



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
28th March
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who attended parents evenings this week, it was wonderful to see you all enjoying sharing your children's books and we had so many proud parents across the school. So many of you commented on the amount of quality work the children do and several of you noted significant improvements since our Autumn term parents evening which is exactly what we aim to achieve.

May I remind you that the deadline for our Science week competition is Tuesday 1st April. This is going to be very difficult to judge as we have already had some incredible new creatures created. Linked to our theme this year 'Change and Adapt' when creating their new animal, children have been thinking carefully about adaptations to survive in a particular environment including teeth, body shape, how they move, what they eat, where they live and how they protect themselves from predators. We are really looking forward to sharing all our new Valley created creatures next week. Many thanks to everybody who has encouraged their child to take part, just a few days left if your child is yet to create their animal and would like to enter the competition.

Have a lovely weekend everybody
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

School Uniform Reminder

Please could we remind you that all children should be in full school uniform every day except PE days. This includes a school tie from Year 1 upwards and black school shoes. On P.E. Days children are welcome to come in PE kit but this must be a full school PE kit including a purple fleece and black trainers.

If any parents are struggling to provide any items on our school uniform for your child, please contact our pastoral team who will be very happy to help.

Uniform Donation Request

Please could we request donations of any quality **black trainers, black school shoes and school ties** which children have finished with as we have some children without.

SPCV Coffee and Chat

Our next Solihull Parent Carer Coffee & chat afternoon is **Wednesday 9th April at 1.30pm** at the Old Lode Lane site. This will be a **FREE** workshop on masking behaviours. The workshop will explore why children mask and strategies to support these behaviours. This is open to anyone who would be interested in this topic and refreshments will be provided.

Attendance

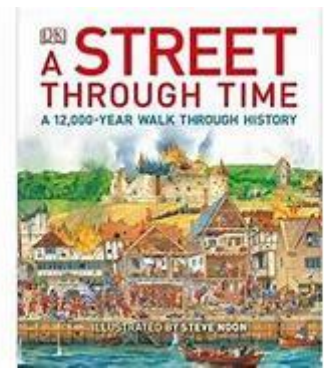
We would like to remind all parents/carers that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, you are required to either leave a voicemail on our absence line or email the school office. We would ask that you do this as soon as possible or **by 9am at the latest**. Our **absence line is 0121 743 4691 opt 1** and our email address is office@valley.solihull.sch.uk. Please include your child's name, class and reason for absence. In the event you are taking your child out of school for any reason other than illness please complete a leave of absence request which can be requested from either school office or on our website via the link below. This then allows us to record your child's absence correctly, failure to do so may result in an unauthorised absence. <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=92>

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'A street through time' by Steve Noon

Have you ever wondered what your street was like hundreds and hundreds of years ago? In this book you can follow the life of one such street. You will see it develop from a small Stone Age camp - changing over thousands of years - into a bustling riverside thoroughfare in the heart of a metropolis. This beautifully illustrated book brings fourteen key periods in history to life.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week the children in **Year 1** have been learning about the African Savannah in their Power of Reading text, 'One Day on Our Blue Planet.' They looked at lots of pictures and created their own African Savannah setting. The children then described their setting using adjectives.



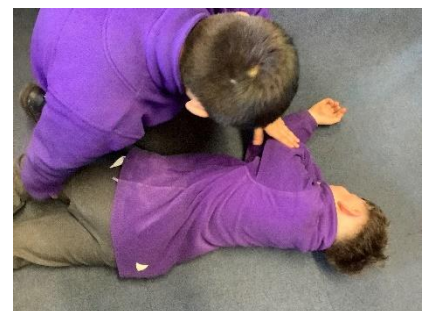
Middle Phase

In **Year 3**, the children have been learning about magnets and materials that magnets are attracted to. They sorted items on their table into magnetic and non-magnetic groups. The children found that most magnet materials were metals, but not all metals are magnetic.



Upper Phase

During **Year 5's** PSHE lesson, the children looked at the importance of knowing how to use the recovery position in an emergency situation. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and showed excellent team work.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

Every Friday morning at **Hatchford Brook Family Hub, Old Lode Lane** the **Family Support Team** hold a drop-in session from **09:00am -12:00pm**. Parents/carers are welcome to visit the team for assistance with family needs such as parenting and additional support. No need to book, just drop-in.

The **Local Authority School Attendance Team** also hold a drop-in session at The Family Hub every Friday morning from **09:30am-12:00pm**. Does your child worry about going to school? Do you feel you have tried everything? Attend the drop-in sessions for attendance support. For more information, email attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk.

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 17 March – 21 March 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	95.7%	Farah 6	97.5%	Simmonds 6	96.1%	Holst 5	98.7%	Lynn 5	93.6%	Webber 5	92.5%
	Hawking 4	92.3%	Newton 4	96.9%	Sharman 4	86.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	93.8%	Lowry 3	97.3%	Riley 3	95.0%	Churchill 2	90.0%	Nightingale 2	95.0%	Pankhurst 2	93.5%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	87.9%	Lee 1	94.8%	Shaw 1	92.3%	Aston R	91.8%	Grylls R	99.3%	Peake R	93.9%
	Nursery	94.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

31st March – PTFA Easter Chocolate Event – 3.20pm – 3.45pm – Fallowfield Road

1st April – PTFA Easter Chocolate Event – 3.30pm – 3.55pm – Old Lode Lane

9th April – SPCV Coffee and Chat – 1.30pm – Old Lode Lane

10th April – Guitar Concert – Webber 5 – 2.50pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

11th April – End of Term

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>