



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, our children have enjoyed meeting their new classes and gem groups. It has been lovely to see so many excited children across the school who are looking forward to next academic year. Understandably though, some children are also a little apprehensive and have lots of questions about the changes September will bring.

To help this, your child has come home with a transition pack which tells you which class and gem group (if Y2 upwards) they are in and who their new class teacher or class teachers will be. There is also a class timetable for the first half term included which shows you which days the children will do which subjects and importantly, which days they will do P.E. and therefore should come to school in P.E. kit. We hope the P.E. days will be set for the academic year next year, and in line with research good practice, we have endeavoured to ensure these are not consecutive days. We hope you find having a timetable in advance helpful. The timetable will begin on **Monday 8th September** as the first four days will be used for the children to get to know their new class friends, familiarise themselves with new routines and to learn about their new class inspirational person. The children will also have their engage event for their new topics the first week.

As you are all aware, our school website has lots of information on it and we are in process of updating this to reflect changes for next academic year. We have also started the process of setting up new year group pages for next year and we plan to add our first photographs over the next few days which will be of the children's transition day today. Please do take a look at these pages over the summer break, alongside the summer activities page and any other parts of our school website that interest you. Feedback from parents suggests that, alongside the year group pages in our Children section which are a firm favourite, many parents find the learning zone and home activities in the Children section good, the staffing information and contact details in our About Us section helpful and many use the curriculum information in the Key Information section. There is also a dedicated section for Parents with things such as uniform, lunch menus and Explorers information which parents use regularly. Please do explore our website and dip into the pages which are most useful for you: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk>

Should you have any questions, please do contact us via our parent liaison email address: [parentliaison@valleyprimary.org](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org). This email will be checked intermittently over the summer holidays. Alternatively, you can contact your child's new class teacher directly using your child's new class email address (as detailed on the transition letter) from 1st September 2025 onwards.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss Milewski

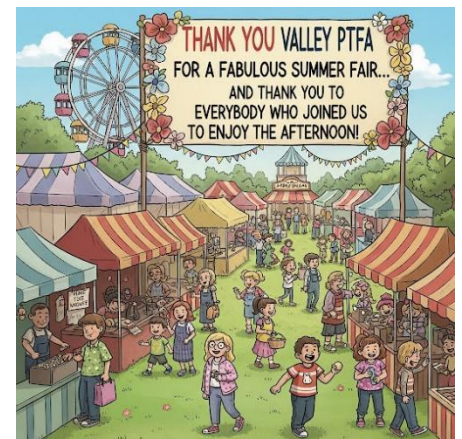
## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Thank you Valley PTFA

A big thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising a lovely family summer fair for our school. The preparation and hard work that goes into this is immense and all PTFA members are volunteers, so we thank everybody who helped most sincerely.

The total for the fair is still to be announced but the PTFA have kindly agreed to use some of the proceeds to fund a fun enrichment event for the children next year. You will have received details of this in your child's transition pack today. Many thanks PTFA, we look forward to these.

The PTFA would welcome more members so if you would like to be involved in more events like this and can give up even a small amount of time to help them next academic year, please do get in touch.



### Plate League Winners!

A mixed boys and girls team attended the first TEFAT football tournament this week at Netherbrook Primary School in Dudley. The team showed commitment and teamwork to win the plate league and earn themselves a medal! Congratulations!



### Sensory Boxes

Just a reminder that as part of our drive to continue to support our children's personal development and self-regulation, we would like to provide a sensory box in every classroom for next year.

To do this, we need resources. School will buy some of these however, we want to make these as varied as possible for our children, therefore we are appealing for parental donations.

We would be very grateful if you could choose something from our Amazon wishlist to buy. Click here to see our list.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/EYW3ZPDRNPFB/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/EYW3ZPDRNPFB/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated towards this

### Trips and Visits Next Academic Year

Within transition packs, you will find a detailed letter regarding the plans for trips and visits next year. We plan to trial a different system next year so please do take a look and take note of payment deadlines as these will be even more crucial next year and we don't want any child who wishes to participate to miss out.

We do appreciate there is significant financial pressure on families and sadly the cost of these has increased a little due to coach prices. We have therefore tried to spread payments to help this and also made some trips optional.

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of SLT if you are struggling financially but would like your child to participate and we can look at different options and/or a payment plan to suit your family circumstances/ finances.

### Staffing Last Two Weeks of Term

We have some significant staff absence currently and are also preparing for September, so many staff are doing training or shadowing one another to ensure they are ready to offer quality education for our children next year. Your child may therefore talk about having different teachers over the next two weeks, the majority of these will be from within the Valley team, so there should be consistency across but we just wanted to let you know.

### Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) – Summer School Holidays

**Funded children's activities** - running this summer, including an increased SEND, youth and North Solihull locality offer. If you are registered for benefit-related free school meals and have not received your unique booking code (per child) by email, please contact [hafinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:hafinfo@solihull.gov.uk).

- Book now
- SEND activities
- Family activities – for parents/carers and children

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact our **Family Information Service and HAF team** at [hafinfor@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:hafinfor@solihull.gov.uk)

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

### **'The Great Chocoplot' by Chris Callaghan**

We love this laugh-out-loud funny book!

The world faces the terrible prospect of running out of chocolate. A chocolate loving girl called Jelly and her clever gran investigate, foiling a Dahl-esque villain called Garibaldi Chocolati.

This illustrated book is a light-hearted, fun read-aloud with chocolate-related hijinks, characters you'll love and a mystery that keeps you guessing.



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

## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

**Year 1** had a wonderful morning visiting our Old Lode Lane site in preparation for moving into Year 2. They had a tour of the school, including visiting the Year 2 classrooms. They played outside, had a story in the Library and did a couple of activities. There was lots of chatter on our walk back about how much they had enjoyed their visit.



### Middle Phase

The children in **Year 2** had a wonderful visit from Solihull CEP on Tuesday who performed the 'Chelmsley Tale' for them and ran a workshop with each class afterwards. The children loved it and really enjoyed watching some live theatre!



### Upper Phase

**Year 5** had a visit from Mr Szwaba, the Vice Principal of Lyndon Secondary School to talk to them about being a pupil there next year. The children were very excited to meet him and had lots of questions for him, including detentions, trips, sports clubs etc.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Next year we will introduce a new system where teachers will dismiss children to people either a) on contact form with permission to collect or b) with family specific password.

This will mean you do not need to contact the office if somebody different is collecting your child as a one off, they will just need to know your child's class and their password.

Your password is in your transition pack which your child has received today. If at any stage you need a new password or forget your password, please contact Mrs Coldwell via email to [parentliaison@valleyprimary.org](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org) and she will be able to help.

We hope this will help parents next year whilst still ensuring the children remain safeguarded at all times.

### 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](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 23 June – 27 June 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	<b>91.8%</b>	Farah 6	<b>91.8%</b>	Simmonds 6	<b>91.8%</b>	Holst 5	<b>98.0%</b>	Lynn 5	99.3%	Webber 5	
	Hawking 4	89.0%	Newton 4	<b>94.6%</b>	Sharman 4	93.1%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	96.9%	Lowry 3	97.0%	Riley 3	<b>99.2%</b>	Churchill 2	<b>98.6%</b>	Nightingale 2	96.7%	Pankhurst 2	95.2%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	89.4%	Shaw 1	<b>95.6%</b>	Aston R	86.9%	Grylls R	<b>92.8%</b>	Peake R	92.1%	Nursery	85.7%

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

## DIARY DATES

### **Please join us for these events...**

- 7<sup>th</sup> July – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> July - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – SPCV – Coffee and Chat – Old Lode Lane - 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Lynn 5 – Guitar Concert – 2.45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Open Evening/Drop in – 3.45pm -5.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am -8.30am
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Choir Performance at Vocal Fiesta – Langley Secondary School – 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly – 2.15pm

### **Please talk to your child about these events...**

- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 – Drayton Manor Trip
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Langley and Lode Heath – Transition Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Treat (in school)
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Party – 5pm – 8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Term Ends
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET Day

### **Please support your child to participate in...**

- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Girls Football World Cup event – Aston Villa Training Ground
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 Cheerleading Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> July – Pyjama Day and Book Swap – Whole School - £1
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Express Event – Beach 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>