Classes
12 Nov	New Starter 2026 Open Evening 5pm
13 Nov	Cross Country Finals
13 Nov	Durham Police Visit to Reception Classes
14 Nov	Children in Need Day – Non-Uniform
17 Nov	Book Fair
17 Nov	Individual Photographs in School
17 & 18 Nov	Parents' Evenings
20 Nov	Police Dog Visit to Reception Classes
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

I know how to use strategies now to help me manage my caring role and mam's health needs...

Young Carer, Durham

What support can we offer?

All Young Carers benefit from an assessment to identify what support we can help them with. Support may include:

- ▶ Support plan following a Young Carer Needs Assessment (under 18s) or an assessment of need for Young Adult Carers over 18
- ▶ 1:1 support sessions
- ▶ Whole family support
- ▶ Targeted peer support work
- ▶ Signposting, information and advice
- ▶ Access to Carer Breaks fund
- ▶ Support with school, college or university
- ▶ An ambassador programme for those moving on from the service who wish to use their experience to benefit their peers.

Who are we?

Family Action provides a service for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers, aged 5-24, across County Durham. The service is paid for by Durham County Council.

What is a 'Young Carer'?

Young Carers are children and young people under 18, who take on practical or emotional responsibilities at home because someone in their family has a physical or learning disability, has a long term illness, experiences mental ill health or has a problem linked to alcohol or drugs.

Being a Young Carer can be hard and they may feel that they don't have enough time for themselves, friendships, homework or out of school activities.

A young person aged 16-24 with such caring responsibilities is typically known as a Young Adult Carer.

It is important to recognise that Young Adult Carers have different support needs to older adults who care for a family member.



Are you a Young Carer?

Do you...

- ▶ help your family member get dressed or washed?
- ▶ help with household tasks, e.g., cooking, cleaning, washing, shopping?
- ▶ pay bills?
- ▶ remind and/or take a family member to appointments?
- ▶ collect prescriptions or help the person you look after to take medication?
- ▶ provide a listening ear?
- ▶ often worry about the person you care for?
- ▶ take care of young brothers or sisters or family members?

If you answered yes to any of the above you could be a Young Carer/Young Adult Carer and we may be able to support you.

The Bridge Young Carers Service

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The Bridge Young Carers Service

The Bridge Young Carers Service provides individualised support to help Young Carers and Young Adult Carers to realise their full potential.

Working with ages 5-24, we support Young Carers in their caring roles and helping to ensure they have the same access to opportunities as every other young person.

We want Young Carers to experience positive childhoods: to learn, develop and thrive no matter their situation.

About Family Action

Family Action is an award-winning national charity working from the heart of local communities to support people through change, challenge and crisis. We protect children, support young people and offer direct, practical help to families.

It's what we've done for over 150 years.

To find out more about who we are and what we do, scan the QR code below.



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