



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
21st June
2024

NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I start by saying Eid Mubarak to those who have been celebrating Eid-ul-Adha this week. We hope you had wonderful times with your friends and families.

On Tuesday our Year 5 cohort attended a 'Chance to Shine' cricket tournament. All staff and children who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event and I am delighted to share that this enjoyment was further increased when Valley won the 'Spirit of the Games' award! This was voted for by the other participants and celebrated our sportsmanship, positive attitudes and comradery. We were incredibly proud recipients!

There is a competitive spirit in the air around our school this week as each year group have been practising for Sports Day and devising their class chants and banners! We welcome parent attendance at these events to support your child - please see the date for your child/ren's year group sports day at the date list found at the end of the newsletter.

We would like to extend our thanks to all parents who have been mindful of our building works, which began on Monday at the Old Lode Lane site, at drop-off and collection times. Lowry 3 have settled wonderfully into their new classroom this week, in preparation for our Year 2 cohort coming across to the junior site in the coming weeks.

I am sure you will be aware that there is a General Election set for Thursday 4th July. School will remain open but please do keep an eye on ParentPay for alternative drop-off/collection arrangements for specific year groups on this day.

As the weather is set to improve (and summer may be about to finally make an appearance!) please be reminded to send your child into school with a named sunhat and a water bottle. We would advise sun cream is applied before school too please.

Have a fabulous weekend and enjoy the sunshine!
Mrs Heaven

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Explorers

The children in Explorers on the Old Lode Lane site have now settled into their new room. They have been enjoying lots of fun activities, games and playing on the field (when the weather permits).

We would like to remind you that booking forms for Explorers before and after school provision are out now and are available via the link below:

[Explorers | Valley Primary School](#)

All booking forms need to be returned to school by **Monday 1st July**.



Explorers Parking – Old Lode Lane Site

We would like to remind all parents/carers who use our Explorers facility that the use of the main school car park is **not** permitted at any time. Unfortunately, if this does continue to happen, we may have to inform you that your place in Explorers may be at risk.

SEND Information

On **Wednesday 26th June, 9.30am - 12pm**, the Solihull Council EHCP Service will be holding a Drop-In Session for parent/carers, at **The Loft, Chelmsley Wood**. This is a great opportunity to talk about your individual child/young person- whether they have an EHCP or not.

Solihull Parent Carer Voice, are currently undertaking the Annual SEND Survey - this is your opportunity to tell us what you think of SEND Services in Solihull and give us your thoughts on how things can be improved. The results of the survey will be collated into a report that will be presented at Children's Services, Education and Skills Scrutiny Board in September. It is really important that we gather as many responses as possible, so we would be really grateful if you could please complete the survey. (This can be completed once for each child/young person.) The link to the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/r/VDpmQYX2n1>

If you would like to contact us to find out more about what we do, please do get in touch with us at: enquiries@spcv.org.uk

Walk to School Week

Congratulations to **Bell 1!** They are the fittest class at Valley school with the highest percentage of pupils walking to school during the week. Thank you to everyone who participated. All children have received a certificate of participation and Bell 1 have received a special prize!

Street Tag

The Street Tag competition continues and here are the statistics for Valley so far.

Total Steps:	1856024
Total Tags Collected:	1553
Total Miles:	1646.32

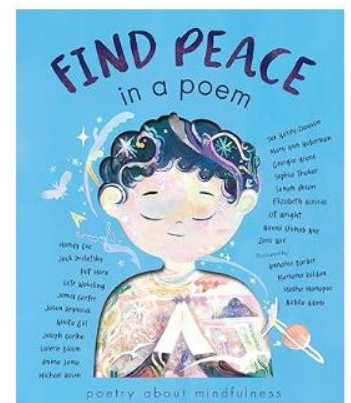
Please support us in our journey to claim the coveted top spot on the Street Tag leader board, by downloading the Street Tag app today. Start initiating your point and tag collection by walking, running or cycling around the local area whilst enjoying the sunshine!

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Find Peace in a Poem' by Various authors (Author), Various Illustrators (Illustrator)

Inside is a treasure trove of writing celebrating mindfulness. Read the poems aloud or curl up with them in a quiet corner. Begin your journey into a lifelong love of poetry. This beautifully illustrated collection features powerful poems written by a wide range of contemporary voices. They share their unique perspectives on the topic of mindfulness, from listening for silence and living in the moment to the colour of our dreams and what the trees can teach us. Showcasing original poems alongside existing works, this is a book to share and treasure forever.

This book is suitable for readers in Year 3, 4 and 5.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

EYFS

The children have been enjoying their learning in **Nursery** this week. They have been learning about different countries around the world. They have been exploring world maps, atlases and the globe and talking about countries that they have visited on holiday.



KS1

Year 2 really enjoyed National Writing day on Wednesday. They planned and wrote their own stories, creating story maps to structure their ideas.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

We are coming to the end of the school year and as a pastoral team we are aware of transition difficulties. On 27th June, the current Year 1 and 2 families have been invited to visit the Old Lode Lane site. A member of the pastoral team will be around should anyone have any concerns they wish to address.

As a reminder, any families who feel that they need additional support, please feel free to contact the pastoral team.

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 parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE – W/C 10 June – 14 June 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	84.0%	Farah 6	95.0%	Simmonds 6	89.0%	Holst 5	96.3%	Lynn 5	79.7%	Webber 5	93.4%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	93.9%	Newton 4	93.7%	Sharman 4	90.3%	Hockney 3	92.4%	Lowry 3	85.4%	Riley 3	91.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	85.2%	Nightingale 2	91.2%	Pankhurst 2	94.6%	Bell 1	96.8%	Lee 1	93.8%	Shaw 1	90.0%
EYFS	Aston R	96.4%	Grylls R	89.1%	Peake R	97.7%	Starley N	84.6%	Whittle N	77.3%		

Well done to the highlighted classes who are this week's winners!

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 24th June – Nursery Sports Day – 9am
- 24th June - Reception Sports Day – 1.30pm
- 24th June – SLT Drop in – 3.45pm – 4.15pm
- 25th June – Y1 and 2 Sports Day – 1.30pm
- 25th June – Y6 Mount Cook Residential trip meeting via Teams – 5pm
- 26th June – Y3 and 4 Sports Day – 1.30pm
- 27th June – Y5 and 6 Sports Day – 1.30pm
- 27th June – Visit to Old Lode Lane for current Y1 and Y2 families – 3.45pm-4.45pm
- 29th June – PTFA Summer Fayre 12pm – 3pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 26th June – Y1 Visit from Jewish Synagogue
- 5th July – Whole School Transition

Please support your child to participate in....

- 27th June – Y3 Hindu Temple Visit
- 28th June – PTFA – Non Uniform Day – (Fallowfield Road site – bring in sweets, Old Lode Lane site – bring a bottle)
- 3rd July – Y2 Tri Golf Tournament
- 3rd July – Y6 – Coping with Challenges Workshop

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/diary/grid/2024/6/>

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/7/>