Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 13th November 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER




Dear Parents and Carers,
This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed our Bedtime Stories/Twilight Tales events. The children (and many of their teddies) snuggled up in their favorite pyjamas to listen to stories in the dark with a virtual fire burning. They absolutely loved it and beamed with happiness. This shows how very important bedtime stories are for our children. We really hope you will continue these at home.



A big thank you also to our PTFA, who offered tea and coffee, cakes, and lots of treats for parents to buy in the hall whilst enjoying a chat with other parents.

Thank you to everybody who supported these events,
Miss Milewski






VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Anti Bullying Week

Next week, we are excited to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week 2026, with this year's theme being 'Break the Silence'.

We will be kicking off our fantastic week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November!** Please encourage your child to wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and remind us that being different is something to be proud of!

We are also launching our exciting Anti-Bullying Week competition. Competition entries must be submitted by **Wednesday 2nd December**, with the winners announced on Friday 4th December. Please give all entries to the class teacher.

We look forward to a wonderful week of celebrating kindness, friendship and respect!

Heating on Old Lode Lane

On Monday, we will be having our heating repaired which means we will have temporary heaters on Old Lode Lane, so as a precaution the children based on this site should bring an extra jumper or fleece. We will also only have packed lunches on both sites as our hot water will be affected. Entrance and Exit for Y4,5,6 will be via the main entrance and Explorers will be in Nightingale classroom. Please see letter for further details. Apologies for any inconvenience.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Leaf Thief ' By Alice Hemming

The leaf thief is a children's picture book written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

A squirrel is very proud of the colorful autumn leaves on his tree. One day, he notices a leaf is missing and becomes convinced that someone has stolen it.

This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, **Peake** have been diving into a variety of fun activities inspired by their book, 'Owl Babies'. They have been getting creative with some wonderful owl paintings and working together to build a cosy nest!





Middle Phase

The children in **Lowry** have been developing their skipping skills, learning how to hold and turn a skipping rope correctly and coordinate their arm/leg movements to skip successfully. They have practised jumping with two feet, developing rhythm, balance and agility. Through individual and partner activities, they are now working to improve their control and challenge themselves to perform a sequence of skips.







Upper Phase

This week, **Holst** enjoyed the first of their visits to Lode Heath to take part in a science workshop. After learning about keeping safe in the lab, they did 'the flame test'. The children used wooden splints, which had been soaked in different metal ions, and burnt them over the blue bunsen burner flame. They were able to see different colours with each different splint. They finished their session by holding a small piece of magnesium over the flame - and carefully seeing the results!







PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents or carers that If you are sending sweets and chocolates into school for a birthday celebration, to please make sure that they are wrapped clearly showing all ingredients for allergy reasons and that they are **nut free**. We have children and staff within school who have nut allergies and we are a nut free school. Thank you for your support.

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 2 November – 6 November 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Whittle N2	96.6%
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 2/3	92.8%
UPPER PHASE	Hawking 4/5	98.5%

DIARY DATES

Please talk to your children about these events…

W/C 16th November - Anti Bullying Week
24th November - Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Y6

Please join us for these events…

16th November - Scholastic Book Fair - Fallowfield Road - 3.20pm - 3.50pm - Old Lode Lane - 3.30pm - 4pm
17th November - Scholastic Book Fair - Fallowfield Road - 8am - 8.30am - Old Lode Lane - 8.10am - 8.40am
18th November -Scholastic Book Fair - Fallowfield Road - 3.20pm - 3.50pm - Old Lode Lane - 3.30pm - 4pm
24th November - English and Maths Book Look Drop in - Both Sites - 3.45pm - 5.00pm

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