



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
13<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole staff team have been so proud of our children this week as they spread Christmas cheer during their year group performances. In all the years that I have been lucky enough to be at Valley, I can't recall such a range of performances- from nativities and carols to rewritten classics and ABBA hits, the children's talents shone, and the diverse languages spoken as audiences were wished a merry Christmas was a wonderful surprise. Well done to all involved and thank you for joining us, joining in and providing the children with such caring, appreciative audiences.

Please remember to visit our website to relive a little of the magic or to share with family: [Valley Primary School - Video Centre](#)

We have another week of learning mixed with festive fun next week, so please see diary dates at the bottom of this letter and also available via our website.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,  
Mrs Wilton

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### SEND Queries

Mrs Heaven is currently off school, so the Senior Leadership Team are 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 SEND Specialist Intervention Space.

Mrs Wood for any queries about Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 SEND needs, IEPs or support in class.

Mrs Wilton for any queries about Year 3, 4, 5 or Year 6 SEND needs, IEPs or support in class.

Please do not use the SENDCO email at this time and use the above instead.

May we take this opportunity to assure you that 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.

### School Street Scheme

Please be reminded of the school streets restrictions on Fallowfield Road between the junctions of Elm Park Road and Gaydon Road, and Mountjoy Crescent and Meriden Rise. These restrictions are in effect during the following times **Monday to Thursday 8.00am- 8.50am and 2.35pm-3.35pm. Friday 8.00am – 8.50am and 1.05pm – 2.05pm.**

We would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to park with consideration to our neighbours and local businesses when parking and driving around school, the safety of your children is paramount.

### Solihull Parenting Team

Solihull Parenting have put together a calendar of events during the Spring Term for support, advice and signposting for all parents/carers in Solihull which you may find of interest. They are holding face to face or virtual 'Being a Parent' groups, 'Understanding Your Child' face to face sessions aimed at parents of children from 4 to 11 years of age and 'Five to Thrive' sessions for parents with children aged up to 2 years of age. Further information can be found at

[bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net](mailto:bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net).

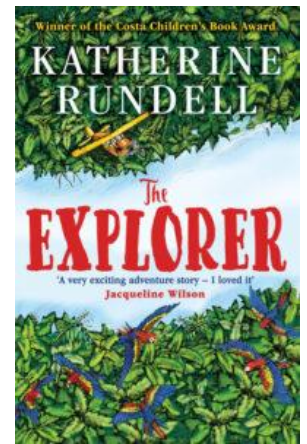
## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

### 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell

The Explorer is an exciting and gripping adventure that see four children learning to survive as the journey through unfamiliar and challenging circumstances.

This book transports you to a richly drawn land and you will find yourself right there with the children as they follow a map to a lost city, eating tarantulas and swimming with river dolphins!

This book is suitable for Upper Phase.



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

On Tuesday, the **Nursery** children did their Christmas performance in front of all their parents. They all had such a fun time practising the Christmas songs and actions. Some of the children were brave enough to speak in front of the grown-ups. Merry Christmas from Nursery!



### Middle Phase

This week **Year 2** visited Elmdon Church. They had a great talk from the vicar who even showed the children how the bells worked! The children also completed a scavenger hunt around the nativity scene trail after they had learnt lots of new things. All of the children had a fantastic time!



### Upper Phase

Some of our children from **Year 4** attended a cheerleading festival on Wednesday evening at Lode Heath School. They all performed with big smiles on their faces and demonstrated superb effort. It was lovely to see them enjoying themselves and confidently displaying their routine to a crowded hall. Well done to all those who took part. Go Valley!



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

The deadline for **Nursery applications for September 2025 is 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. The application forms are available on our website under the admissions page. **Reception applications** are open and available via your council portal. The deadline for these applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Any applications received after this date will result in the application being processed after the national offer date of 16th April 2025.

### 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 2 December – 6 December 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	91.1%	Farah 6	<b>93.7%</b>	Simmonds 6	90.3%	Holst 5	<b>99.3%</b>	Lynn 5	83.4%	Webber 5	91.8%
	Hawking 4	92.3%	Newton 4	<b>95.3%</b>	Sharman 4	89.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	<b>93.2%</b>	Lowry 3	88.3%	Riley 3	89.6%	Churchill 2	<b>97.4%</b>	Nightingale 2	94.7%	Pankhurst 2	97.1%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	91.7%	Lee 1	90.0%	Shaw 1	<b>92.7%</b>	Aston R	89.6%	Grylls R	<b>95.4%</b>	Peake R	80.4%
	Nursery	90.6%										

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

## DIARY DATES

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

16<sup>th</sup> December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm

17<sup>th</sup> December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am

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

20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day

7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term

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

16<sup>th</sup> December – Touchwood Choir Competition – Touchwood Centre – 6pm.

17<sup>th</sup> December – Wear a Christmas or Brightly coloured jumper plus non uniform - £2 donation split between school and Save the Children.

17<sup>th</sup> December – Bake Sale - £1 for two cakes.

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party – Nursery – am

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties – Reception – Y6 - pm

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>