



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
20<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for Curriculum Evenings this week, it was great to share with you details about what your child will be learning this year, introduce our home learning and listen to your questions and feedback. The presentations which we shared will be uploaded to the Year Group pages on our website for any parents who were unable to join us, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher should you have any questions about our curriculum plans.

This coming week, we look forward to welcoming our Year 1 parents for our phonics workshops.

In school this week, our children have been enjoying the curriculum and in particular it has been lovely to see our new Get Set P.E. scheme being implemented and children thoroughly enjoying their P.E. sessions across the school. The scheme enables children to gradually build up their skills and children describe it as great fun but requiring a lot of energy!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### SEND Queries

Mrs Heaven is currently off school, so the Senior Leadership Team are currently sharing the SEND role between them.

If you have a SEND query, please contact SLT via our Parent Liaison email address marked for the attention of:

Miss Milewski for any queries about The Hub, our new SEND flexible intervention space.

Mrs Wood for any queries about Nursery, Reception or Year 1 SEND needs, IEPs or support in class.

Mrs Burgess for any queries about Year 2 or Year 3 SEND needs, IEPs or support in class.

Mrs Wilton for any queries about Year 4, 5 or Year 6 SEND needs, IEPs or support in class.

Please be assured we continue to support all our SEND children across the school and we are very proud to be an inclusive school who very much values every single child in our care.

### SLT Drop in Sessions

This year we are continuing with our Senior Leadership Team drop in sessions to enable you to speak to a member of SLT.

Drop ins will be weekly:

Monday 3.30pm-4.15pm Old Lode Lane

Tuesday 7.45am-8.30am Fallowfield Road

There is no need to make an appointment, please just come along and feel free to attend either time or site to suit you regardless of which site your child attends.

### School Meals

We would like to advise all parents/carers that there has been an increase in the price of school meals with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The cost of a school meal for a **Nursery child** is now **£2.75 per day**, Children in Reception to Year 2 qualify for Universal Free School meals and the cost of a school meal for children in **Years 3-6** is now **£2.90 per day**.

### Nursery Outdoor Equipment

The outdoor equipment on Fallowfield Road is purely to be used during school time only. May we politely ask all parents/carers of children in Nursery to please refrain from letting your children use the equipment before Nursery school time and after collection. Thank you for your support.

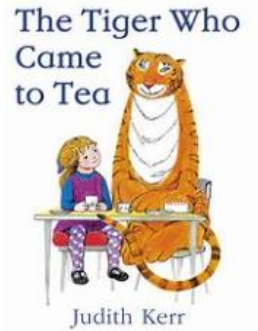
## Usborne's Sponsored Reading Challenge

The sponsored reading challenge which was held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September has now closed. We would like to remind all parents/carers that sponsorship money should be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us to receive **FREE** books for school.

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' By Judith Kerr

The classic story about believing in the unexpected and magical. When a tiger turns up on the doorstep one day, the little girl and her mother just welcome him right in and offer him tea. He sits neatly at the table and eats his way quietly through every scrap of food in the house and every drop of drink, too. Then, just as politely, he takes his leave. When Dad comes home, there's nothing left for him so he takes the whole family out for supper.



**This book is suitable to read to children in Lower Phase.**

## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

This week in **Nursery** the children have been learning how to draw faces and their facial features such as eyes, nose and mouth. They explored painting faces, which was so much fun!



### Middle Phase

**Year 3** have been working hard this week, planning and writing instructions. The instructions were for climbing a coconut tree. The children used time connectives, imperative verbs and adverbs to write clear instructions.



### Upper Phase

**Year 4** enjoyed their outside PE lesson focusing on fundamental skills including balancing, running, jumping, hopping and skipping. They thought about their form when sprinting to help them accelerate and decelerate and how they can control their body to help them to balance.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We would like to remind all parents/carers of children in Y6 that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October. Solihull residents need to apply via your Council portal. All other applicants must apply through the local authority that they live within. Any applications received after 31st October 2024 will not be processed until after the offers have been made on 1st March 2025. More information can be found on the website at [www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions)

### Further Developing Partnerships

I would like to remind all parents/carers that the car parks on both sites are for staff use only, this is for the safety of children and parents. Parking is however permitted by parents dropping off at Explorers outside of normal drop off and collection periods on the Fallowfield Road site and the small car park by Middle Phase only on Old Lode Lane. If you are using our car park at these times, I would ask that you exercise caution and reduce speed when leaving on either site, being mindful of pedestrians. I would also like to ask parents to park considerately of our neighbours by not blocking driveways. Please can we also remind parents collecting from the Upper Phase exits to wait on the grass or pathways away from car parking bays.

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 9 September – 13 September 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	87.2%	Farah 6	<b>99.3%</b>	Simmonds 6	99.0%	Holst 5	96.3%	Lynn 5	<b>99.3%</b>	Webber 5	93.7%
	Hawking 4	<b>97.9%</b>	Newton 4	95.9%	Sharman 4	97.2%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	<b>96.4%</b>	Lowry 3	96.3%	Riley 3	95.8%	Churchill 2	97.4%	Nightingale 2	87.6%	Pankhurst 2	<b>97.8%</b>
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	88.7%	Lee 1	95.7%	Shaw 1	<b>100%</b>	Aston R	<b>98.2%</b>	Grylls R	91.5%	Peake R	90.0%
	Nursery	94.2%										

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

## DIARY DATES

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

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm – 4.15pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 24<sup>th</sup> September – Shaw 1 – Phonics Workshop – 9am
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Bell 1 – Phonics Workshop – 9am
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Lee 1 – Phonics Workshop – 9am
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Nursery - Maths Drop in – 8.50am – 9.20am

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

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Y4 – Roman Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 Bikeability

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/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>