



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

27th April to 1st May 2026

Another busy but glorious week in school with the sun shining.

I hope you all found parents evenings useful. This is such a valuable time to speak to your child's class teacher on a 1:1 basis. If you could not make parents evening, please contact your child's class teacher to re-arrange.

Year 5 visited Beamish this week and what a day they had! The weather was beautiful staff were so impressed by the behaviour and manners of the children.

Miss Wren and our pupil ambassadors visited Prince Bishops Primary School this week and were amazed at the size of the school. They enjoyed a delicious lunch, playing with others and a tour of the school.

A reminder that we break up today and return to school on Tuesday 5th May 2026 due to the bank holiday.

School finishes on Friday 22nd May 2026 and **re-open on Tuesday 2nd June** due to a PD Day.

As the weather is warming up, please ensure children have a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream in school. All items must be clearly labelled with their name.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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.

Teacher's Awards

Our next KS1 assembly will be held on 8.5.26 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 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	Amira P-M, Joules S-A, Yasmin-Rose R-O'N	C2	Dexter M, Jaxon T
C3	Ava-Grace H, Oziah C	C4	Sophia A, Blake H
C5	Wray M, Carter B	C6	Ava S, Sydney S, Poppy A
C7	Next Week Round Up	C8	Next Week Round Up
C9	Next Week Round Up	C10	Next Week Round Up
C11	Next Week Round Up	C12	Next Week Round Up
C13	Next Week Round Up	C14	Next Week Round Up

Weekly Attendance

This week's attendance		Our Minimum Target is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	93.1	Well done to Class xx & xx who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class x for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	93.7	
3	94.1	
4	91.1	
5	99.0	
6	95.6	
7	96.7	
8	98.0	
9	90.3	
10	99.0	
11	100	
12	95.3	
13	94.7	
14	97.0	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.7%

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

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	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

IMPORTANT!!

PUPIL INFORMATION/CONTACT FORMS

Could we please remind you to return your completed forms to the school office as soon as possible. We have still a lot of forms that have not been updated. This is needed for our next census in the summer. You can request a new form from the office or by email if you need one. Thank you for your co-operation.



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.