



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
7<sup>th</sup> March  
2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day was incredible at Valley! The buzz around school talking about different books, characters within books, discussing plots and how they would have written these was just amazing. The children then designed their own World Book Day T Shirt based around their favourite book and wore these with pride, talking to their friends and adults across school about why this was their favourite book and what was wonderful about it. Our focus on non fiction texts later in the day was also great and helped children know that books are enjoyable but can also be very useful for information and facts.

Next week we will celebrate Science Day. The children will take part in different Science activities on Tuesday and there will be different home learning challenges available to do at home each day throughout next week. Alongside this we will run a Science based competition and prizes will be awarded for the best entries. We look forward to nurturing Science next week and another enjoyable enrichment opportunity.

May I thank you all for your continued support with these opportunities which the children thoroughly enjoy and I know love discussing with you afterwards.

Finally, thank you to our Year 6 parents for the patience and understanding regarding our Year 6 end of year offer. You should now all have a letter with our end of year celebration month offer which will replace our usual residential this year and includes several activities and trips. Our Year 6 children are incredibly excited about this. I will be available at both SLT drop ins next week if any of you would like to discuss this further and we look forward to helping Year 6 enjoy some additional experiences to make their last few weeks at Valley extra memorable.

Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Science Week

On **Tuesday 11th March**, we will be celebrating National Science Week with a fun filled day of Science. Children should wear normal school uniform on this day.

Our annual Science home experiments will be uploaded to our website on Monday. [Valley Primary School - Home Science Investigations](#)

Children will receive a house point for each Science experiment they complete. If all five are completed, your child will receive 10 house points for their house!

7 - 16 March



BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK 2025



### Ramadan Assemblies

This week, we had the pleasure of Mrs Maryam visiting us from Masjid Ali. She came into school to deliver assemblies on both sites talking all about Ramadan and Eid. She taught us what Ramadan is and why Muslims fast during this holy month. She also explained how Muslims celebrate Eid and shared the names and purpose for certain Islamic artefacts. Ramadan Mubarak to all those observing.



### Sickness information update

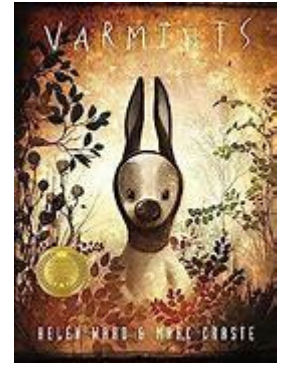
Children who are experiencing diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least **2 days (48 hours)**.

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

### 'Varmints' by Helen Ward

This short story is narrated mostly through the detailed images alongside it. It tells the story of those who love nature and the outdoors and their journey through the process of industrialisation. It shows the change in landscapes and how some may choose to respond to the change.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

In **Reception**, the highlight of the week was World Book Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their favourite books with their friends and then creating their fabulous T-Shirts.



### Middle Phase

**Year 2** loved designing their T-shirts on World Book Day using ideas from their favourite books. They spent the morning sharing why they were their favourite and getting creative!



### Upper Phase

During the **Year 5** Volleyball focus in PE lessons, the children have been exploring receiving serves and setting up attacks by developing their underarm serves, high catches and fast pushes when participating in rallies. Although these have been challenging passes, everyone has shown great levels of perseverance.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Pastoral Team

#### Did you know Solihull now has a new Family Help Line?

The Family Helpline has launched to support families and the people around them. You can now call **0121 788 4327** for advice, information, strategies & support on things like:

- Parenting support
- Family conflict, particularly because of difficulties managing children's behaviours
- Parents/carers needing support if they are struggling to get their child/ren into school and getting in trouble because of this
- Parents/carers struggling to manage their child's health, developmental or social needs (including mental health)

The team can offer:

- Signposting to services and what's on offer at the Family Hubs
- Referral to a Family Support Worker
- Advice and Support on the wider Early Help offer & how this works

### 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 24 February – 28 February 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	92.5%	Farah 6	<b>97.1%</b>	Simmonds 6	95.3%	Holst 5	<b>99.3%</b>	Lynn 5	94.8%	Webber 5	88.2%
	Hawking 4	<b>97.3%</b>	Newton 4	95.2%	Sharman 4	93.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	<b>96.9%</b>	Lowry 3	<b>99.2%</b>	Riley 3	95.8%	Churchill 2	94.8%	Nightingale 2	95.5%	Pankhurst 2	<b>96.5%</b>
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	92.9%	Lee 1	92.6%	Shaw 1	<b>96.4%</b>	Aston R	94.6%	Grylls R	95.5%	Peake R	<b>95.6%</b>
	Nursery	89.1%										

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

## DIARY DATES

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

- 10<sup>th</sup> March – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm-4.15pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Hawking 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Sharman 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Newton 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> March – Reception - Vision Screening
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Days Gift Shop – Fallowfield Road
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Days Gift Shop – Old Lode Lane
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Spring Walk

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

- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 – Warwick Castle Trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 – Selly Manor Museum Trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Ennis 6 and Farah 6 – Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Simmonds 6 – Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery 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>