



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
28th February  
2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Year 2 and Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed educational visits to the Black Country Museum and the Peace Pagoda. The excitement from our children was clear and they have all enjoyed these learning experiences outside of school. Many members of the public have commented on the wonderful behaviour of our children and it has been lovely to receive numerous compliments on the children's enthusiasm for their learning. We currently have a trip planned for each year group every academic year but this does depend on receiving sufficient voluntary contributions and sufficient parent helpers to enable these to go ahead. This is currently proving challenging so we would very much value any feedback and thoughts from parents regarding trips as this can then be fed into our planning for next academic year.

Thank you to our Year 6 parents for completing the questionnaire regarding the residential. These have been collated now and are being considered in conjunction with the views of our Year 6 children which vary vastly and include some great ideas. We are working closely with the residential centre, and other visit providers to find the best possible solution. I will endeavour to have an update for you by the end of next week.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

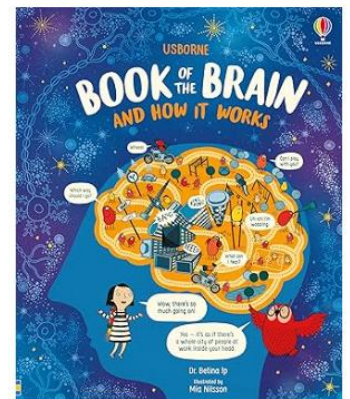
Solihull Parent Carer Voice will be hosting a **free sleep workshop** for all parents at Valley Primary school, Old Lode Lane site on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am**. They will be covering a range of difficulties to include staying asleep, bedtime routines and other strategies and support.

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Usborne Book of the Brain and How It Works' by Betina Ip (Author), Mia Nilsson (Illustrator)

This visually astonishing story takes children on a journey into and through the brain. Simple but beautifully illustrated metaphors explain the different jobs that our brains do, and how they use brain cells to accomplish them. From the senses to sleep, memories to making decisions, this book brings the wonder of brains and brain science to life.

**This book is suitable to read to children in Middle Phase and Upper Phase.**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

This week in **Year 1**, the children had their Engage day. They learnt all about their new topic 'Towers and Turrets' by having a medieval banquet, learning a medieval dance and even practising their jousting skills!



## Middle Phase

In **Year 3** the children really enjoyed their Engage day. They have been finding out all about the Terrible Tudors. Firstly, they looked at the battle of Bosworth, then they learnt about the different Tudor kings and queens and the wives of Henry VIII. At the end of the day, they reenacted the Battle of Bosworth on the playground!



## Upper Phase

This week **Year 6** started their new topic 'Kingdom on the Nile'. For their Engage day, they became Howard Carter and searched for the lost tomb of Tutankhamun, finding artefacts and drawing them. They then analysed and imitated parts of sarcophagi to immerse themselves in their digital art project and finally organised facts into true or false piles. They were surprised by some of the facts: Did you know that Tutankhamun's tomb was raided twice before being discovered by Carter's team?



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As you are aware, national offer day for Secondary school places for September 2025 is fast approaching. As the 1st March falls on a weekend, we have been advised that all year 6 parents will receive their outcomes on Monday 3rd March, which is the next working day.

### 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 10 February – 14 February 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	86.8%	Farah 6	<b>96.9%</b>	Simmonds 6	93.1%	Holst 5	92.0%	Lynn 5	<b>95.5%</b>	Webber 5	90.0%
	Hawking 4	94.3%	Newton 4	<b>98.3%</b>	Sharman 4	89.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	<b>95.4%</b>	Lowry 3	91.6%	Riley 3	85.8%	Churchill 2	85.2%	Nightingale 2	<b>99.0%</b>	Pankhurst 2	94.3%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	<b>91.7%</b>	Lee 1	<b>91.7%</b>	Shaw 1	88.2%	Aston R	<b>95.6%</b>	Grylls R	93.4%	Peake R	89.3%
	Nursery	92.8%										

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

## **DIARY DATES**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Ramadan Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> March – Reception - Vision Screening

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

5<sup>th</sup> March – SPCV Coffee Morning – (Sleep Workshop) - 9.00am – Old Lode Lane

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Day

13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 – Warwick Castle Trip

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>