



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
8th
November
2024

A MESSAGE NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting News! This week marked a historic moment for Valley Primary School as we signed the Multi Academy Trust transfer agreement to enable us to join The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust.

We are all very much looking forward to being an Elliot school and sharing good practice, learning from colleagues across the Trust and above all offering extra opportunities for our children.

Mr Greenway, the CEO of TEFAT describes it as excellent news that Valley will be joining Elliot and many of the Central Team have already visited and been very impressed by our children and their learning.

The Department for Education have now confirmed that Valley Primary School will transfer on 1st December 2024.

Many thanks to you all for your support with this process, we look forward to embarking together on the next chapter in Valley Primary School's history.

Best wishes,
Miss Milewski and Mrs Butcher



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Nursery Applications

Nursery applications for **September 2025** are now open and the application forms are available on our website under the admissions page. We would like to invite anyone who is considering a place for Nursery or Reception for September 2025 to our **open morning on 21st November at 9am** or our **open evening which is taking place on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 6pm**. Booking is essential for these events via admissions@valley.solihull.sch.uk

Message from Transport for West Midlands

From **Monday 25th November**, there will be a **southbound lane closure** in place on **Hobs Moat Road** until **Monday 2nd December**.

Traffic travelling in the direction of Solihull will be diverted via Old Lode Lane. Bus services will also be diverted with some changes to bus stops. Please plan ahead & allow more time for your journey.

For detailed information please visit: www.tfwm.org.uk/sprint-works

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Bedtime Boat' by Sital Gorasia Chapman and Anastasia Suvorova

Chandan has had an exciting day out with his mum – but now it's time for bed, and however hard he tries, he just can't sleep.

Luckily, his mum has some calming mindfulness techniques at her fingertips. The bedtime boat sits on Chandan's tummy, rising and falling with his breath. As he travels on a voyage of imagination over the seas, the bedtime boat is always there to keep him grounded, and soon gently lulls him into a relaxed and peaceful sleep.

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week the children in **Reception** started their new topic 'Then and Now'. They went on an Autumn walk around the school grounds and discussed what they saw along the way. They also identified the differences between Autumn and other seasons.



Middle Phase

On Their Engage day, **Year 3** spent the morning looking at Bronze Age resources. The children examined them and completed a sketch of each one. Then they researched how Britain had changed since the Stone Age.



Upper Phase

Year 5 had an amazing Engage day, learning about the Ancient Greeks for their new topic: Ground-Breaking Greeks. They took part in sporting events, inspired by the Greek Olympic games, made olive wreath crowns for their champion sporting performances, designed their own Greek vases and even explored writing using the Greek alphabet!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

As Christmas is just around the corner, we know how hard some families are feeling the pinch with the cost of living crisis this year. Valley are partnered with the Christian Renewal Centre who can support with providing our families with Christmas presents.

If you would like support with this, please contact Miss Lambert via the school office.

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 21 October – 25 October 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	97.9%	Farah 6	93.3%	Simmonds 6	93.7%	Holst 5	89.0%	Lynn 5	97.6%	Webber 5	95.9%
	Hawking 4	95.3%	Newton 4	97.0%	Sharman 4	89.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	98.0%	Lowry 3	95.0%	Riley 3	92.3%	Churchill 2	93.3%	Nightingale 2	100%	Pankhurst 2	95.4%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	84.3%	Lee 1	87.9%	Shaw 1	98.2%	Aston R	87.9%	Grylls R	87.6%	Peake R	80.4%
	Nursery	93.3%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 11th November – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 11th November – Aston R – Phonics Workshop – 8.45am – 9.15am
- 12th November – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 12th November – Prospective New Nursery and Reception Parents Open Evening – 6pm – 7pm
- 14th November – Grylls R – Phonics Workshop – 8.45am – 9.15am
- 14th, 18th, 19th and 20th November – Scholastic Book Fair until 4pm
- 18th November – Peake R – Phonics Workshop -8.45am – 9.15am
- 21st November – Open Morning – Nursery and Reception New Parents – 9am – 11am
- 21st November – SEN Parent Catch up and Cuppa – 1.30pm – 3pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 14th November – Pyjama Tales – Year 2 – 6 – 5pm – 5.45pm
- 19th November – Flu Immunisations – Reception to Y6
- 21st November – Pyjama Tales – Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 5pm – 5.45pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 12th November – Odd Sock Day

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>