



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
16th May
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who took their SATs tests this week. The children showed resilience and determination in equal measure and really do deserve praising for the way they approached the week with maturity.

SATs are important but don't measure everything we know is brilliant about our children. They don't highlight our artists, musicians, sportspeople, historians and scientists which we definitely have in our mix. They also don't give a score for how many children have kind hearts or who make us laugh and thrive on helping others. Well done Year 6, not just for SATs this week but for being the fabulous children you are.

Thank you also to our Year 6 parents who have supported both during and leading up to this important week for our school. We look forward to continuing to work with you next half term as we prepare our children for the important transition between primary and secondary school alongside help them enjoy their last term at Valley!

Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Girls Football Team

The girls football team played in the football festival competition at Solihull Moors. They played some excellent football throughout the tournament, winning two games, drawing two games and losing just once. They finished third overall and were excellent ambassadors for the school. A big thank you to Mr Andrew's for giving up his time over the past two years to coach the girls and the parents (and siblings) who supported the girls throughout!



Schools Streets Scheme – Fallowfield Road

We would like to thank all those parents/carers who were respectful towards the traffic warden this morning as he was issuing parking tickets. We would again like to remind all parents about this scheme which is in place from **8am – 9.50am each morning** and **2.35pm – 3.35pm, Monday to Thursday** and **1.05pm – 2.05pm on Friday's only**. If you have any queries regarding this scheme, please contact highways@solihull.gov.uk



Mud Kitchen – EYFS – Fallowfield Road

The EYFS team are developing the mud kitchen for the children and would be grateful for any donations of plastic, metal or wooden utensils and plates etc. We would be extremely grateful if anyone could donate a camping water container with a tap that they no longer use. The younger children absolutely love playing and being creative in the mud kitchen.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

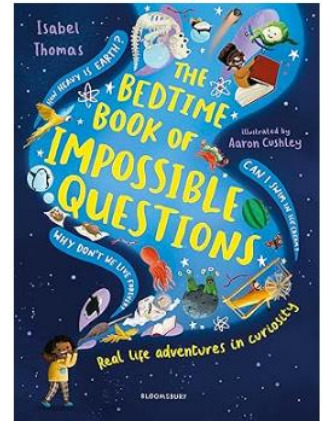
‘The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions’ by Isabel Thomas

Why are bubbles always round? Could I ever touch a rainbow? Why can't I remember being a baby?

Have you ever not been able to concentrate because there are SO many questions buzzing round your brain? *The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions* will offer answers to the most bamboozling questions and curious queries that you can think of.

How many stars are in the night sky? Why don't animals wear clothes? Do plants have feelings? This book will define, debunk and demystify the trickiest of questions and even open your eyes to questions you have never even thought of!

With engaging and accessible text and accompanied by exciting, inviting illustrations, *The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions* is the perfect bedside companion to delve into when you are wondering if there really is an answer to everything.



This book is suitable to read to children in Middle Phase.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, the children in **Nursery** have been practising their drawing skills. They have been drawing houses and working hard to add the extra details in their drawings such as door, windows and other outdoor features such as grass and flowers. They also wrote their names trying to make sure that they formed all the letters correctly and clearly.



Middle Phase

Riley 3 had fun in the sun this week evaluating the school grounds for their geography lesson. Next week the children will be designing their very own gardens, so they needed to see where around school would be most suitable for them. They looked at lots of criteria such as exposure to weather, shelter for animals and accessibility.



Upper Phase

Year 4 have been learning about illuminated letters in their art lessons. This week, they have drawn their designs for their own illuminated letters onto polystyrene tiles and then learnt how to print. They had to make sure they didn't use too much paint and also think about which way round they needed their tile to be to ensure it printed correctly. They are very proud of their finished work.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

You will have received an email this week asking for your children's lunch choices for next half term and you may have noticed that the menus are now specific to the site on which your child attends. The deadline for the choices is **9am on Wednesday 21st May 2025**. We would ask that this is completed for all children even if you provide a packed lunch from home. In the event that your child forgets their lunchbox, they will be offered a cheese sandwich option. Should you wish to make any changes throughout the term, please do so by emailing the school office on the email below and the changes would take effect from the follow week.

office@valley.solihull.sch.uk

The links for both forms are available below should you not have received the email:

<https://forms.office.com/e/mHbEDqPu6v> - Fallowfield Road

<https://forms.office.com/e/bYNMuTq4XB> - Old Lode Lane

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 5 May – 9 May 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	93.3%	Farah 6	98.7%	Simmonds 6	97.8%	Holst 5	96.2%	Lynn 5	94.2%	Webber 5	91.8%
	Hawking 4	95.4%	Newton 4	88.8%	Sharman 4	96.2%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.6%	Lowry 3	94.7%	Riley 3	94.2%	Churchill 2	94.9%	Nightingale 2	94.0%	Pankhurst 2	95.7%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	94.8%	Lee 1	93.2%	Shaw 1	92.0%	Aston R	85.8%	Grylls R	92.2%	Peake R	98.7%
	Nursery	89.3%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

19th May – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm

20th May – Y5 - Express Event – 2.45pm

20th May - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am

20th May – Y5 - Express Event – 2.45pm

21st May – Y3 - Express Event – 2.45pm

22nd May – Y2 – Express Event – 2.45pm

2nd June – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm

3rd June - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am

3rd June – Welcome to Nursery Meeting – 5pm

4th June – SPCV – Transition Workshop for Parents – Fallowfield Road – 1.30pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

21st May – Nursery Trip – Attwell Farm

23rd May – School Finishes for Half Term

2nd June – School re-opens after Half Term

Please support your child to participate in...

20th May – Y1 – Express Event

22nd May – Reception - Express Event

22nd May – Y4 Express Event

22nd May – Y6 – Express Event

3rd June – Y4 - Chance to Shine Cricket

3rd June –Y2 – Cheerleading Club

4th June – Y1 – Visit to Elmdon Park

4th June – Y2 – Engage Event

5th June – Y1 – Engage Event

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>