Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Thursday 22nd October 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Well done to green house who enjoyed their house parties today, as this half terms proud House Point winners.

Thank you to all our Year 6 parents who came into school to enjoy their children's speeches as part of their Express event yesterday, we were very proud of them all. Thank you also to our SEND parents, who came along for a cuppa and a chat today, Mrs Wood and Miss Kelly were pleased you were able to come along and enjoyed chatting to you all.

Finally, thank you to the whole school community for a great half term. We have such a wonderful community with many supportive parents, wonderful pupils and a dedicated staff team. This half term has had so many highlights including trips, visitors coming into school and sporting events plus so much fantastic learning across our curriculum. We are especially proud of our Nursery and Reception pupils who have completed their first half term at school, they have settled so well and make us smile daily with their achievements.

I wish you all a very nice half term break enjoying time with your children.

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Year Group Pages

Your child's Curriculum Information, Topic Home Learning, Spellings, KIRF and other home learning opportunities are accessible on the website under year group pages in readiness for the new half term.

TEFAT Food Waste Week

Last week Valley took part in their first Food Waste week. Across both sites, the school **wasted 111kg of food**. That is approximately the mass of a camel! Congratulations to the following classes who threw away less waste.

Lower Phase- Shaw (74g per child)
Middle Phase- Hockney (93g per child
Upper Phase - Simmonds (44g per child)



Valley Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint two Class Teachers and would welcome applicants with experience in any age group from Reception to Year 6.
The successful candidate will be a dedicated professional with the ability to inspire children and be an enthusiastic and caring team player.
Closing date is 9am, 2nd November 2026.
For further details and how to apply, please use this link to our school website:
https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Current+Job+Vacancies&pid=87

Another Valley Baby

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sayer, Lowry 3 teacher has now given birth to a beautiful baby girl. Both mum and baby, **Ariella May** are doing well and the family are now adjusting to being a family of four. Congratulations Mrs Sayer.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

' Artemis Fowl' By Eoin Colfer

AT JUST TWELVE YEARS OLD, ARTEMIS FOWL IS A CRIMINAL GENIUS. No scheme is too dastardly, no plot too devious. And he's just discovered that fairies are real. Poor fairies. But these are not the cuddly creatures of bedtime stories. They are armed. They are dangerous. And when Artemis captures Captain Holly Short for her fairy gold, he messes with the wrong elf. Holly isn't armed but she's *incredibly* dangerous, and pretty annoyed with all the kidnapping. Artemis Fowl is about to find out that fairies fight back . .

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

The Family Helpline is for families and can still be accessed directly via telephone on 0121 788 4327 or a new email address **familyhelpline@solihull.gov.uk**.
MASH can also still be contacted via telephone for advice and support 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).
If any families are struggling, especially over the holidays either financially, behaviour support, debt, housing support etc, please feel free to make contact with 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**

This email can also be used if you need to contact school urgently for safeguarding advice over the holidays as it will be checked intermittently.

ATTENDANCE – W/C 12 October – 16 October 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Shaw 1	99.6%
MIDDLE PHASE	Churchill 2/3	99.0%
UPPER PHASE	Simmonds 6	98.5%

DIARY DATES

Please talk to your children about these events…

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

Following feedback, we have brought the start time forward to **4:45–5:30pm** on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 10th November – FFR Bedtime Stories**
- **Thursday 12th November – OLL Twilight Tales**

Please support your child to participate in…

W/C 2nd November - Y5 Bikeability

Please join us for these events…

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.

12th November - New Nursery and Reception (September 2027 cohort) Open Morning - 9.45am - 11am

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