



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!  
ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday  
17th July  
2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Aspire for excellence, Enjoy learning, Achieve success, and Challenge ourselves further! As the academic year at Valley comes to a close, may I thank everybody who has helped our children to achieve this vision.

This year has been fabulous with so many smiles and excitement for learning, alongside a whole host of enrichment and personal development opportunities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy and being provided with a challenging but fun curriculum and overall education offer. We are also grateful to our partner agencies and community council for their invaluable support and to you our parents who continue to support us and actively engage with daily school life. Thank you also to The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT) who offer support, training and quality assure our school. They always have children at the very centre of every discussion and regularly challenge leaders regarding the education we are providing which is great, plus they are there to help us when something unexpected happens like a lightning strike causing a tree to fall into school and affect all the electrics!

Thank you to our amazing Year 6 children too for their contribution to Valley. Year 6 have had a fantastic final month, filled with many activities to help them make memories. Some highlights have been the residential in a day trip, the Gullivers Land trip, the bouncy castle fun day and the memorable leavers' assembly. Our final Year 6 event will take place this evening as we have our leavers' party with a Fish and Chip supper on the field! We have enjoyed helping them enjoy their last few weeks at Valley and now wish them all the very best as they transition to secondary school in September.

We also thank and say goodbye to several valued staff members this year including Mrs Heaven, Mr Boulton, Miss Huntington, Mr Martindale, Miss Alton, Miss King, Mrs Ashton, Miss Hughes, Mrs Fenton and Mrs Payne-Reidy. They have made a significant contribution to our school and we will be sad to see them go however they leave due to various personal reasons which are positive for them, including promotions and exciting family plans. We sincerely thank them all for their hard work and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Finally, thank you to our children who continue to astonish us as on a daily basis and bring happiness throughout our school.

I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer holiday with your children filled with lots of time making precious family memories. We will look forward to hearing all about it when we see the children back in school on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Happy holidays, everybody!  
Miss Milewski



## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Spotlight on Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please do contact school to discuss this. Should this concern arise during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. You can also contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4:30pm), or 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays) or if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

### Competition Winner

A huge well done to **Ayla S - Webber 5** who has been selected as the overall winner of the Purple Mash World Cup Superhero Competition in the **12 and under category** – Congratulations!



### House Point Winners 2026

Congratulations to the winners of the Summer term 2 house point competition, Grand Canyon house! As they were the overall winners for the academic year, the red house enjoy an eating lunch together followed by fun and games session on the field.



### School Games Mark

This year at Valley, we have had plenty to celebrate, particularly with our sport and physical activity. We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the silver School Games Mark for our commitment to the development of competition across school and in our community. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We aspire to improve on this further next year, we aspire for Gold as we look to provide the best sporting opportunities possible for all our Valley pupils!



### Fire Alarm and School Meals Update

Our contractors have been working hard on fixing our fire alarm and this will be finished during the summer holidays. This will mean that hot school meals will be back up and running for September. Thank you for your patience this half term, we are amazed how much damage lightning can do.

### School Website

Our school website [www.valleyprimary.com](http://www.valleyprimary.com) has been updated with our new staff details, revised curriculum and updated year group pages including photographs of transition days. Key dates are also added to the calendar to help parents plan ahead. This will continue to be updated on a regular basis so please do keep checking back.

This year, we have added a new transition document which is something we develop as part of our SEND offer to help children who find transition a little difficult but this year we have decided to share it on the year group pages so you can all share it with your children and help them prepare better for September.

### [Valley Primary School - Transition into a new year group](#)

There is also a page with summer holiday suggested activities in the children section. Please do take a look.

### SENDcO and Assistant SENDcO

In September Mrs Wood will take on the role of SENDcO with Miss Kelly continuing as Assistant SENDcO.

## Life Skills Champions

We are delighted to celebrate our Life Skills Champions who have shown excellent interpersonal skills. Each of these children has been awarded a gold star pin badge, which they can wear with pride on their uniform.

|               |            |            |             |           |             |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Nursery       | Kayden M   | Grylls R   | Anastasia D | Bell 1    | Violet T    |
|               |            | Peake R    | Violet Y    | Lee 1     | Giovannia S |
|               |            | Aston R    | Willow P    | Shaw 1    | Aoife M     |
|               |            |            |             |           |             |
| Churchill 2   | Olivia D   | Hockney 3  | Cali D      | Hawking 4 | Gracie B    |
| Nightingale 2 | Manpreet D | Riley 3    | Zakariyya R | Newton 4  | Krishna B   |
| Pankhurst 2   | Vienne C   |            |             | Sharman 4 | Hallie W    |
|               |            |            |             |           |             |
| Webber 5      | Chloe B    | Farah 6    | Penelope J  |           |             |
| Holst 5       | Myla D T   | Ennis 6    | Evie B      |           |             |
| Lynn 5        | Robin S    | Simmonds 6 | Jack G      |           |             |

## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Further Developing Partnerships

Thank you for all your comments and feedback this year. Miss Freeborn will continue with our parent liaison role next year and is always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to

[parentliaison@valleyprimary.org](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org)

## DIARY DATES

### **Please join us for these events...**

7th September - Nursery and Reception Curriculum Evening - 4pm - 5pm

7th September - Y1 Curriculum Evening - 5pm - 6pm

8th September - Y4/5 Curriculum Evening - 4pm - 5pm

8th September - Y6 Curriculum Evening - 5pm - 6pm

9th September - Y2/3 Curriculum Evening - 4pm - 5pm

11th September - PTFA Re-arranged Summer Fayre - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

### **Please note these key dates...**

20th July - INSET Day

1st September - INSET Day

2nd September - Start of New Academic Year

Please click on the link below to see our Valley Calendar. This will be updated weekly with new events as they arise.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>