



## Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
25th  
September  
2026

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of September, it has been lovely popping into classrooms this week and seeing children settled, happy and enjoying learning with their new classes. We have children across school who have adapted wonderfully to their new classes and sets. Playtimes remain a favourite time for the children too and our older children on Old Lode Lane are thoroughly enjoying the playground markings which were newly done towards the end of last academic year.

We have also continued to talk about Peace this week following our launch day last Friday. The children have enjoyed learning a little more about what it means to be peaceful and exploring in assembly we enjoyed exploring a story about how nature can help us to be peaceful.

Next week during Feel Good Friday, we dress as Rock Stars on Old Lode Lane and launch Times Tables Rock Stars. The children always thoroughly enjoy this day. On Fallowfield Road, we plan to relaunch Numbots with our younger children so children from Nursery to year 1 are invited to come dressed in clothing with mathematical links such as numbers, symbols, patterns or robots such as those on Numbots!

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend everybody.

Miss Milewski

### VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

#### Parents Evening

Our Autumn term parents evening will be taking place on **Friday 9th October from 2.05pm to 7.15pm on our Fallowfield Road site and 2.15pm to 7.15pm on our Old Lode Lane site.**

**Lowry 3** will be having parents evening on **Wednesday 30th September and Friday 2nd October from 2.30pm until 5pm** due to Mrs Sayer going on maternity leave.

Signing up sheets will continue to be available on Monday 28th September on both sites from 7.30am to 6pm.

#### School Uniform

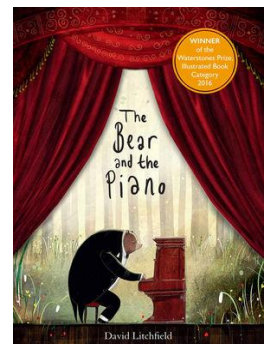
Please routinely check uniform items. On Fallowfield Road in particular, we have been made aware of named clothing going missing that may have been accidentally picked up by another child. We would be extremely grateful for your support.

### OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

#### **‘The Bear and the Piano’ By David Litchfield**

This is an award-winning children's picture book that tells a story about passion, fame, and belonging. The book is about a young bear cub who stumbles upon an abandoned piano in the woods, teaches himself to play, and eventually travels to New York City to become a world-famous musician.

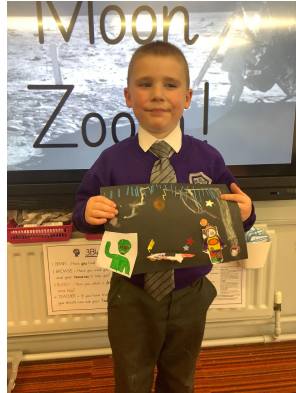
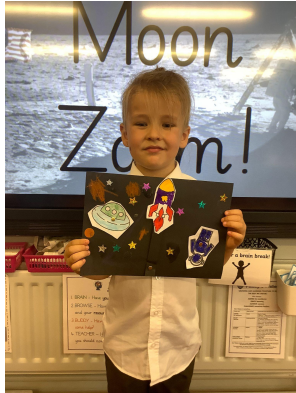
**This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

In **Year 1**, the children have really enjoyed creating their own moving space pictures as part of their Design and Technology unit. They used split pins to create pivots and used scissors safely and correctly. They are very proud of their final creations!



### Middle Phase

This week in D&T, **Lowry** have been researching simple vehicles that use a wheel and axle mechanism, looking at how they work together to create movement.



### Upper Phase

**Year 6** have been developing their hockey skills, focusing on dribbling, passing and defending. The children practised controlling the ball while moving, passing accurately to teammates and using defensive techniques to regain possession. They applied these skills in small games, developing their teamwork, communication and confidence.



## **PARENT PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Note to Parents**

We would like to remind all parents/carers of the required bags to be used in school for Lower, Middle and Upper phase :

Children in **Lower Phase (Nursery, Reception, Year 1)** require a book bag to keep their reading book and home learning activities in. This should be a clearly named Valley Logo book bag or a plain purple book bag of a similar size which fits into your child's tray.

Children in **Middle and Upper Phase (Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)** require a small backpack to keep their reading book and home learning activities in. This should be a clearly named Valley Logo backpack or a similar sized backpack which hangs on your child's peg. It is important that this has a pocket on the outside of the bag for your child's water bottle to avoid any spillages when travelling to and from school.

### **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](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org)

## **ATTENDANCE – W/C 14 September – 18 September 2026**

Well done to the following classes who are this week's winners in their Phase!

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>LOWER PHASE</b>  | Whittle Nursery | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>MIDDLE PHASE</b> | Churchill 2/3   | 97.0%       |
| <b>UPPER PHASE</b>  | Hawking 4/5     | 98.1%       |

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Please talk to your children about these events...**

28th September - Recycling Focus Week

9th October - Black History Day

### **Please support your child to participate in...**

2nd October - Times Table Rockstars / Numbots Day

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

28th September - Parents' Evening Signing Up Available - 7.30am to 6pm

9th October - Parents' Evening - Fallowfield Road - 2.05pm - 7.15pm

9th October - Parents' Evening - Old Lode Lane - 2.15pm - 7.15pm

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>