



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

20th March to 24th April 2026

Welcome back!

We have had a wonderful week at school.

We started the week reminding children of our school values –

- Respect
- Resilience
- Ambition
- Inclusivity
- Kindness

Miss Wren also led a whole school assembly on using cutlery correctly at lunchtime. It has been really encouraging to see children trying so hard to do this over lunchtime. Could I please remind parents' that if you are sending your child in with grapes for a lunchtime, please make sure these are cut in half.

Reception visited Hall Hill farm on Wednesday and had an amazing time seeing all the animals, feeding the lambs and learning all about how different animals live. Staff were over the moon with the behaviour of the children.

Miss Stephenson was also out and about this week at the Dodgeball finals and at a Netball Competition with our teams. They played amazingly well finishing 2nd in both. They now go onto the Regional Finals in Dodgeball and the County Finals in Netball.

Your child's spring term report should have been emailed to you today. If you have any questions regarding the report, please speak to your child's class teacher.

A reminder that parents' evenings are taking place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of April. All appointments should now be scheduled. If you have not received an appointment, please contact school as soon as possible.

I have also attached a reminder of Who Can I Speak To poster. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or questions.

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 on 1.5.26. 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	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
C7	Jack R, Alex-Rae P	C8	Arya S, Ezra S
C9	Frankie D, Eddie H, Niamh H	C10	Oliver M, Kai D
C11	Sophie L, Leo H	C12	Violet E, Logan H, Matilda G
C13	Annalise F, Ava-Rose C	C14	Bradley S, Arthur G

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	85.5	Well done to Class 5,6,7, 8, 10, 11 & 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	89.3	
3	95.2	
4	94.1	
5	99.7	
6	98.3	
7	96.0	
8	97.7	
9	95.2	
10	96.7	
11	97.0	
12	99.0	
13	92.3	
14	95.0	

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

27 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
28 Apr	VR Ambassadors visiting Prince Bishops
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
28 May	Dental Examinations for YR/Y1 over 5's
1 Jun	PD Day – No children in school
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



Parents/carers are reminded again not to use mobile phones in school. This includes the reception entrance area.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

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.