



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> March  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great Spring term! Thank you to all our children for their continued hard work, smiles and positivity as everybody has enjoyed learning together and then challenging themselves further.

Many congratulations to Great Barrier Reef House! It has been great to celebrate this half term's winners and wonderful to see the 'blue team' house parties today where our children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their win.

Thank you to all parents who came to parents evenings this week, we had so many positive comments and in particular it was wonderful to see you enjoying celebrating successes in your children's books. Thank you also to those of you who have completed the consultation feedback or spoken to staff about your thoughts regarding the possibility of us joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust. We would appreciate anybody who hasn't yet shared their views to do so over the next few weeks.

On behalf of governors, our staff team and our children, we wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming our children back on Tuesday 9th April.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great break everybody,  
Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### SEN Parent Survey

**For parents of children on the SEN register only:** A huge thank you to all of the parents who attended the additional SENCo parents evening slots this week - it's been lovely to see you all.

I am now reviewing our SEN provision for this academic year and making plans for the next. As part of this process, I would be very grateful if you could spend two minutes completing our annual survey. I will use any feedback given to inform next year's provision.

The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8XsNkcZBUCdFgUlropG6mwhnDthf9Ij1yrniPWVxUQ1oxNIBTUUdOQUILQUc5MIdaMVAyTEU4US4u>

Have a wonderful Easter,  
Mrs Heaven

### Consultation Reminder: Valley Primary School is consulting on the possibility of our school joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT).

As you know, consultation is now well underway regarding the possibility of Valley Primary School joining a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). We are consulting on joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT).

The consultation period began on Friday 1st March 2024 and will conclude on Friday 12th April 2024. During this 6 week period, we are encouraging all stakeholders, including parents, staff, pupils, and community members, to provide feedback and raise any questions or concerns they may have.

Further details have been sent to all parents via Parent Pay and related information can be found on our school website:  
<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/consultations/>

### Thank you and Happy Retirement!

Mrs Plows, our Business Manager leaves Valley today after 14 years of dedicated hard work at our school. Her contribution has been key in ensuring our children have the resources they need to achieve and enjoy being in school. Thank you most sincerely Mrs Plows. We wish you every happiness in your retirement!

### Easter Assembly

On Monday, we had the pleasure of having Rev Bekah Clark from Elmdon Church, come into school to deliver an assembly all about the Christian festival of Easter. She told us the Easter story using only one piece of brown paper which was amazing. She also explained how Christians celebrate Easter.



### Easter Competition

Thank you to all who entered the Easter competition which was organised by the PTFA. The winners have been chosen and have received their beautiful prizes today. I'm sure you will all join us in thanking the PTFA for organising this event and chocolate treats for all our children.



### Bike It Solihull – Family Cycle Training Sessions

Family training provides a tailored 90-minute training session with a qualified instructor to support families to cycle together (minimum attendance is one adult and one child age 8+). Cycle Training will start in an off-road environment and progress on to quieter roads. **Dates: Tuesday 26th March 2024, Wednesday 27th March 2024 Time: Various Sessions available. Location: Tudor Grange Cycle Track or Shirley Park Tennis Courts Cost: £10 Booking:** <https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>. Bikes and helmets are available to borrow, and children should be able to ride independently to participate. There is limited availability so please book promptly.



### Life Skill Champions

This half term, the Life Skill focus has been Decision Making Skills. Everyday, the teachers at Valley create tasks for the children that aid their ability to choose solutions to challenges. The children have also enjoyed making informed choices when exploring the activities within the Life Skill banks. Valley pupils will be the problem-solvers of the future!

Congratulations to our Life Skill Champions for this half term, who are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half term (Summer 1), our Life Skill focus is Home Management Skills.

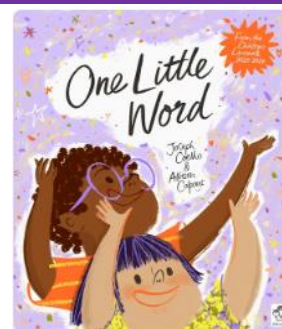
Starley N: <b>Afiyah I</b>	Grylls R: <b>Alfie E</b>	Shaw 1: <b>Joshua B</b>
Whittle N: <b>Noah T</b>	Peake R: <b>Elia C-H</b>	Bell 1: <b>Urwa H</b>
	Aston R: <b>Zunairah W</b>	Lee 1: <b>Cali D</b>
Pankhurst 2: <b>Isaac D</b>	Hockney 3: <b>Phoebe D</b>	Hawking 4: <b>Jenson W</b>
Churchill 2: <b>Laurie S</b>	Lowry 3: <b>Grace D</b>	Newton 4: <b>Oscar B</b>
Nightingale 2: <b>Sasmini J</b>	Riley 3: <b>Edward T</b>	Sharman 4: <b>Waynee I</b>
Webber 5: <b>Ruby R</b>	Farah 6: <b>Hollie R</b>	
Holst 5: <b>Lexi R</b>	Ennis 6: <b>Bella F</b>	
Lynn 5: <b>Sofia D</b>	Simmonds 6: <b>Aylis Y</b>	

### OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

*'One Little Word'* by Joseph Coelho

Two best friends argue; the argument grows until they feel more like enemies. A rollercoaster of shouting, shoving and tears ensues. What will it take to heal their friendship? Why, one little word of course. Oh, and a hug.

**This book is suitable for readers in Nursery and Reception.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### EYFS

On Wednesday, the children in **Reception** went on a walk to find signs of spring in their local environment. The children found many different types of flowers growing in gardens and around Elmdon Park.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We have noticed that our expected standards of uniform have slipped this term for some children. Examples of this are the wearing of trainers, missing ties and nail varnish/make-up. I would kindly ask that you please revisit our uniform list which is available on our website. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that long hair should be tied back in a hair bobble for health and safety reasons. Summer uniform can be worn from the start of the Summer term. Due to the rising costs of living, should you require any support with uniform please contact me via the email address below.

With the warmer weather coming children must have a water bottle in school everyday. These are available to purchase on parent pay at a cost of **£1.50**.

### 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](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 11 March – 15 March 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	88.7%	Farah 6	<b>94.3%</b>	Simmonds 6	94.0%	Holst 5	<b>98.3%</b>	Lynn 5	91.3%	Webber 5	88.3%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	95.7%	Newton 4	<b>97.9%</b>	Sharman 4	96.6%	Hockney 3	<b>97.7%</b>	Lowry 3	94.7%	Riley 3	92.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	97.2%	Nightingale 2	94.0%	Pankhurst 2	<b>97.7%</b>	Bell 1	<b>98.2%</b>	Lee 1	94.8%	Shaw 1	88.3%
EYFS	Aston R	91.7%	Grylls R	88.6%	Peake R	<b>94.5%</b>	Starley N	80.8%	Whittle N	<b>93.5%</b>		

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

## DIARY DATES

8 April – Inset Day  
 9 April – Children Return to School  
 10 April – Reception Vision Screening -9.30am  
 15 April – SLT Parent Drop in – 3.45pm – 4.15pm  
 22 April – Earth Day – Eco Warriors Event  
 29 April – SLT – Parent Drop In – 3.45pm – 4.15pm  
 2 May – Polling Day – (Old Lode Lane) - School Open  
 6 May – Bank Holiday – School Closed  
 7 May – SENCO Parent Workshop – Transition – TEAMS 12pm – 1pm  
 7 May – Early Diabetic Screening – Y3-5  
 7 May – Riley 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am  
 8 May – Lowry 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am  
 9 May – Hockney 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am  
 13 May – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm – 4.15pm  
 13 May – 16 May – Y6 SATS  
 13 May – 16 May – Y6 SATS Breakfast Club – 8am

20 May – Winning House Announcement Assembly  
 20 May – Y2 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm  
 21 May – Nursery Trip to Atwell Farm Park  
 21 May – World Cultural Diversity Event  
 21 May – Y1 Express Event  
 21 May – Y5 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm  
 22 May – Y3 Express Event for Parents and Dress Up – 2.45pm  
 22 May – Y6 Express Event and Dress Up  
 23 May – Reception Express Event and Dress Up  
 23 May – Y4 Express Event and Dress Up  
 23 May – SENCO Drop In Parent Session to Review Needs and High Needs Plans  
 24 May – House Point Celebrations  
 24 May – End of Term

