



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

2nd March to 6th March 2026

What a wonderful start to the Spring term we have had.

The time and effort that has gone into the costumes for World Book Day has been amazing. This was also the first year we have done the story jars/boxes and we have been blown away by the entries. Again, the time and effort that has been spent on them is wonderful. A huge thank you to parents/carers for supporting us with this.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cant for organizing the activities for WBD. It was a pleasure to listen to the older children reading aloud to our younger children. A wonderful day was had by all!

Our reception children carried on the theme with their stay and play session this afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you attend.

Our swimmers were also back in action today at Freeman's Quay, Durham. They showed great resilience and ambition and were a credit to the school. Well done to all!

Our Pupil Ambassadors are out and about next week visiting Corporation Road Primary School in Darlington and we can't wait to hear all about it.

Earrings

We have several children still coming to school wearing earrings. I would like to remind you that earrings **must not** be worn for school.

Plasters are only to be used in the initial healing stage. After this time, earrings must be removed each day.

This is for health and safety reasons, which are particularly important during PE sessions and play times.

Class teachers will be contacting parents/carers directly if earrings are worn in school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Parking

Some of you may have seen on social media that Vane Road was discussed regarding parking issues. I would like to remind parents/carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting your child/ren. Unfortunately, we have very little authority when it comes to policing unsafe parking.

I would urge parents/carers to photograph any unsafe/illegal parking and scan the QR codes around school fences which will report the incidents straight to the police.

I have also contacted the local police parking team again regarding the ongoing issues for support.

Lastly, our updated amount for 'Dress Down for Benny' was an amazing £328. This has now been sent to the charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Teacher's Awards

Our next assembly of the year will be held after half-term on 13.3.26 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. 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	Oscar D, William E	C2	Henry B, Elodie H
C3	Eden S, Jenson M, Morgan L	C4	Soufian R-G, Sophia A, Jacob T
C5	Lily H, Emily S	C6	Elsie A, Grayson W
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		Our Minimum Target Is 96%
Class	% Attendance	
1	95.2	Well done to Class 5,6,7, 8 & 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	93.4	
3	95.9	
4	91.5	
5	100	
6	96.3	
7	96.0	
8	99.4	
9	95.2	
10	95.8	
11	97.3	
12	99.7	
13	94.3	
14	88.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 95.6%

This is down 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

10 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
17 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
24 Mar	Y1 Parent Workshop
25 Mar	Nursery Open Evening – 5pm
1 Apr	Nursery – Olympic Game Themed Carousel with Parents - 1.30 – 2.30pm
2 Apr	Break up for Easter Holidays
22 Apr	Whole School Parents' Evening
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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
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

NURSERY LOOK-AROUND

We are holding another nursery open evening for prospective parents to come and have a look round on the following dates.

- Wednesday 25th March at 5pm

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Poulter & The Nursery Team




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.