



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN
BE!

ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
8th
December
2023

NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas Fayre was a fantastic way to welcome the festive period and launch the Christmas calendar of events. The event was so well supported by families and children, staff and their little ones (and no longer very little ones), former pupils and community members. We are so grateful to all who were able to join us and above all, we must thank our hard-working, committed PTFA for the incredible effort that was put into ensuring such a fabulous, fun filled, fund raiser.

The spirit of kindness has also been shown by children and families so thoughtfully supporting the school council's chosen charity event for the term by wearing their Christmas or brightly coloured jumpers. Today, we also saw donations of Christmas treats that will also enable our school to support our community. We look forward to continued collaboration over the busy weeks of learning, sharing and fun ahead and remind you that our Christmas Calendar of Events is accessible on the noticeboard of our website [Home | Valley Primary School](https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,
Mrs Wilton

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Christmas Sparkle Day

Friday 15th December is Christmas Sparkle Day - wear something sparkly or a Christmas item with your school uniform. Perhaps wear a Christmas badge, a tinsel bracelet, a sparkly hair piece or a Christmas scarf to make your lovely purple uniform look even better today! Christmas Hat, a Christmas Hair Slide, Tinsel in your hair or just do your hair in a different style to get you in the spirit (no hair dye please as it's just one day).

Parent Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent workshop this Wednesday which focused on sleep support - you should have now received an email with the video recording and powerpoint from this session. For those who were unable to make the event but wish to receive a copy of the resources, please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk and we will send these to you.

On the inclusion page on our school website, you will now find a new section which has all of our workshop resources along with a list of dates for upcoming events this year. The link for this is:
<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/parent-workshop-resources/>

We hope to see you at our next events which are:

30th January: Teams online workshop 12pm-1pm - Behaviour strategies (all parents welcome)

26th February: SEN parent coffee morning 11am-12pm (Old Lode Lane)

Further details will be sent nearer the time.

Fitmas at Valley

Fitmas has finally arrived at Valley! The children have been keeping fit and healthy by completing this year's Fitmas challenges.

Please see your child's Teams account for a family weekend challenge. Every child who uploads a photo or video will receive a house point for their house!

12 DAYS  FITMAS



Life Skill Show and Tell Assembly

Next week, each class will have a Life Skill Show and Tell class assembly. This is an opportunity for the children to share evidence of them enjoying, exploring and developing their Autumn 2 Physical Health Management Skills outside of school.

For their Life skill 'Show and Tell' class assembly, children can share evidence:

- uploaded on teams
- brought in from home
- verbally with the class

It's not too late for the children to have a go at the activities uploaded on teams or to think of their own way to boost their physical health!

We look forward to hearing about these in next week's assemblies.

A Life Skill Champion will be chosen from each class, who will receive a gold star badge in the Celebration Assembly on **Friday 22nd December**.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

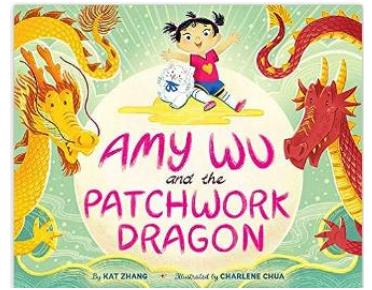
"Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon" by Kat Zhang

Amy loves craft time at school. But when her teacher asks everyone to make their own dragon, Amy feels stuck. Her first dragon has a long, wingless body, stag-like horns, and eagle claws, but her friends don't think it's a *real* dragon. Then she makes dragons like theirs, but none of them feels like hers.

After school, a story from Grandma sparks new inspiration, and Amy rounds up her family to help her. Together, can they make Amy's perfect dragon?

You'll enjoy this book if you like authors such as Nadia Shireen.

This book is suitable for those readers in Nursery and Reception.



SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS

The children in **Reception** visited Elmdon Church on Thursday as part of their learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas. The children learnt all about the Christmas Story and about the special symbols like the wreath, candles and cloths!



KS1

Year 2 had a great time making an Indian dip in Design and Technology. They chopped, peeled, grated and mixed. They tasted their dips with a poppadom and evaluated the flavours. What a tasty lesson!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We would like to remind parents that the car parks on both sites are for staff use only, this is for the safety of children and parents. Parking is however permitted by parents dropping off at Explorers outside of normal drop off and collection periods.

We would ask that you park considerately of other parents and our neighbours by not blocking other vehicles in on the car park or by blocking resident driveways.

If you are using our car park at any time during the day, I would ask that you exercise caution and reduce speed when leaving on either site, being mindful of pedestrians.

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 27 November – 1 December 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	85.3%	Farah 6	92.7%	Simmonds 6	93.7%	Holst 5	95.2%	Lynn 5	92.1%	Webber 5	94.8%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	94.8%	Newton 4	96.9%	Sharman 4	93.4%	Hockney 3	97.3%	Lowry 3	94.4%	Riley 3	93.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	84.2%	Nightingale 2	89.6%	Pankhurst 2	93.8%	Bell 1	96.0%	Lee 1	98.4%	Shaw 1	87.5%
EYFS	Aston R	95.7%	Grylls R	97.1%	Peake R	88.6%	Starley N	76.9%	Whittle N	92.5%		

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

DIARY DATES

11 December – Nursery Christmas Performance – 9am
12 December – Y2 to visit Elmdon Church
13 December – Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance – 9am and 2.30pm
14 December – Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance – 9am and 2.30pm
14 December – Reception Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
15 December – Christmas Sparkle Day
18 December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9am
18 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
19 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 9am
19 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
20 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 9am
21 December – Nursery Christmas Parties – AM
21 December – Reception – Y6 Christmas Parties – PM
22 December – House Point Celebrations
22 December – Term Ends
8 January – INSET Day
9 January – Children Return to School
10 January – Christmas Card Recycling Day
15 January – Solihull Reception Admission Deadline for September 2024 Cohort
16 January – Maths Workshop – Churchill 2 – 9am
17 January – Maths Workshop – Nightingale 2 – 9am
17 January – Year 2 Optional Tests Parents Meeting -5pm
18 January – Maths Workshop – Pankhurst 2– 9am
18 January – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting – 5pm

22 January – Maths Workshop – Ennis 6 – 9am
23 January - Maths Workshop – Farah 6 – 9am
24 January – Maths Workshop – Simmonds 6 – 9am
W/C 29 January – National Story Telling Week
30 January – Teams Parent Workshop – Behaviour Strategies – 12pm
31 January – Year2 Trip to Black Country Museum
2 February – NSPCC Number Day
5 – 9 February – Children's Mental Health Week
5 February – Reception Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
6 February – Year 4 Hawking and Newton Trip to Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda – 9.15am
6 February – Safer Internet Day
6 February – Year1 Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
7 February – Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre
8 February – Year 4 – Sharman – Trip to Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda – 9.15am
8 February – Year 4 Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm
9 February – House Point Celebrations
9 February – End of Half Term

