



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
4th April 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you very much to our PTFA for organising a wonderful Easter Wonka Bar event. It was just fabulous to see our children so excited looking for, and for the lucky ones finding, a golden ticket in their chocolate bar. It was a great extra surprise when the Easter Bunny came along to support the event and this made it even more exciting.

Many children enjoyed a prize from the Easter basket and next week some classes will have an extra playtime won by one of their class. I am also looking forward to taking a few hours off next week when I hand over to our winners of Headteacher for the day! The winners of this are yet to be revealed, so watch this space. We hope you will meet them on the gate at Old Lode Lane on Monday and Fallowfield Road on Tuesday.

The PTFA also did a great job organising discos on both sites to end the week with excitement. We are very lucky to have such great volunteers who not only raise money for our school but also offer fun opportunities for our children which they otherwise would not have the opportunity to enjoy. A big thank you to everybody who volunteers, to our PTFA Chair, Secretary and Committee member and to all of you who support events.

Have a lovely weekend enjoying the sunshine,
Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Class Mixing for September 2025

We plan to mix classes for September in every year group. Class teachers will be carefully considering which children will be in each of the classes as they know the children very well. Should you have any concerns either from this year or previous years that should be fed into these discussions, please ensure your child's class teacher knows by **Friday 9th May** at the latest.

Reading Books and Library Books

We will be collecting in all reading books next **Thursday, 10th April**. We will also be collecting in library books next week. If your child's library day is usually Friday, please ensure they have their library book in school on Thursday. Thank you.

Religious Assemblies

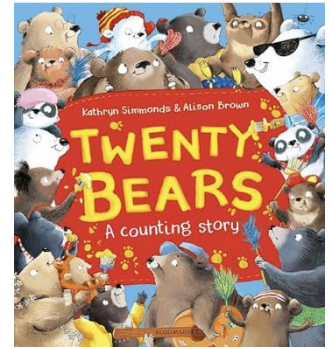
This week, we had the pleasure of Mr Inderjit Singh visiting us. He came into school to deliver assemblies on both sites talking all about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. He taught us the story behind why Vaisakhi is celebrated and how it is celebrated. Happy Vaisakhi to all those celebrating on **Monday 14th April**.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Twenty Bears' by Kathryn Simmonds

The funniest counting book of the year, featuring twenty VERY silly bears. Can you count them all?



Twenty bears have been asleep
Lying in a snoring heap.
Now it's spring and time to clean!
Time to tidy, shine and sheen!

Get ready for a shot of pure counting fun, as twenty very busy bears attempt to spring clean their cottage after winter hibernation. Spring is here and it's time to TIDY ... but are these silly bears up to the task?

This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week in **Reception**, the children have been working hard to improve their fine motor skills trying a variety of different activities.



Middle Phase

In geography, **Year 2** have been comparing two locations, Lyme Regis and Solihull. It has been fascinating to learn the geographical features of both areas and they really enjoyed looking at maps and then making their own map and key.



Upper Phase

Sharman 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their cricket sessions in the sunshine. Working in small groups, they have been honing their batting and fielding skills while deepening their understanding of the game. It is fantastic to see everyone's progress, from more accurate strikes to quicker runs between the wickets. The enthusiasm and teamwork on display have made each session even more enjoyable!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

With the warmer weather coming, children must have a water bottle and hat in school everyday. Water bottles are available to purchase on parent pay at a cost of **£1.50**. Summer uniform can be worn from the start of the Summer term. Due to the rising costs of living, should you require any support with uniform please contact me via the email address below.

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 24 March – 28 March 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	93.6%	Farah 6	83.2%	Simmonds 6	95.1%	Holst 5	96.0%	Lynn 5	92.5%	Webber 5	91.7%
	Hawking 4	95.7%	Newton 4	97.9%	Sharman 4	89.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	93.8%	Lowry 3	99.2%	Riley 3	96.2%	Churchill 2	92.3%	Nightingale 2	95.2%	Pankhurst 2	94.8%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	93.3%	Lee 1	96.8%	Shaw 1	96.8%	Aston R	91.1%	Grylls R	92.9%	Peake R	88.2%
	Nursery	91.5%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 7th April – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 8th April – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 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
- 29th April – Start of Term
- 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday

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>