



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
2nd May 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody! The glorious sunshine this week has helped us enjoy the first week of the summer term. It is nice to see so many children in their summer uniforms and breaktimes have been wonderful with children talking and playing with their friends in the sun.

Thank you to everybody who supported our Maths workshops in Year 3 this week. It is so lovely to have you in school and to share some of the strategies that your children use in their learning at school. We look forward to continuing to welcome you all into school for events over the summer term. Reports will also be shared with parents at the end of this half term and we plan to offer an opportunity for parents to drop in to see current teachers and visit your child's new classrooms towards the end of term. We will be mixing classes over the coming weeks, so please do let your child's class teacher know should there be anything that needs specifically considering as we do this.

Next Monday, we have a bank holiday so we will have another four day week. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely May bank holiday with your children.

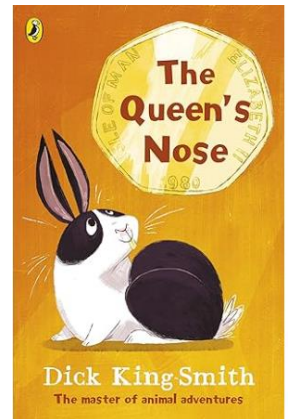
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OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith

Harmony's uncle sends her on a treasure trail - which disappointingly ends in her finding a 50p piece. But the coin is a magic one, and when you rub the queen's nose, your wishes will come true!

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

The **Reception** children are already showing this half term's value of Kindness. They are sharing resources and getting extra things for their friends to use. Lots of children are also looking after their friends and encouraging new friends to play with them.



Middle Phase

Year 3 parents and children enjoyed learning all about written calculation methods in their maths workshops this week. The children played real-life maths games and tried out some excellent iPad games to improve fluency.



Upper Phase

Simmonds 6 have thrown themselves back into their learning this week, by participating collaboratively in their gymnastics lesson. They have practised inverted movements safely, using a range of resources to help them progress.



YEAR 5 GURDWARA TRIP

Thank you to those parents who have given consent and paid for our Gurdwara trip. Please be advised that the trip will go ahead **for these children only** this visit will now take place on **Thursday 8th May 2025** rather than splitting the trip across two days. We will run an alternative curriculum in school based on this learning about the Sikh religion for our other children.

CLASS MIXING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

We plan to mix classes for September in every year group. Class teachers and Phase Leaders will be carefully considering which children will be in each of the classes as they know the children very well. We would like to remind you, as per our previous message, that if you have any concerns either from this year or previous years that should be fed into these discussions, we would appreciate you letting your child's class teacher and phase leader know by **Friday 9th May** at the latest. This can be via your child's class email address or via the parent liaison email address. We would prefer this via email please so you can fully explain any circumstances you would like to but if you struggle with using email for any reason, please contact Mrs Coldwell and she can help you to do this or discuss with you and then email teachers/ phase leaders on your behalf.

Please note that mixing classes is a complex task which takes considerable time so no requests will be considered after 9th May and no changes will be made once classes have been set. It is therefore very important that you contact school over the next week if you have anything in particular you would like taking into account when classes are decided.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As hopefully the weather is now improving, we would like to ask parents/carers to please apply suncream each day before coming to school. Please also provide a drinking bottle and sunhat for your child to wear at break and lunchtime. If you require a water bottle, these can be purchased via parent pay at the cost of **£1.50**.

We would also ask that all sunhats are clearly labelled.

If your child is particularly sensitive to the sun and requires additional applications of suncream throughout the day, please contact parent liaison via the email 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 7 April – 11 April 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	93.6%	Farah 6	98.2%	Simmonds 6	93.7%	Holst 5	95.0%	Lynn 5	95.7%	Webber 5	94.5%
	Hawking 4	95.3%	Newton 4	97.9%	Sharman 4	86.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	95.0%	Lowry 3	93.1%	Riley 3	90.8%	Churchill 2	97.7%	Nightingale 2	95.7%	Pankhurst 2	95.7%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	95.0%	Lee 1	83.6%	Shaw 1	97.3%	Aston R	93.9%	Grylls R	91.4%	Peake R	90.0%
	Nursery	91.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

6th May - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am

8th May – RSE Parents Meeting – 5pm

12th May – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm

13th May - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am

Please talk to your children about these events...

5th May – May Day Bank Holiday

W/C 12th May – Y6 SATS

16th May – World Cultural Diversity Day

Please support your child to participate in...

8th May – Year 5 – Gurdwara Trip

W/C 12th May – Y6 SATS Breakfast Club

15th May – Girls Football Festival Finals – 3.15pm – 5.45pm

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>