



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
10th January
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It has been great to welcome back all our children this week and see smiling, happy children, pleased to be back with their friends and enjoying beginning their new learning for the Spring Term.

The children have particularly enjoyed their Engage events this week. We have seen some incredible excitement and some of our most exciting moments have involved children stepping back in time...Year 1 went as far as the Victorian era and enjoyed learning about Victorian school life. The children are now all looking forward to learning more about their new topics this half term.

May I take this opportunity to remind you how crucial it is that children are in school and punctual every day, unless they are poorly, which of course we understand. We have some children who are being less resilient with this, so as we begin 2025, I would ask that you endeavour to help us to promote this. If your child is struggling for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact our pastoral team and they will be happy to offer some help and support.

I would also like to thank parents with children on Fallowfield Road for your understanding as we have moved to cold lunches this week following the issue with our kitchen. We are doing everything possible to resolve this as soon as we can and begin our hot meal service again.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

SEND/IEP 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.

Children accessing SEND support should be bringing home a copy of their IEP targets with them and class teachers or link SLT members welcome any questions you may have.

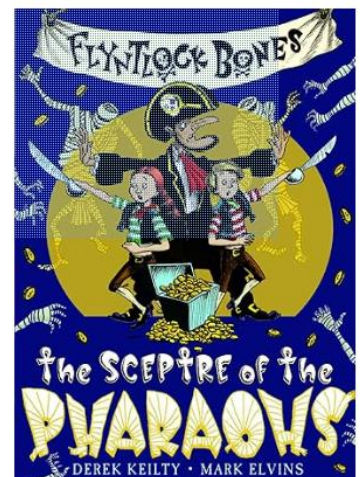
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Flyntlock Bones: The Sceptre of the Pharaohs' by Derek Keilty

Welcome to the Black Hound - a ship full of the cleverest pirate investigators ya ever set eyes upon...

When Flynn applies for the job of cabin boy on the Black Hound, he doesn't expect it to be a pirate ship! But soon he is setting sail for the Seven Seas, on a perilous quest to recover ancient treasure bound by a magical curse. The first in a trilogy of three pirate investigator adventures!

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week the children in **Reception** have been exploring the text 'The Colour Monster' and have made a monster biscuit to show different emotions. They can't wait to explore the story more!



Middle Phase

Year 3 were finding out about the continent of North America on their Engage Day. They used the iPads to find out about different cities and landmarks. They learnt about different flags and used the Atlas to locate and name different countries.



Upper Phase

This week, the children in **Simmonds 6** began their dance lessons in PE, working hard to copy and repeat a dance phrase. As choreographers, they had to keep a beat, learn a short sequence of related movements, ensure everyone in their group could complete and recall the sequence and then perform to another group. Everyone persevered to learn their own steps but showed wonderful collaboration when encouraging and supporting those around them.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

The deadline for **Nursery applications for September 2025 is 13th 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 **15th January 2025**. If the number of spaces in the school outweighs the number of applications, all children will receive an offer. Applying late will affect the offer you can expect to receive.

Any applications received after the closing 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

ATTENDANCE – W/C 16 December – 20 December 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	95.0%	Farah 6	94.3%	Simmonds 6	92.3%	Holst 5	97.3%	Lynn 5	86.9%	Webber 5	93.9%
	Hawking 4	93.3%	Newton 4	89.7%	Sharman 4	83.0%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	93.2%	Lowry 3	97.9%	Riley 3	92.0%	Churchill 2	97.4%	Nightingale 2	96.3%	Pankhurst 2	87.1%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	83.0%	Lee 1	94.1%	Shaw 1	95.9%	Aston R	87.8%	Grylls R	95.4%	Peake R	83.2%
	Nursery	88%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

13th January - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm

14th January - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am

14th January – Maths Workshop – Churchill 2 – 9am

15th January – Maths Workshop – Nightingale 2 – 9am

16th January – Maths Workshop – Pankhurst 2 – 9am

21st January – Maths Workshop – Ennis 6 – 9am

22nd January – Maths Workshop – Farah 6 – 9am

23rd January – Maths Workshop – Simmonds 6 – 9am

23rd January – Numbots & Oxford Owl E Library Workshop – Reception – 9am

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>