



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
11th April
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everybody for your support this half term. It has been a hugely successful one for Valley with so many different successes. Thank you to our staff team, our partner agencies, our volunteers and our Trust colleagues who have supported Valley. Many thanks too, to you our parents and to our fabulous children who make us smile and amaze us with their achievements daily.

This week, I must thank our PTFA for organising a great Easter event where children won golden tickets with all sorts of prizes, including a prize to experience being Headteacher for the day. Harry won on Old Lode Lane and Leo on Fallowfield Road. Both were fabulous and enjoyed the experience very much.

They both arrived dressed smartly ready for their role. Harry greeted children on the door and Leo was in charge of the gates. Both jointly led assembly and decided which classes got House Points. Harry also did an important survey for the school requested by highways before enjoying a cake and break in the staffroom. Both then emailed the teaching staff to let them know they would be visiting classrooms to see books and which children were challenging themselves with their work. Harry awarded special Headteacher award postcards and Leo gave out special Headteacher stickers. Both Harry and Leo were brilliant at their role and had a wonderful day, as did I sharing my job with them and seeing the smiles from both them and their friends across school. Thank you for brightening up our last week boys!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter and a lovely holiday,
Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Safeguarding Concerns

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please do contact school to discuss this. Should this concern arise during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. You can also contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4.30pm), or 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays) or if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

Life Skill Champions

We would like to say a 'huge congratulations' to all of our Life Skill Champions who have demonstrated great Time Management skills this half term. It has been fantastic to hear about all of the children's achievements. All of these children are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.

Next half-term, our Life Skill focus will be Decision Making. We can't wait to hear about all the ways in which the children can demonstrate this and look forward to awarding more Life Skills Champions!

Nursery:	Emelia E	Grylls R:	William H	Shaw 1:	Millie B
		Peake R:	Noah T	Bell 1:	Alfie E
		Aston R:	Giovannia S	Lee 1:	Billy B
Pankhurst 2:	Carter A	Hockney 3:	Leo S	Hawking 4:	Edward T
Churchill 2:	Cali D	Lowry 3:	Delilah H	Newton 4:	Amina R
Nightingale 2:	Harum K	Riley 3:	Aiden M	Sharman 4:	Sakeena S
Webber 5:	Xavier M	Farah 6:	Willow O		
Holst 5:	George B	Ennis 6:	Inaaya H		
Lynn 5:	Ayush P	Simmonds 6:	Alice S		

Old Lode Lane SEN Hub

We would be very grateful for donations of any unwanted toys and games that are no longer needed for our Old Lode Lane SEN Hub. We are particularly in need of 'movement' equipment if any parents/carers are having a Spring clean, such as small bouncers/trampettes and spinners



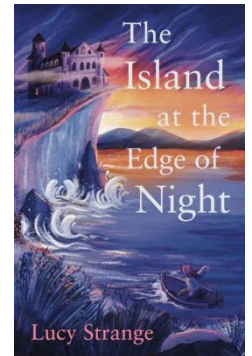
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Island at the Edge of Night' by Lucy Strange

Abandoned at a boarding school on a bleak and remote Scottish island, Faye discovers that she and the other pupils have been sent there for doing something wicked. But what is it that Faye has done?

She might be bold enough to explore the prison-like island but has she the courage to face a secret deep within herself?

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

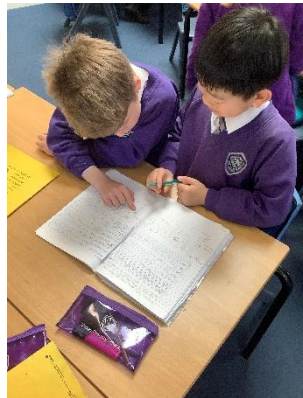
Lower Phase

This week, the children in **Nursery** learnt about Easter and the importance of it for Christians. They learnt about the Easter story and how Christians celebrate this festival. The children enjoyed decorating eggs and learning all about the season of Spring, linking it to new life.



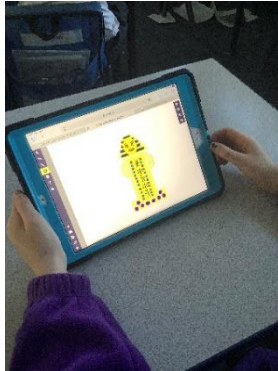
Middle Phase

Year 3 have been working hard to write a newspaper article based on the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. Before they could publish their work, they showed collaboration to edit their work: checking sentences made sense, changing spellings and improving punctuation. Their final step was to create some additional sentences to extend and improve their work further.



Upper Phase

As part of their Topic 'Kingdom on the Nile', **Year 6** have been using shapes and patterns to create a digital sarcophagus on the IPADS and laptops. They had to concentrate and persevere as it was quite tricky, but They are extremely pleased with their outcomes!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Jewellery such as necklaces, chains, bracelets and rings are **NOT** to be worn in school. If children need to wear jewellery for religious or medical reasons, please ensure you notify the school. The accidental pulling and catching of such items during play can cause severe damage/injury and the school will not be responsible for any injury incurred as a result of wearing such items. Children are allowed to wear a pair of single studs but they will be asked to remove their earrings themselves, or tape over studs during P.E. and games sessions (**tape or plasters should be provided from home**). Suitable watches may be worn.

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 31 March – 4 April 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	88.6%	Farah 6	93.2%	Simmonds 6	94.8%	Holst 5	93.0%	Lynn 5	93.2%	Webber 5	92.4%
	Hawking 4	94.0%	Newton 4	95.5%	Sharman 4	86.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	91.9%	Lowry 3	94.6%	Riley 3	83.5%	Churchill 2	85.9%	Nightingale 2	94.3%	Pankhurst 2	92.6%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	88.8%	Lee 1	75.0%	Shaw 1	85.5%	Aston R	86.8%	Grylls R	83.2%	Peake R	84.3%
	Nursery	88.1%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 29th April – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am
- 29th April – Lowry 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am
- 30th April – Riley 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am
- 1st May – Hockney 3 – Maths Workshop – 9am
- 6th May - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 29th April – Start of Term
- 5th May – May Day Bank Holiday

Please support your child to participate in...

- 8th May – Lynn 5 and Holst 5 – Gurdwara Trip – am
- 9th May – Webber 5 – Gurdwara Trip - am

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>