



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
31st January  
2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with photographs this week. It was lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms and they were incredibly proud to have both their individual and their class photographs taken. You should have a QR code for your child's photograph and can order directly from the website. These should be available to view within the next few days.

Thank you also to our Year 6 parents who attended the SATs information session yesterday. It is great to have so many supportive parents working with us as the children prepare for these important end of key stage assessments. If you were unable to make the meeting or if you would like to revisit the information, the powerpoint we shared is saved on the Year 6 year group page on our school website.

Finally, may I encourage you to support us in celebrating children's mental health week next week and talk to your children about the activities they are doing in school and encourage them to spend some time focusing on good mental health.

Have a good weekend everybody,  
Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Children's Mental Health Week

Here at Valley, we are taking part in Place 2 Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025 (3rd – 9th February 2025). This year's theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', and so throughout the week we shall be exploring this theme through our assembly and activities which encourage self-discovery and growth.

Place 2 Be explain how the theme links with our mental health with, "The more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs. Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel joy and what may cause us sadness. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way."

For more information, and specifically for ways in which you can support at home, please click on the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#families>

We would love for you to get involved!

### Donations for the Hub

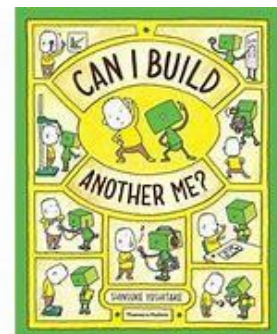
The Hub based on Fallowfield Road which is set up for some of our younger SEN children, would be extremely grateful for donations of any figures, jigsaws or games which your child/children no longer use. They are particularly interested in items from Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol and Bluey. Any Disney cars and number blocks would also be very much appreciated. Donations can be handed into the school office.

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

**"Can I build another me.?" by Shinsuke Yoshitake**

This is a fun book about Kevin wanting a robot to be him, so that the robot could do the things that he didn't want to do. However, before the robot could pretend to be Kevin, Kevin needed to tell the robot all about him. And the more he told him, the more he realised how special he really is!

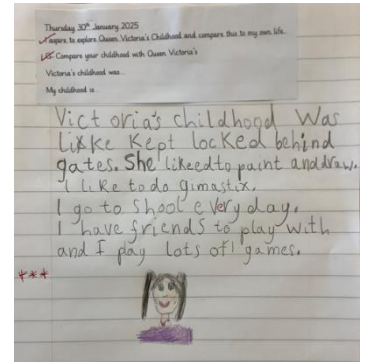
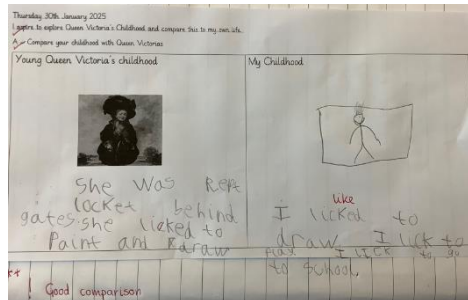
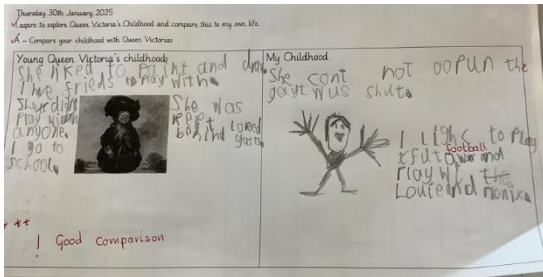
**This book is suitable for readers in the middle phase.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

In **Year 1**, the children have been finding out about Queen Victoria's childhood. They found out that she didn't play with other children and that she didn't go to school. The children compared her childhood with their childhoods, looking at similarities and differences.



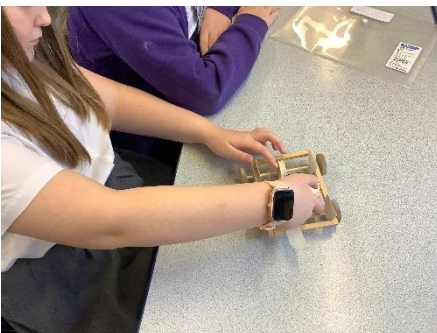
### Middle Phase

In art, **Year 2** used clay to create different lines, patterns and textures. They used a range of tools to help create these.



### Upper Phase

**Year 6** have been adding electrical circuits to their motorised vehicles in DT. They had to make choices about where their motor could sit, so the cam could turn the axles.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Pastoral Team

As you know next week is Children's mental health week and the Witherslack group have a free support pack that you can download. It contains information on understanding the signs of mental health, strategies & advice to support children's wellbeing and also includes some mindful activities for you to try at home with your child. Please click on the link below, which will take you directly to the relevant information.

[Children's Mental Health Support Pack - Witherslack Group](#)



### 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 20 January – 24 January 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	86.4%	Farah 6	91.0%	Simmonds 6	<b>92.4%</b>	Holst 5	<b>97.0%</b>	Lynn 5	95.9%	Webber 5	90.0%
	Hawking 4	94.0%	Newton 4	<b>95.0%</b>	Sharman 4	94.0%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	94.8%	Lowry 3	<b>98.3%</b>	Riley 3	92.9%	Churchill 2	90.9%	Nightingale 2	97.0%	Pankhurst 2	<b>98.3%</b>
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	91.7%	Lee 1	<b>96.5%</b>	Shaw 1	92.3%	Aston R	91.9%	Grylls R	<b>96.5%</b>	Peake R	92.6%
	Nursery	98.3%										

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

## DIARY DATES

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane - 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> February - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 10<sup>th</sup> February - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane - 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> February - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Y4 – Express Event – 2.45pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Reception – Express Event – 2.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> February - Y1 – Express Event – 2.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – Holst 5 - Guitar Performance – 2.45pm

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

- W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February – National Story Telling Week
- W/C 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term

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

- 4<sup>th</sup> February – Boys Football – Old Sills – 3.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Y5 – National Space Centre Trip – All 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>