



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
21st March
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Valley! Thank you to staff, children and volunteers that joined in with Year 3's trip to discover more about life during the time of the Tudors at Selly Manor and Year 6's trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to deepen learning relating to early civilisations and the ancient Egyptians. Our Reception children also made us proud in early field work at Elmdon Park, exploring our local environment and noticing signs of seasonal change. It has been a joy to hear fascinating facts and real enjoyment of learning.

A big thank you also to staff and parents supporting Year 4's Maths workshops this week. This enabled our budding mathematicians to share success and showcase developing knowledge and speed with times tables.

The PTFA have also continued to work incredibly hard to support our school. We are so grateful for the organisation of successful Mothers' Day sales and efforts currently being put into the planning of enjoyable events for our children later this term. Watch this space!

Mrs Wilton

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Message from Hugh Greenway, The Elliot Foundation CEO:

The TEFAT annual report has now been published. Click here to take a look <https://shorturl.at/18buo>. Thank you to our Year 4 Romans who proudly posed to represent Valley.

Elliot complete regular parent questionnaires which are then discussed with school leaders with the aim of further improving the offer for our children. This takes just a few minutes and is very short with most questions using a grading system from 1 – 5 with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. Please click here to complete it <https://shorturl.at/uFd1n>

When completing this questionnaire, there are some questions towards the end which invite comments. We would appreciate you adding in at least one best thing about Valley which is something you or your child really like, alongside anything you think we could do more of. Any thoughts regarding these will help us ensure the right changes are made for the next academic year and, for example, we don't decide to change something that lots of you feel is the best thing and particularly value about our school.

The deadline for completion is **Thursday 24th March 9am** as Trust leaders will meet with School leaders on Thursday morning to discuss your responses.

Thank you.

Lockdown and Fire Evacuation Procedures

At Valley, we have two types of lockdown. Code Red lockdown means there is something significant happening and we must implement full lockdown with children silent and out of sight as much as possible. Code Amber lockdown means children can continue with their learning and need not worry, the only change is they must stay in their classrooms and close doors and windows as there is something happening in school which needs resolving. This will be actioned using our Alexas or through a whistle.

We also have fire evacuation processes if there is a fire or suspected fire in the building. Everybody leaves the building through the nearest exit and goes to their fire evacuation point for registration. This will be actioned by a continuous bell on our alarm.

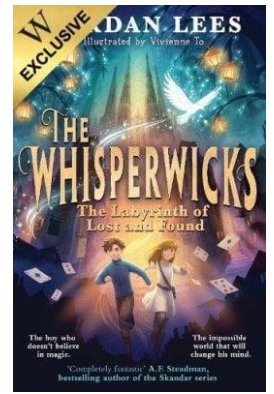
We have been discussing these safety measures with the children this week and reinforcing how important they are. We plan to have drills in the next couple of weeks to practice, so please do reinforce the importance with your children but also reassure them, as we have, that they are nothing to worry about, it is just to ensure they are safe regardless of the situation in school.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Whisperwicks' by Adiran Lees

A boy who doesn't believe in magic. An impossible world that will change his mind. Eleven-year-old Benjamiah Creek believes in science, logic and the power of reason. He definitely does not believe in magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post - a doll that can transformed into a bird - he is led into the impossible (and most definitely magical) world of Wreathenwold, where dark secrets are lost amongst a vast labyrinth of streets.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, went on a Spring walk to Elmdon park. The children identified features of Spring, including blossom on trees, flowers growing and new birds in nests. The children were super excited to see Spring arrive and are looking forward to comparing the seasons further.



Middle Phase

On Monday, **Year 3** went to visit Selly Manor. They found out lots more about life in Tudor times including what their houses were made from, the food they ate and the games the children played. They had a great time and shared their own excellent Tudor knowledge which really impressed the guides!



Upper Phase

This week, **Year 6** went on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. During the day, they participated in a workshop about 'Life and Death in Ancient Egypt', where they looked at artefacts, dressed up as pharaohs and Gods and made jewellery. The children were also able to take a look around the museum exhibits, learning about the History of Birmingham and exploring different artwork. Everyone had a fabulous day and made their teachers very proud!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

All parents/carers that are entitled to free school meals should have now had the Holidays and Food email and code. This will also entitle the children access to free holiday camps in the Easter holidays. If you have not received the email or code, please get in touch with Miss Lambert who would be happy to chase this for you.

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 10 March – 14 March 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	96.1%	Farah 6	97.5%	Simmonds 6	96.2%	Holst 5	98.7%	Lynn 5	92.5%	Webber 5	94.6%
	Hawking 4	98.0%	Newton 4	91.7%	Sharman 4	91.0%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	95.4%	Lowry 3	95.8%	Riley 3	94.6%	Churchill 2	97.3%	Nightingale 2	98.0%	Pankhurst 2	97.4%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	93.3%	Lee 1	97.4%	Shaw 1	95.5%	Aston R	93.2%	Grylls R	94.3%	Peake R	99.33%
	Nursery	96.5%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 24th March – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm-4.15pm
- 25th March – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 25th March – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6.30pm
- 27th March – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6.30pm
- 31st March – PTFA Easter Chocolate Event – 3.20pm – 3.45pm
- 1st April – PTFA Easter Chocolate Event – 3.20pm – 3.45pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 26th March – Reception – Height and Weights – 9am

Please support your child to participate in...

- 3rd April – PTFA EYFS Disco – Fallowfield Road - 4pm – 4.50pm
- 4th April – PTFA Year 1- 6 Disco – Old Lode Lane – **Y1 & Y2** 4.00-4.50pm, **Y3 & Y4** 5.00-5.50pm, **Y5 & Y6** 6.00-6.50pm.

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>