



VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY ROUND-UP

26th January to 30th January 2026

We have had a very informative visit from the police this week who spoke to some of our KS2 classes on anti-social behaviour and anti-bullying. The children were incredibly respectful during the session, and many have said how useful they found it.

Our year 6 children will also be coming home today with some parent information leaflets on cyber-bullying and WhatsApp groups. I would urge parents/carers to check children's mobile phones regularly.

I have also included two helpful links below for further information on keeping children safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Some of you may have noticed that we have had no school patrol crossing at Central Avenue Road for some time. We have reported our concerns to Durham County Council who 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. We will also remind children of the importance of road safety during our whole school assembly.

Please drive carefully and considerately during drop-off and collection times



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

Teacher's Awards

Our next assembly of the year will be held on 6.2.26 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	Toby C, Layla G	C2	George T, Gray S, Thomas S
C3	Kenzie B, Aster K-B	C4	Jasper S, Roman F
C5	Erin B, Reggie A, Ada G	C6	Isaac C, Mason C
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	91.0	Well done to Class 5,6,8, 10, 11 &14 who have achieved attendance above our minimum target level. Special "Well done" to Class 8 for attendance that was the best out of the entire school.
2	93.0	
3	87.7	
4	92.1	
5	96.7	
6	98.0	
7	95.9	
8	100	
9	90.7	
10	97.0	
11	99.7	
12	95.7	
13	94.7	
14	97.3	

Whole School Weekly Attendance = 94.9%

This is slightly 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

5 Feb	Y2 Energy Saving Workshops
6 Feb	Basketball Competition
9 Feb	Apprentices – Husqvarna Careers Assembly
10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
11 Feb	Coffee & Catch Up -Mrs Howe/Miss Wren 9-10am
17 Feb	Reception Maths Stay & Play
18 Feb	Y1 Phonics Screening Parents' Meeting
19 Feb	Y2 DT Parent Workshop
20 Feb	Y2 visit to Hopetown
20 Feb	Break up for half-term
3 Mar	Y5 visit to UTC (small group)
5 Mar	World Book Day (Dress Up)
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
2 Apr	Break up for Easter Holidays

FOOD HYGIENE RATING



Well done to Mrs Guthrie and her team for being awarded the top rating of 5 stars from Durham County Council. It was a very thorough inspection which looked at many areas including cleanliness of the kitchens. Thank you to our wonderful catering staff who work so hard, we are very lucky to have them.

NURSERY LOOK-AROUND

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

- Wednesday 18th February at 5pm
- Wednesday 25th March at 5pm

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Poulter & The Nursery Team

OUR TOP TABLE RETURNS






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.