



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
23rd May
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, your child is bringing home their annual school report which we hope you will enjoy talking to them about over the half term holiday. The reports include a clear indication of the effort your child is making across the curriculum, plus core subject area attainment information and key area targets. Your child will begin to work on these targets next half term and then these will be passed on to your child's next class teacher to continue, or extend, over the next academic year.

If you would like to discuss your child's targets, their overall progress or any particular aspect of their learning this year, we will offer an informal parents evening drop in and book discussion on **Monday 14th July 3.45 – 5.30pm**. There is no need to make an appointment, you are welcome to drop in anytime to suit you.

On this same evening, your child is welcome to show you their new classroom for next year if they would like to. Both sites will run this drop in session concurrently, so you can move between buildings if your child is moving from Year 1 to 2 this year and consequently moving sites.

Our school transition day will take place on Friday 5th July so your child will be able to tell you all about their new class and will meet their new class teacher that day. We also plan to do an additional morning visit to Old Lode Lane for our Year 1 children on Wednesday 2nd July which will allow them to have a tour of their new site and spend some time familiarising themselves with the various learning and playground spaces before they meet their new teachers on the Friday.

Finally, may I just mention that dates for next half term are on our school website, including sports days which the children are very much looking forward to you joining us for. May I also just remind you all that our email addresses change for next half term so please use the new emails should you wish to contact us next half term.

Have a wonderful half term break everybody and many thanks for your unwavering support for your children and our school, our Summer first half term has been a short one but a successful one in so many ways.

Happy Holidays!

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Life Skill Champions

We would like to say a 'huge congratulations' to all of our Life Skill Champions who have demonstrated great Home 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.

Our last Life Skills focus when we return after the break will be for Interpersonal Skills. We look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful ways the children can demonstrate this and awarding our last Life Skills Champion in July.

Nursery: **Isabelle H**

Grylls R: **Lola B**
Peake R: **Parker T**
Aston R: **Savannah B**

Shaw 1: **Violet R**
Bell 1: **Alsu B**
Lee 1: **Isobel J**

Pankhurst 2: **Anaya A**
Churchill 2: **Joshua B**
Nightingale 2: **Abigail W**

Hockney 3: **Leo S**
Lowry 3: **Eliza J**
Riley 3: **Laurie S**

Hawking 4: **Alfie W**
Newton 4: **Harry M**
Sharman 4: **Melissa A**

Webber 5: **Imogen B**
Holst 5: **Lucas B**
Lynn 5: **Ayush P**

Farah 6: **Yahya I**
Ennis 6: **Liam G**
Simmonds 6: **Anaya A**

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson

Lop, the Baby Barn Owl, is like every Barn Owl there ever was, except for one thing – he is afraid of the dark.

"Dark is nasty" he says and so he won't go hunting with his parents. Mrs Barn Owl sends him down from his nest-hole to ask about the dark and he meets a little boy waiting for the fireworks to begin, an old lady, a scout out camping, a girl who tells him about Father Christmas, a man with a telescope and a black cat who takes him exploring.



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

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

During this half term, the children in **Reception** have been exploring minibeasts. They have learnt different facts about them and also explored a range of books. For their Express event the children dressed up as minibeasts and performed songs to all the Lower Phase children. They have really enjoyed this topic!



Middle Phase

For their Express event, the children in **Year 3** created their own Tudor portraits. They learnt sketching and shading techniques. Parents came into school to view their portrait gallery, topic books, sketch books and their Tudor cushions



Upper Phase

This week the children in **Year 6** celebrated their learning at their Express event by dressing up as people from the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and created blogs to share their learning! They had lots of fun and found out lots of interesting facts; such as using crushed red beetles in lipstick!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Children are not permitted to bring personal items such as make up and small toys into school. We are unable to accept responsibility for any items that are lost or damaged. Please could we ask that you check your child does not have any inappropriate items with them before they come to school. Children may keep hand cream or chapped lip cream in their school bags on their peg in the cloakroom and can use these at breaks and lunchtimes if they need but they are not allowed to bring these into the classroom with them.

May we also remind you that children should have a water bottle with plain water in it with them everyday. Children are not allowed squash in the classroom. Should your child wish to bring a second bottle or carton of squash to have at lunchtime with their packed lunch or their school dinner, this is fine.

Many thanks to you all for your support and in particular to those of you who have sent in compliments regarding events and staff this half term. These are greatly appreciated by Valley school team.

ATTENDANCE – W/C 12 May – 16 May 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	93.9%	Farah 6	97.9%	Simmonds 6	97.1%	Holst 5	92.0%	Lynn 5	95.7%	Webber 5	93.8%
	Hawking 4	96.0%	Newton 4	91.7%	Sharman 4	93.1%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	99.2%	Lowry 3	95.4%	Riley 3	95.0%	Churchill 2	93.6%	Nightingale 2	98.6%	Pankhurst 2	93.0%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	87.1%	Lee 1	96.4%	Shaw 1	91.8%	Aston R	93.4%	Grylls R	91.4%	Peake R	87.9%
	Nursery	96.6%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 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 (for Sept 2025 Nursery parents)
- 3rd June – Welcome to Reception Meeting – 6pm (for Sept 2025 Reception parents)
- 4th June – SPCV – Transition Workshop for Parents – Fallowfield Road – 1.30pm
- 9th June – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 9th June – Y5 Webber - Maths Workshop – Parents invited – 9am
- 10th June - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am
- 10th June – Y5 Lynn – Maths Workshop – Parents invited – 9am
- 11th June – Y5 Holst – Maths Workshop – Parents invited – 9am

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 2nd June – School re-opens after Half Term

Please support your child to participate in...

- 3rd June – Y4 - Chance to Shine Cricket
- 3rd June –Y2 – Cheerleading Club
- 4th June – Y2 – Engage Event
- 4th June – Y3 – Engage Event
- 4th June – Y4 – Engage Event
- 4th June – Y5 – Engage Event
- 4th June – Y6 – Engage Event
- 4th June – Y1 – Engage Event
- 12th June – Reception trip – Aston and half of Grylls - Twycross Zoo
- 12th June – Father's Day Shop – Old Lode Lane
- 13th June – Father's Day Shop – Fallowfield Road

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>