



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
4th
September
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in ensuring all our children are back in school this week, looking smart and ready with all their things. It has been really wonderful to see our children back in school! Classrooms have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. Our overall focus this week has been settling the children into new routines and mental wellbeing. They have explored their class inspirational people and enjoyed spending time making new friends in their classes or reconnecting with friends from last year. The 'Engage' days which took place across the school from Year One upwards yesterday were incredibly exciting. In every classroom, children were enthusiastic, inquisitive and curious about the Topic which they will now focus on this half term. It was a little strange seeing a whole room on space men and women in Year 1 and room of Romans in Year 4/5 though!

It has been reassuring to see that children in mixed age classes have settled well and teachers say that the children haven't really noticed they are not in their straight year group, just rather they are with different children. We also trialled our new sets model in Years 2-6 yesterday and the children seemed happy and ready to get going with their English and Maths next week.

Reception and Nursery children who are brand new to our school have enjoyed exploring their new environment and have been very grown up as they have been introduced to the many lovely resources we have and the lovely activities set up for them across our EYFS provision. We are very pleased to welcome them to Valley.

We have also welcomed several new children and staff to Valley this week, all of whom have enjoyed their first few days and are looking forward to the year ahead.

So ... welcome to Valley to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families and a big thank you from myself for your continued support as parents for your children's education. I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care. This week has just made me realise this even more with the vibrant buzz around school.

Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I am confident is going to be a good year ahead at Valley for all our families!

Have a great weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Curriculum Information

Please be aware that your child's Curriculum Information Letter, Topic Home Learning and KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts - Maths) are available on the web site

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=2026%2D2027+Year+Group+Pages&pid=212>. Spellings are also saved here for Y1 upwards.

Water Bottles

We would like to remind all parents/carers that children should have **water only** in bottles used in classrooms. The children may have an alternative drink (such as squash) if required for access outside of the classroom, such as at lunch/break times.

Current Job Opportunities at Valley

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

We currently have a vacancy for an Assistant Headteacher to join our Senior Leadership Team. Full time and Part Time Applications would be welcome. An interest in Teaching and Learning and/or EYFS and Key Stage One would be an advantage although not essential.

HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING ASSISTANT

We also have a vacancy for a part time Higher Level Teaching Assistant to job share with a very experienced HLTA. The days can be flexible and we would particularly welcome applications from candidates who would like to work with 2 days or 2.5 days (although other part time hours may be considered for the right candidate.)

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. This would be five days a week and hours would be middle of the day to include our children's lunchtime. This role is ideal for anybody working around school drop off and collection.

Please visit our school website Job Vacancy page, WM Jobs or contact Mrs Geir, our HR lead for further details.

End of Day Collections

Our password system continues for the end of school day collections and access to school events. Should you need a different adult to collect your child at any point or attend a school event on your behalf, please ensure they have the password that you were issued with. If you have misplaced this or it has been compromised in any way, please contact the school office and we can arrange a new one.

Please note our curriculum lessons run until the end of the school day. Whilst we aim to be ready for collection promptly, we are grateful to you for your patience in the event that we are running a little late, particularly as children settle into routines and independence expected at the end of the school day.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents/carers that the car parks on both sites are for staff use only, this is for the safety of children and parents. Parking is however permitted by parents dropping off at Explorers outside of normal drop off and collection periods on the Fallowfield Road site and at the small car park near Middle Phase only on Old Lode Lane. If you are using our car park at these times, we would ask that you exercise caution and reduce speed when leaving on either site, being mindful of pedestrians.

Please can we also remind parents collecting from the Upper Phase exits (Old Lode Lane) to wait on the grass or pathways away from car parking bays.

We would also like to ask parents to park considerately of our neighbours by not blocking driveways, on several occasions now some neighbours have been unable to leave their drives due to our parents parking across them.

Further Developing Partnerships

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback, and we are always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to 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 - Previously postponed PTFA Summer Fayre - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

18th September - International Day of Peace

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>