



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
29th
November
2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, wrote to the governors yesterday to confirm that we will officially transfer from being a Local Authority school to an Academy on 1st December 2024. The Secretary of State informed governors that the transfer has her approval and she had instructed the LA and TEFAT accordingly. This means today is the last time our children will attend Valley as an LA school and when they return on Monday we will be part of The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust.



We are all very excited to be joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust and look forward to a bright and exciting future ahead.

Mr Greenway, TEFAT CEO and Mr Latham, West Midlands Regional Lead will be coming into school on Tuesday to see the children and staff and welcome them to the MAT. I am sure this will be the first of many visits for them and many other colleagues from within the Trust.

Whilst immediate changes are likely to be minimal as the trust prides itself on each school keeping their unique identity, the opportunities for our children and staff being part of a Multi Academy Trust will be plentiful. The MAT is proud to be a family of schools, sharing expertise and networking across different schools and different regions. There are opportunities for children to work with children from across the Trust on projects such as a Green Eco Project, competitions such as the Edgbaston Cricket Ground Tournament and arts opportunities such as a performance at the Royal Opera House.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during this process and your anticipated support as we begin the next stage of our school's history as an Academy.

Best wishes,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

FREE SEND Inclusive Music Sessions for Children and Young People with Additional Needs

Solihull Music delivers a wide range FREE SEND music sessions for children and young people aged 7-25 years old.

Sessions take place during term time on Wednesdays 4-6pm and Saturdays 10-12pm.

We currently have spaces for the following sessions:

- Wednesday 4.30-5.15pm PLMD Music Makers Session
- Wednesday 5.15-6.00pm SEND Creative Songwriters sessions
- Saturdays 10-10.45am SEND Music Makers Family session
- Saturdays 11-12pm Inclusive Choir sessions

For more information on our **FREE** Inclusive Music sessions or sign up please click on link below:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/RYa4eJsax4hs6u5Y?ref=Link>

Donation for Local Food Bank and Families in Need

Please bring a treat to school on **Friday 6th December** for us to give to the local food bank, an elderly or housebound person or local families in need: a treat for them to eat or enjoy at Christmas would be perfect— mince pies, chocolates, cake, chocolate raisins, dried fruit, bottled drinks or cans, toiletry gift sets, hand cream etc. This Christmas Calendar event will be much appreciated and spread Christmas cheer within our community.

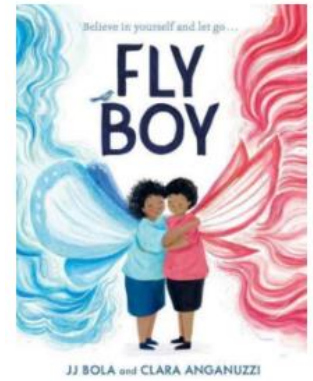
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Fly Boy' by Mr JJ Bola (Author) and Cara Anganuzzi (Illustrator)

Fly Boy's wings are dark and red. At school he breaks pens and shoves and hits. Fly Boy is desperate to fly far, far away and escape all the pain. But there is always too much noise. Thomas's wings are bright and blue—as clear as the sea and sky. Maybe, just maybe, he can help Fly Boy heal....

Masterful, mesmerising, and the perfect entry point for parents looking to encourage conversations about children's mental health. An unmissable picture book.

This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week the children have been enjoying their learning in **Nursery**. They have been showing their independence by choosing which activities they want to do, playing nicely with others and sharing. They have also started to put up the Christmas decorations!



Middle Phase

Year 2 enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiels this week. They have been singing the song 'Music is in me' for a few weeks and now they can even play the notes!



As part of **Year 2's** Indian Spice topic, the children explored tasting some Indian food. They tried poppadoms with raita, some of the children liked the raita and some of them just preferred to eat the poppadoms on their own.



Upper Phase

This week **Year 5** thoroughly enjoyed choreographing their own dance routines using cannon and unison movements in PE.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

We have a number of jumpers and coats in various sizes if any parents/carers feel that this would be of benefit. Please feel free to pop into the school office on either site or alternatively send an email to office@valley.solihull.sch.uk Stating your child's name, class and size needed.

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 18 November – 22 November 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	91.4%	Farah 6	92.5%	Simmonds 6	93.0%	Holst 5	96.3%	Lynn 5	95.0%	Webber 5	91.4%
	Hawking 4	95.7%	Newton 4	95.0%	Sharman 4	85.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	96.0%	Lowry 3	92.5%	Riley 3	94.4%	Churchill 2	93.0%	Nightingale 2	100%	Pankhurst 2	97.5%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	81.7%	Lee 1	81.4%	Shaw 1	87.3%	Aston R	73.7%	Grylls R	84.1%	Peake R	67.5%
	Nursery	86.0%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 2nd December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 3rd December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 9th December – Christmas Performance Y4 – 9am
- 9th December – Christmas Performance Y2 – 2.40pm
- 9th December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 10th December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 10th December – Christmas Performance – Nursery – 9am
- 10th December – Christmas Performance – Y1 -2.40pm
- 11th December – Christmas Performance – Y5 – 9am
- 11th December – Christmas Performance – Y3 – 2.40pm
- 12th December – Christmas Performance – Reception – 9am
- 12th December – Guitar Concert – Holst 5 – 2.40pm
- 13th December – Christmas Performance – Y6 – 9am

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 4th December – Reception visit to Elmdon Church – 1pm
- 11th December – Y2 visit to Elmdon Church – 9.30am

Please support your child to participate in...

4th December – Christmas Dinner – Upper Phase

5th December – Christmas Dinner – Middle Phase

6th December – Christmas Dinner – Lower Phase

11th December – Y4 Cheerleading Festival – Lode Heath School – 4pm-5.30pm

16th December – Touchwood Choir Competition – Touchwood Centre – 6pm.

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>