



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
18th July 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Aspire for excellence, Enjoy learning, Achieve success, and Challenge ourselves further! As the academic year at Valley comes to a close, may I thank everybody who has helped our children to achieve this vision. This year has been truly wonderful, filled with smiles and excitement for learning, alongside a whole host of enrichment and personal development opportunities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, who go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy and being provided with a challenging but fun curriculum and overall education offer.

We are grateful to our partner agencies and community council for their invaluable support and to you our parents who continue to support us and actively engage with daily school life.

Thank you also to The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT). This year has been a historic year for Valley as we became an Academy in December 2024 and joined a multi-academy trust. While daily school life hasn't changed too much, this partnership has brought several new opportunities for staff and children, and allowed us to share best practices across 36 schools across the country. A particular highlight for me this term was our Upper Key Stage 2 footballers becoming the TEFAT plate winners following a very competitive tournament involving TEFAT schools from across the West Midlands. We look forward to many more opportunities as we further embrace what the Trust has to offer next year.

Thank you to our amazing Year 6 children too for their contribution to Valley. Year 6 have had a fantastic final month, filled with many activities to help them make memories. Some highlights have been the residential in a day trip, the Drayton Manor trip, the film evening, the bouncy castle and the memorable leavers' assembly. Our final Year 6 event will take place this evening as we have our leavers' party with Fish and Chip supper on the field! We have enjoyed helping them enjoy their last few weeks at Valley and now wish them all the very best as they transition to secondary school in September.

We also thank and say goodbye to several valued staff members this year including Mrs Sharp, our EYFS phase lead who has given 12 years of dedicated hard work to Valley and been a big part of our leadership team. We will miss her very much and thank her for her incredible contribution to Valley. We also say goodbye to Miss Chadwick and Mrs Plant who have both been very valued members of our school team and will be missed next year. We thank them all for their hard work and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Today also marks the closure of Valley ARC after 27 years so we thank the SISS team who have offered specialist support to children with Speech and Language difficulties over many years and wish them every success with their new outreach model of specialist support next year.

Finally, thank you to our children who continue to astonish us as on a daily basis and bring happiness throughout our school. I would like to wish you all a fabulous summer holiday with your children filled with lots of time making precious family memories. We will look forward to hearing all about it when we see the children back in school on Tuesday 2nd September.

Happy holidays, everybody!

Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Safeguarding Concerns

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please do contact school to discuss this. Should this concern arise during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. You can also contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4.30pm), or 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays) or if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

School Uniform

A large consignment of brand new, high-quality school uniform — originally from Tesco — has recently become available at a significantly reduced price: **just 99p per item** at Latifs Warehouse, Pickford Street Digbeth, Birmingham B5 5QH.

This is an opportunity to help parents and guardians access essential schoolwear at a time when many households are feeling the pressure of rising costs.

The uniforms include core items such as trousers, skirts, shirts, polos etc in a range of sizes and standard colours, making them suitable for most school requirements.

Life Skill Champions

We would like to say a 'huge congratulations' to all our Life Skill Champions who have demonstrated great Interpersonal skills this half term. All of these children are now the proud owners of a gold star badge.



















It has been a fantastic year for all of the children and their achievements. We look forward to awarding more Life Skills Champions in the new academic year, starting with a focus on Mental Health.

Have a wonderful Summer break, keep on practising those all important life skills!

Nursery:	Kyrie M	Grylls R:	Sarah A	Shaw 1:	David A
		Peake R:	Enzo D	Bell 1:	Louie A
		Aston R:	Tilila A A O		
Pankhurst 2:	Sophie R E	Hockney 3:	Lexi M	Hawking 4:	Georgia J
Churchill 2:	Lola-Marie G	Lowry 3:	Ciara G	Newton 4:	George T
Nightingale 2:	Kristian P	Riley 3:	Arthur C	Sharman 4:	Didar B
Webber 5:	Ted McL	Farah 6:	Lottie-Mae S		
Holst 5:	Andreea P	Ennis 6:	Ellie-Rose W		
Lynn 5:	Ayush P	Simmonds 6:	Sethmi J		

BIG HOLIDAY READ

How Many Challenges Can You Do?

- *  Sit in the shade on a sunny day and read a book.
- *  Read a book which features a mode of transport.
- *  Read a book which will teach you something new.
- *  Read a picture book.
- *  Read a book by an author from another country.
- *  Read a book which has been turned into a film.
- *  Ask someone you love to recommend a book.
- *  Read a book by torchlight in the dark.
- *  Read a book with a different setting to where you live.
- *  Build a den and read a book inside.
- *  Read a book in your PJs.
- *  Visit the library and choose a book to read.
- *  Read a book by an author you haven't read before.
- *  Read a book that is older than you.
- *  Read a book newly published this year.
- *  Read a page from a book to an animal.
- *  Read a book with an animal in it.
- *  Re-read your favourite book.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Middle Phase

Year 2 and 3 had a wonderful day on Tuesday. We had a golf coach in to teach the children how to play golf and compete with their friends in a mini tournament. Despite the afternoon rain, the children all had a fabulous time.



Upper Phase

The choir were at Langley school on Wednesday evening as part of Solihull Vocal Fiesta. The eight children involved all sang beautifully and saved their best performance for the show. It was a wonderful occasion and a big thank you to all the parents and children who took part.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As a school, we amass a lot of lost property throughout the year, which we would really like to be able to return to yourselves. To enable us to do this, when you prepare your children's items for September, we would ask that all items are clearly labelled.

I would also like to remind you that ties, water bottles, rucksacks, book & P.E bags are available to purchase via ParentPay. These items can then be collected via either school office.

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 7 July –11 July 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	96.1%	Farah 6	92.9%	Simmonds 6	90.7%	Holst 5	92.7%	Lynn 5	96.4%	Webber 5	92.0%
	Hawking 4	94.0%	Newton 4	96.1%	Sharman 4	90.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	94.1%	Lowry 3	94.1%	Riley 3	92.7%	Churchill 2	86.4%	Nightingale 2	88.6%	Pankhurst 2	96.5%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	92.9%	Shaw 1	95.6%	Aston R	93.4%	Grylls R	87.6%	Peake R	90.0%	Nursery	90.9%

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

8th September – Y4 and Y5 – Curriculum Evening – 4pm

8th September – Y6 – Curriculum Evening – 5pm

9th September – Y2 and Y3 – Curriculum Evening – 4pm

11th September – Nursery and Reception – Curriculum Evening – 4pm

11th September – Y1 – Curriculum Evening – 5pm

Please talk to your child about these events...

18th July – Term Ends

21st July – INSET Day

1st September – INSET Day

2nd September – Children Return to School

Please support your child to participate in...

3rd September – Y1-Y5 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>