



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> July  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year at Valley, I would like to take a moment to send a big thank you to everybody who has contributed to our school and enabled our children to Aspire for excellence, Enjoy learning, Achieve success and Challenge themselves further.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff. They are a dedicated team and have worked tirelessly, not only to continue to improve the education we are providing at Valley, but also to ensure children are happy and provided with many, many enrichment and personal development opportunities. I also thank our partner agencies who have supported us as a school and continue to work with us for the good of your children. Thank you to our Governors who have given up their own time to support our school.

This year has been absolutely wonderful. We have seen so many smiles and excitement for learning. Our curriculum is now challenging but also fun and stimulating for our children at the same time. Our children live our vision and values and they are competitive as they work collaboratively in their house teams to earn house points for their team. Our recent TEFAT review noted that children feel cared for, happy and safe, they love coming to school and they love learning. What more could we possibly want... we were delighted with this feedback as this is exactly what we strive to achieve.

This week is also, however, a little sad. Today, we say goodbye to our fabulous Year 6 children who leave Valley this year. They have thoroughly enjoyed their last fortnight with a residential and special in school activities, a bouncy castle, a fabulous leavers assembly and tonight we look forward to our leavers party! They are a great group of children and I have every confidence that they can do whatever they put their mind to. We wish them every success at their new secondary schools in September!

We also say goodbye to several staff and governors this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them most sincerely for all their hard work and commitment to Valley and wish them every success in the future.

My final thanks however, goes to you, our parents for allowing us the privilege of educating and caring for your children and to our superb young people who brighten up each and every one of our days. I know you will agree, they are absolutely fantastic. I look forward to helping them achieve even further next year.

Looking ahead to September, we are very much looking forward to being part of a Multi Academy Trust. Valley will be joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT) from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. We don't anticipate you will see many big changes as we are already a highly successful school so there will be no changes to daily school life, uniform, houses etc. There will be extra opportunities for staff development and children's activities which you will likely see the benefits of later next year and we will now be part of a group of 34 schools across the country to share good practice and ideas as to how to make things even better for our children which will be fantastic.

For now though, I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday. I hope you enjoy quality time with your children and make many precious memories. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another successful year and many more learning and enrichment opportunities for our children.

Happy holidays everybody!  
Miss Milewski

## **VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **School Uniform**

#### **Winter:**

Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers.

Purple and grey striped school tie.

White shirt/ blouse.

School logo V neck sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain purple V neck jumper/ cardigan.

Grey/ white socks or grey tights.

Black flat heeled shoes.

School logo or plain purple fleece (optional)

Purple, grey, black or white head scarf (optional).

#### **Summer (Summer Term and Autumn First Half term only):**

Dress with purple check or smart grey shorts with logo polo shirt/ short sleeved white shirt with purple and grey striped school tie.

School logo V neck sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain purple V neck jumper/ cardigan.

Grey/ white socks.

Black flat heeled shoes.

Purple summer sun hat or cap (optional).

Purple, grey, black or white head scarf (optional).

N.B. EYFS children may wear a white school logo polo shirt with an elastic tie rather than a shirt or blouse if they wish.

N.B. All items of clothing, including shoes, MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **School Bag:**

Children in Nursery, Reception and Y1 require a book bag to keep their reading book and home learning activities in. This should be a clearly named Valley Logo book bag or a plain purple book bag of a similar size which fits into your child's tray.

Children from Y2-6 require a small rucksack to keep their reading book and home learning activities in. This should be a clearly named Valley Logo rucksack or a similar sized rucksack which hangs on your child's peg. It is important that this has a pocket on the outside of the bag for your child's water bottle to avoid any spillages when travelling to and from school. If children from Y2 prefer to use their purple book bag, they are welcome to do so for this academic year.

### **P.E. Kit:**

#### **To be worn on P.E. days;**

Purple logo polo shirt or plain purple polo shirt.

Black tracksuit bottoms, black gym leggings, black skort or black shorts.

Grey/ white socks.

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. If you wish to send spare clothes in with your child in case of accidents, please put these in a separate black or purple drawstring bag to hang on pegs also.

### **Swimming Kit:**

A swimming costume/ swimming trunks and a towel is required in Year 4 at certain times. You will be notified of the times for your child's class.

**PE and Sports Clubs do not start until week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

## INSET Dates

We would like to remind you that the following dates are INSET dates for the next academic year:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Further information regarding term dates can be found at <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

## Walking Home

Only **Year 6** children will be allowed to walk home on their own from September and only with signed permission from their parents, please complete the form if you would like your child to walk home.

Please note, all children in Year 5 and below will need to be collected from school.

## School Meals in September

We have a new system for school meals for September where each day has a theme, although there will still be two hot and two cold options each day. Children will need to order for the half term in advance and menus will now change each half term rather than rotating three weekly. Please talk to your children about what they would like to order and complete the form on parent pay to book school meals. The menu for Autumn 1 is also save on our website here: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/lunch-menus/>. The booking system will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

If for any reason, you need order a meal on the day which isn't booked in advance, we will do our best to accommodate but please speak to the office directly to order this rather than doing via parent pay as this won't automatically sync to the kitchen.

## VALLEY END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

### Year 6 Leavers Assembly

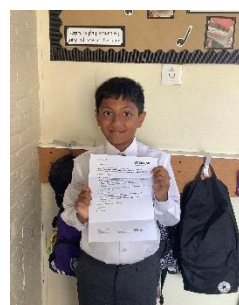
Our Year 6 have had a fantastic last week at Valley! They have had a lots of fun enjoying different activities with their friends. Their favourite part was the bouncy castle and fun day which the PTFA kindly paid for. Yesterday, they did a fabulous leaving performance for their parents. They also nominated one another for different "most likely" statements, so we now know who is most likely to be the future Prime Minister, play at Wimbledon, open a restaurant, own a zoo etc. Today the children have been signing shirts and autograph books and tonight they will spend an evening with their friends at our leavers party! A great last week at Valley! Thank you Year 6 for all you have contributed to Valley... Good Luck at Secondary!



## Topic Home Learning

We are pleased to announce the winners for this year's Topic Home Learning prize draw! They have really impressed with their home learning entries this year and were chosen in our random draw.

**Urwa H** – Bell 1  
**Ayush P** - Hawking 4  
**Sofia H** - Lynn 5



We would like to thank Midlands Art Centre and Birmingham Wildlife Conservation for their kind donations. There are many exciting events taking place over the summer at both places - please do take a look at the upcoming activities and days out on their websites for the summer and beyond.

## Topic Home Learning Headteacher Tea Party

Thank you to everybody who has completed Topic Home Learning Activities and particularly those children who have attended the Tea Party with Miss Milewski as they have been chosen by their teacher due to their superb work. The last one took place today and was great fun with musical chairs, musical statues and of course pop and biscuits!



## Summer Holiday Learning Activities

Over the summer holidays, we invite all children to do some research about their new class person and choose some of our summer holiday activities to complete. Our first House Points in September will be awarded for sharing these with their classes. Activities can be found

here: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/summer-holiday-activities/>

## Life Skill Champions

This half term, the Life Skill focus has been Interpersonal Skills. In school, the children have had a wealth of opportunities to interact with a diversity of individuals and have learned how to interact with others, in a positive way, in order to build healthy relationships. This could be helping those in need, showing kindness, taking turns or simply considering others. Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions for this half term, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Starley N: **Oscar P**  
Whittle N: **Ronnie T**

Grylls R: **Hin L**  
Peake R: **Luhayyah H**  
Aston R: **Eva B**

Shaw 1: **Millie M**  
Bell 1: **Urwa H**  
Lee 1: **Jay M**

Pankhurst 2: **Ben S**  
Churchill 2: **Finn C**  
Nightingale 2: **Ali R**

Hockney 3: **Chloe B**  
Lowry 3: **Maddie M**  
Riley 3: **Emilie R**

Hawking 4: **Ayush P**  
Newton 4: **Andreea P**  
Sharman 4: **Hanna R**

Webber 5: **Jaskiran D**  
Holst 5: **Emma M**  
Lynn 5: **Cairon G**

Farah 6: **Jacob P M**  
Ennis 6: **Poppy H**  
Simmonds 6: **Sam K**

## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Contact over Summer Holidays

Please continue to email any questions, queries or concerns to [parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk).

This email address will be checked intermittently during the holidays for any urgent safeguarding related concerns but it is likely that you will not receive a response until September.

## DIARY DATES

**Please talk to your children about these events...**

2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET DAY

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children Return to School

**Please support your child to participate in...**

4<sup>th</sup> September – Y1-Y6 – Engage Events

**Please join us for these events...**

16<sup>th</sup> September – Y4 Curriculum Evening – 4pm

16<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 Curriculum Evening – 5pm

16<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Curriculum Evening – 6pm

17<sup>th</sup> September – Y2 Curriculum Evening – 5pm

17<sup>th</sup> September – Y3 Curriculum Evening – 6pm

18<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery – Curriculum Evening – 4pm

18<sup>th</sup> September – Reception – Curriculum Evening – 5pm

18<sup>th</sup> September – Y1 – Curriculum Evening – 6pm

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/9/>