



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
20th June 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those of you who came to one of my drop in sessions this week to discuss our new gem group model for September. It was great to be able to talk through the model and also gain some feedback from parents directly.

Following feedback from some parents they would have liked an evening opportunity, I plan to offer a further drop in on Old Lode Lane between 5pm-7pm on Thursday 26th June. As the offices will be closed at this point, please could you inform us via the parent liaison email address if you would like to attend and confirm the approximate time so I can be sure to meet you at the door and let you in.

If you have been unable to pop and chat to me, please don't worry. We plan to send out timetables on transition day which will clarify further plus there will be our parent opportunity to meet with class teachers on Monday 14th July and then we will offer a curriculum information evening in September with plenty of opportunity for questions.

Thank you for your support with this new initiative,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Solihull Parent/Carer Voice Coffee and Chat

Solihull Parent/carer voice will be holding a coffee and chat session on **Thursday 10th July at 9am** on the **Old Lode Lane** site. This session will be on advice & strategies on managing the long Summer, including clubs & events available.



**Solihull Parent
Carer Voice**

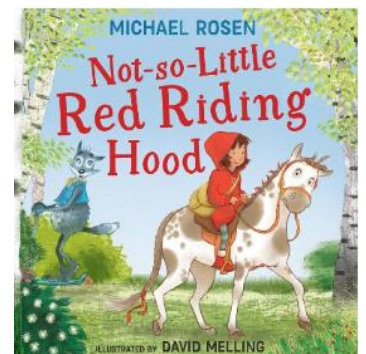
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Not-so-little Red Riding Hood' by Michael Rosen

A fabulously funny take on a classic story from two giants of children's books! Little Red Riding Hood (who is not-so-little anymore!) is riding her pony through the woods to visit Granny for a picnic and a surprise. Now that she is bigger, she feels much braver than the last time she went. Until . . . what was that?

Was it the Big Bad Wolf?

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week in **Nursery** the children have been practising how to form numbers. They have had a good go at writing numbers to

5 or 10. The children had to ensure that they formed them correctly and clearly.



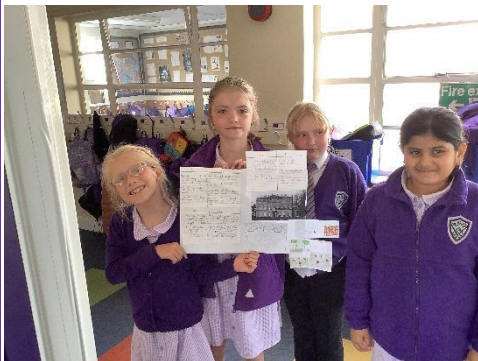
Middle Phase

In **Year 3**, the children have been learning all about plants and what they need to grow. They decided that they would investigate the impact water has on a growing plant by planting three sunflower seeds and giving them different amounts of water (none, some, lots) over the next few weeks. They made sure that everything else was the same (type and amount of soil, exposure to sunlight, size of pot, etc.) to make it a fair test. Watch this space for the results!



Upper Phase

In their history lesson, the children in **Year 4** looked at some of the history of our local area including: Elmdon Church, Elmdon Airport and Elmdon Hall. The children made group posters to display their findings.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We have been notified by Solihull Catering Service that there will be an increase in school meal costs from September. The meals will now be charged at a price of **£2.85 per day if your child is in Nursery** or **£3.00 per day if your child is in Year 3 - Year 6**. Children in **Reception to Year 2 will continue to be entitled to a universal free school meal**.

If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meals will continue to be free. If you think you could be eligible for free school meals, then please contact the school office or check www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

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 parentliaison@valleyprimary.org

ATTENDANCE – W/C 9 June – 13 June 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	91.1%	Farah 6	91.8%	Simmonds 6	87.1%	Holst 5	93.3%	Lynn 5	93.6%	Webber 5	94.7%
	Hawking 4	90.7%	Newton 4	98.2%	Sharman 4	88.6%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	95.2%	Lowry 3	92.2%	Riley 3	84.6%	Churchill 2	96.8%	Nightingale 2	90.5%	Pankhurst 2	88.3%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	93.5%	Shaw 1	94.4%	Aston R	91.0%	Grylls R	91.7%	Peake R	94.3%	Nursery	92.3%

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 28th June – PTFA Summer Fayre – Old Lode Lane – 11.30am-3pm
- 30th June – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 1st July - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am
- 2nd July – Y1 – Guitar Concert – 2.45pm

Please talk to your child about these events...

- 26th June – Y6 – Residential Day Experience – (7.45am drop off and 9.15pm collection)
- 2nd July – Nursery closed for current cohort
- 2nd July – Nursery and Reception – Transition Day – (for new cohort to Nursery and Reception 2025-2026)
- 2nd July – Y1 Visit to Old Lode Lane – Additional Transition Visit to new site
- 2nd July – Y6 Lyndon School – Transition Day
- 4th July – Transition Day – (for current Reception – Y5. Current Y6 to attend as normal)
- 4th July – Y6 – Pyjama and Film Night – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 23rd June – Y6 Sports Day – 9am – 10.30am
- 23rd June – Y4 and Y5 Sports Day – 2pm – 3.30pm
- 24th June – Nursery Sports Day – 10.30am – 11.30am
- 24th June – Reception and Y1 Sports Day – 2pm – 3.20pm
- 25th June – Y2 and Y3 Sports Day – 2pm – 3.30pm
- 27th June – PTFA Non Uniform Day

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>