



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

1st December to 5th December 2025

We were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. A huge thank you to our cook and kitchen staff for all the hard work that went into feeding 350 of us. It was delightful!

Our Christmas performance rehearsals are in full swing, and I know the staff and children are so excited to perform next week. A polite reminder that only two adults per family can attend the performances in school and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This is to ensure we are following health and safety guidelines.

For Christmas parties children are welcome to come to school wearing their party outfits for the day. Winter jumper day is on the 17th December and children are invited to wear their winter jumpers along with their school uniform trousers/skirt and school shoes.

We have had several concerned residents contact school regarding parking issues. Can I please remind parents/carers to park with consideration and care during drop off and collection times. There are various safe parking QR codes around school for concerned residents to submit photographs of any illegal parking to the police. We continue to work closely with Durham County Council and the police on this matter.

A reminder we break up from school on Friday 19th December and return on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Our Out of Hours club will also be closed during the Christmas holidays. **School is closed on January 5th December 2026 for a PD Day but Holiday Club will be open 7.30am to 5.30pm.**

Have a lovely weekend!

Teacher's Awards

Our last assembly of the year will be held on 12.12.25 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	Thomas N, Molly D, Leo W	C2	Jacob C, Jaxon T
C3	Freddie M, Aster K-B	C4	Delilah G, Isla W
C5	Ava S, Eli T	C6	Odin D, Leo P, Elsie A
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	88.3	Well done to Class 4,5,6, 8,10,11,12 & 14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 14 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	93.3	
3	95.2	
4	96.3	
5	96.0	
6	96.5	
7	90.3	
8	98.3	
9	95.7	
10	96.8	
11	96.0	
12	98.0	
13	89.3	
14	99.7	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.0%

This is 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

8 Dec	School Ambassadors visiting Vane Road
9 Dec	C8,10,12 & 14 Christmas Sing-Along at Church – 10.00am
9 Dec	C7,9,11 & 13 Christmas Sing-Along at Church – 1.30pm
10 Dec	Y5 Pantomime Trip to Glow
10 Dec	Reception Nativity – 2.00-3.00pm
10 Dec	C4 & C6 KS1 Performance – 9.30am
11 Dec	Nursery Christmas Crafts & Story with Santa
11 Dec	C3 & C5 KS1 Performance – 1.30pm
12 Dec	Y3 Parent Celebration – Build a Pneumatic Monster. 10-11am.
15 Dec	C7 & C8 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
16 Dec	C13&14 Christmas Party – 9.30am C5 & 6 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
17 Dec	C11&12 Christmas Party – 9.30am C1 & 2 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
17 Dec	Winter Jumper Day
18 Dec	C9&10 Christmas Party – 9.30am C3 & 4 Christmas Party – 1.30pm
19 Dec	Break up - End of Term
5 Jan 2026	PD day – school closed to pupils
6 Jan 2026	School re-opens to pupils

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS - 3RD DECEMBER 2025

38 of our Y5/Y6 children took part in a Sportshall Athletics competition at the Leisure Centre this week and all competed well.

Our 'A' Team finished 1st and are now through to the County Finals in February.

Well done to all who competed!

NETBALL COMPETITION

Our Netball team have been playing league fixtures every Wednesday for the last 3 weeks. They were unbeaten in all of their games, finishing top of the league.

Well done to all who took part and thank you to Miss Stephenson for managing this.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

For Children & Parents

(Updates in Bold)

Year	Class	Activity	Date	Time
Nursery	N2	Christmas Crafts & Story with Santa (1 Parent/Carer – sorry we don't have space for siblings)	11/12/25	10.00 – 11.00am
PERFORMANCES				
YR	1 & 2	Reception Nativity (Parents)	10/12/25	2-3pm
Y1/Y2	4 & 6	KS1 Performance (Parents)	10/12/25	9.30am
Y1/Y2	3 & 5	KS1 Performance (Parents)	11/12/25	1.30pm
Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	8,10,12,14	Christmas Sing-Along at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, DL5 5QL (Parents)	9/12/25	10.00am
Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	7,9,11,13	Christmas Sing-Along at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, DL5 5QL (Parents)	9/12/25	1.30pm
PARTIES				
Nursery	Nursery	Christmas Party	15/12/25	9.30am
Y3	7 & 8	Christmas Party	15/12/25	1.30pm
Y6	13 & 14	Christmas Party	16/12/25	9.30am
Y2	5 & 6	Christmas Party	16/12/25	1.30pm
Y5	11 & 12	Christmas Party	17/12/25	9.30am
YR	1 & 2	Christmas Party	17/12/25	1.30pm
Y4	9 & 10	Christmas Party	18/12/25	9.30am
Y1	3 & 4	Christmas Party	18/12/25	1.30pm
Children can come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party				
CHRISTMAS DINNER				
Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day	3/12/25	Lunch	
Winter Jumpers can be worn to school for Christmas Dinner Day				
WINTER JUMPER DAY				
Whole School	Winter Jumper Day	17/12/25	All Day	



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.

Telephone: 01325 300380

Email: admin@vanerod.lingfieldtrust.org.uk