Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 16th October 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to everybody who came to parents evening last Friday and had discussions with teachers. It was lovely to see so many proud parents celebrating the learning their children have done this half term as they have settled into their classes.

Thank you also to our Nursery parents who joined us for our Maths parent workshop today, Mrs Byron enjoyed sharing some strategies with you that you can use to help your children at home.

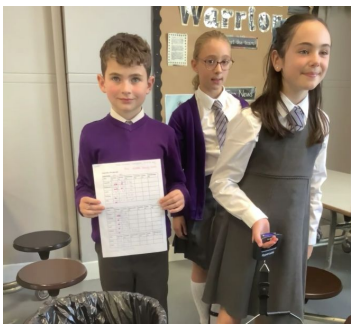
Next week, we have our SEND parent cuppa, so may I encourage any parents of children with SEND or parents who would like to find out more about a particular SEND issue to join Mrs Wood and Miss Kelly for this. It will take place on our Old Lode Lane site in Nightingale classroom, please see further details below.

Have a lovely weekend all,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

TEFAT Food Waste Project

This week, the children took part in their first 'Food Waste Week'.' The children were very excited about making a difference by reducing waste at lunchtimes. The Eco Warriors weighed and recorded the waste for each class throughout the week and will be sharing the results next week. Which class will become our first Eco class? Find out in next week's newsletter!





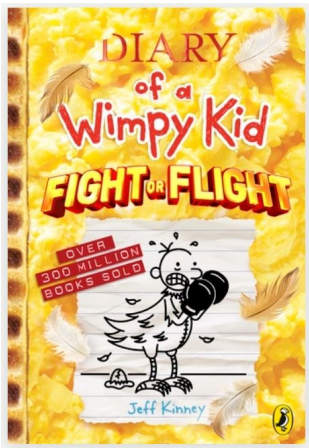
Boys' Football Team

On Tuesday, 13th of October the boys football team played their first fixture of the season in the Borough Cup vs Marston Green Junior School. After a tense 0-0 draw, the game went to extra time, with Valley scoring a late winning goal to seal a 1-0 win and a place in the next round! A huge thank you to parents for their support and an even bigger congratulations to our Valley footballers for showing excellent team spirit and representing the school admirably.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Diary of a Wimpy Kid Fight or Flight' By Jeff Kinney



When the going gets tough, what's a wimpy kid to do?
Nobody knows how to survive the rough and tumble halls of middle school better than Greg Heffley. In fact, he's got a three-ring binder chock-full of notes on his school's biggest bullies—along with his hard-earned strategies for how to outsmart them.
But when Greg's binder falls into the wrong hands, his world starts to unravel. Now it's a race against time before the bullies discover the identity of the person behind it.

Greg has learned to roll with the punches, but now he's backed into a corner with no good options. Will he throw in the towel, or go down swinging? One thing's for sure—
Fight or Flight is a knockout!

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.

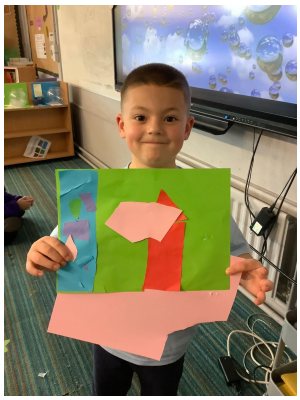
SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

Our **Year 1** mathematicians have been taking their learning to new heights during their Numbots day! The children put their skills to test by designing and creating a colourful 'Array City' using a mix of vibrant colours and different shapes. They created rows and skyscrapers with windows to visualise counting!







Middle Phase

Pankhurst have been exploring what a healthy, balanced diet means. After exploring the different food groups, they have a good understanding of what we need each group for. Protein, carbohydrate, fruit and vegetables, fats and sugars and dairy were all discussed before they each created their own healthy, balanced meal. They are all aiming to eat their 5 a day!







Upper Phase

Over the last few weeks, **Year 4 and 5** have been perfecting their tennis skills in PE. This week, they put these to the test, playing indoor doubles matches in a respectful and competitive spirit. We will be keeping a close eye on the Wimbledon wildcards in the years to come!







PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

Join us next Thursday, **22nd October at 2:15pm** at the Old Lode Lane site for a friendly SEND coffee and cuppa catch-up!

It's a lovely opportunity to meet other families, enjoy a cuppa and have a chat in a relaxed, welcoming environment. We'll also be joined by representatives from **SENDIAS** and **Solihull Parent and Carer Voice**, who will be there to offer information, support and guidance.

To secure your place, please email: send@valleyprimary.org



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**

ATTENDANCE – W/C 5 October – 9 October 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Whittle N	99.1%
MIDDLE PHASE	Pankhurst 2/3	97.1%
UPPER PHASE	Webber 4/5	97.0%

DIARY DATES

Please talk to your children about these events…

23rd October - INSET Day
2nd November - Term Starts

Please support your child to participate in…

22nd October - Y5 Dodgeball Festival - Lode Heath School - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
22nd October - SEND Coffee Afternoon - OLL - 2.15pm - 3.15pm
22nd October - End of Half Term House Parties
W/C 2nd November - Y5 Bikeability

Please join us for these events…

21st October - Y6 Express Event - 9am - 9.45am
3rd November - Lower Phase - YR and Y1 - English Workshop - 9.30am - 10.10am. This will take place in your child's class.
4th November - Middle Phase - English Workshop - 9.30am - 10.10am.
5th November - Upper Phase - English Workshop - 9.30am - 10.10am.
In Middle and Upper Phase, these will be with your child's English set teacher. Please make sure that before coming you know who that teacher is.

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