



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN
BE!

ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
26th April
2024

NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children of Valley have continued to challenge themselves mentally and physically this week. Year 2 have persevered with their golf skills, Year 4 and 5 have been developing their cricket skills, whilst our Year 6 rounders enthusiasts have also shown resilience and resourcefulness undeterred by the weather. It has also been a pleasure to keep up to date with our children's swimming and football achievements. As the Olympics approach, Year 1 have also aspired for excellence and their personal best. Keep it up Valley!

With elections ahead, please be reminded that on Thursday 2nd May, a contained area on the Old Lode Lane site will be used as a Polling Station. School will be open for all pupils, but this will mean that Year 3 and Year 6 children enter and exit via school's main entrance. In addition, Explorers at Old Lode Lane will relocate to the community room from the afternoon of Wednesday 1st May to the end of the morning of Friday 3rd May. Please take care when accessing and leaving the school and be reminded that children with permission to walk to and from school will need dropping off and collecting to ensure appropriate supervision given increased visitors and potential traffic. We are delighted to stay open to support our children's learning with appropriate measures in place and are grateful for your support with this.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,
Mrs Wilton

School Day Times from September 2024

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY:

Lower Phase: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - Fallowfield Road Site

8.30am Self Registration and Early Morning Challenges/ Activate

8.40am Dinner Register followed by Assembly/ Subject Timetables.

Please note:

Doors open 8.30am and close 8.40am.

Gates will open a few minutes before this to facilitate prompt drop off however parents are responsible for their children until doors open.

Children arriving after 8.40am will be marked as late and must sign in at the school office.

Middle Phase: Year 2 and Year 3 and Upper Phase: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - Old Lode Lane Site

8.40am Self Registration and Early Morning Challenges/ Activate

8.50am Dinner Register followed by Assembly/ Subject Timetables.

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Doors open 8.40am and close 8.50am.

Gates will open a few minutes before this to facilitate prompt drop off however parents are responsible for their children until doors open.

Children arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late and must sign in at the school office.

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY:

Monday to Thursday:

11.30am **Lower Phase Nursery 15 hour Children**, 2.45pm **Lower Phase Nursery 30 hour Children**.

3.20pm **Lower Phase Reception and Year 1**

3.30pm **Middle Phase and Upper Phase (Years 2, 3,4,5 and 6)**

Friday:

11.30am **Lower Phase Nursery 15 hour Children**, 1.40pm **Lower Phase Nursery 30 hour Children**.

1.50pm **Lower Phase Reception and Year 1**

2.00pm **Middle Phase and Upper Phase (Years 2, 3,4,5 and 6)**

Please note:

Gates will open a few minutes before collection times.

Parents are asked to wait in their zoned areas for ease of dismissal.

Reminder of Change to P.E. Kit for September 2024 at the Latest

We plan to change our P.E. Kit from September 2024 to make it more in line with our purple school uniform and ensure consistency and smartness across.

The below will be our new P.E. Kit. When you next buy P.E. kit for your child, please could you buy the below. By September 2024, we would like all children wearing this hence this phased introduction.

The key changes are the purple polo shirt instead of the white T shirt, purple fleece instead of black tops and black trainers only.

Please could we ask that when buying Black Trainers, you ensure they are fully black rather than having prominent designs or colours on them, a small logo is fine though although we would not recommend expensive trainers.

P.E. Kit:

To be worn on P.E. days;

Purple logo polo shirt or plain purple polo shirt.
Black tracksuit bottoms, black skort or black shorts.
Plain black trainers.
School logo or plain purple fleece.

To be kept in school:

Valley logo P.E. drawstring bag or a plain purple or black drawstring bag.
Black pumps (without laces for the younger children) or Black soft canvas lace up pumps (for older children where pumps are difficult to get due to sizing).

N.B. Nursery only require a P.E. bag containing black pumps.

N.B. Reception only require a P.E. bag containing purple polo shirt, black shorts and black pumps.

Girls Football Team

Congratulations to the South Solihull Girls Plate Competition Winners 2024! The girls won the trophy by beating St Margaret's Girls 1-0 in the final with a goal from Alana. The girls topped their group and then won a semi-final in a tense penalty shoot-out, in which our goalkeeper Arohi saved a penalty very bravely. A big thank you to the parents who supported the girls so well and the coach, Peter Andrew, for his hard work this year.



Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day, the Eco Warriors wanted to focus on using less energy across school. To reduce electricity usage and help the planet, little things like switching off lights and screens when we aren't using them can make a huge difference. Children across school were set the challenge of creating posters to support this message. Eco Warriors chose a winning poster from their class and we will be displaying posters around school to spread the message. What can you do to reduce your energy usage at home?

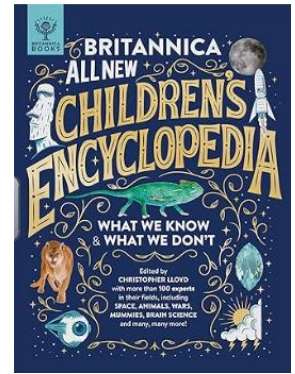


OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Britannica All New Children's Encyclopedia" by Christopher Lloyd

This beautifully illustrated compendium of knowledge is a must-have addition to every bookshelf.

Unlike old encyclopedias that are structured from A to Z, this encyclopedia takes you on a journey from the beginning of time to the present day and even into the future! It explores a wide range of topics and is divided into eight chapters by subject: Universe, Earth, Matter, Life, Humans, Ancient & Medieval Times, Modern Times, and Today & Tomorrow.



This book is suitable for readers in year 5 and 6.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

The pastoral team would like to share the below link with you. This is a webinar around nurturing mental wellness for you and your child which you may find helpful.

<https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/1njSC089KSrzn4ulgOhE?domain=cx1--04.na1.hubspotlinks.com>

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 15 April – 19 April 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	86.7%	Farah 6	96.7%	Simmonds 6	95.7%	Holst 5	94.3%	Lynn 5	91.3%	Webber 5	89.3%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	94.3%	Newton 4	98.6%	Sharman 4	95.5%	Hockney 3	96.0%	Lowry 3	96.8%	Riley 3	
KS1	Churchill 2	96.0%	Nightingale 2	96.4%	Pankhurst 2	93.5%	Bell 1	90.0%	Lee 1	90.8%	Shaw 1	95.8%
EYFS	Aston R	93.6%	Grylls R	94.3%	Peake R	98.1%	Starley N	90.8%	Whittle N	87.7%		

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

29th April - SLT drop in 3:45pm-4:15pm

7th May – SENCO Parent Workshop – Transition – TEAMS 12pm – 1pm

7th May – Riley 3 – Maths Workshop - 9.00am

8th May – Lowry 3 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

9th May – Hockney 3 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

9th May – Holst 5 Guitar Concert – 3pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

2nd May – Polling Day (OLL) – School Open

6th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Please support your child to participate in....

30th April – Vision Screening (Reception) – 9.30am

7th May – Early Diabetic Screening – Y3 - 5

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/2024/4/>

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/5/>