



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
5 September
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see our children back in school this week! Classrooms have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. Our overall focus this week has been settling the children into new routines and mental wellbeing. They have explored their class inspirational people and enjoyed spending time making new friends in their classes or reconnecting with friends from last year.

The 'Engage' days which took place across the school from Year One upwards on Wednesday were incredibly exciting. In every classroom, children were enthusiastic, inquisitive and curious about the Topic which they will now focus on this half term.

Our new Gem groups in Years 2-6 have worked brilliantly and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to mix with different children and be taught by a different teacher some afternoons.

Reception and Nursery children who are brand new to our school have enjoyed exploring their new environment and have been very grown up as they have been introduced to the many lovely resources we have and the lovely activities set up for them across our EYFS provision. We are very pleased to welcome them to Valley.

We have also welcomed several new children and staff to Valley this week, all of whom have thoroughly enjoyed their first few days and are looking forward to the year ahead.

So ... welcome to Valley to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families and a big thank you from myself for your support as parents during our first week back in school. I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care. This week has just made me realise this even more with the vibrant buzz around school.

Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I am confident is going to be a great year at Valley!

Have a great weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Home Learning

Children should have brought home a copy of their spellings (Y1-6), Topic Home Learning and Maths based Key Instant Recall Facts also known as the KIRF (all year groups). If you have not received this, please check your child's bag or access the website *Year Group* pages where Curriculum Information sheets for the half term will be uploaded. Please see link: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=24>

End of Day Collections

The new password system is now in place for the end of school day collections. Should you need a different adult to collect your child at any point, please ensure they have the password that you were issued with at the end of last term. If you have misplaced this or it has been compromised in any way, please contact parent liaison via the email address below and we can arrange a new one.

Please note our curriculum lessons run until the end of the school day. Whilst we aim to be ready for collection promptly, we are grateful to you for your patience in the event that we are running a little late.

Mathletics

If your child is struggling with Maths or if your child enjoys Maths and you would like to give them the opportunity to challenge themselves further, parents can buy a home subscription to Mathletics. This links directly with the curriculum we are teaching in school so could be a very good choice if you are looking for electronic educational activities and games to help your child at home. It is suitable for children from Year 1 to Year 6 and the company offers free 14 day trial if any of you would like to try it. Further information can be found at: <https://www.mathletics.com/uk>

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'After the fall' by Dan Santat

After the fall, Humpty Dumpty is a broken egg. Life is tough: he's so afraid of heights after his injury, he can't even bear to climb onto his bed, or reach his favourite cereal on the top shelf at the supermarket. But one day, fuelled by his passion for bird-watching, he decides to conquer his fears and something amazing happens.

A wonderful book about resilience and facing your fears!

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

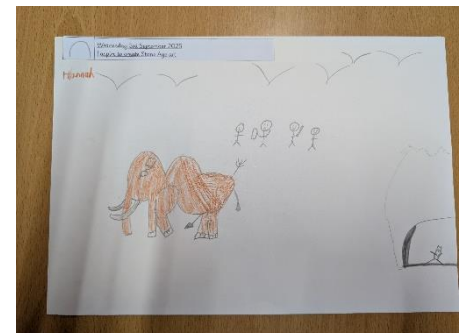
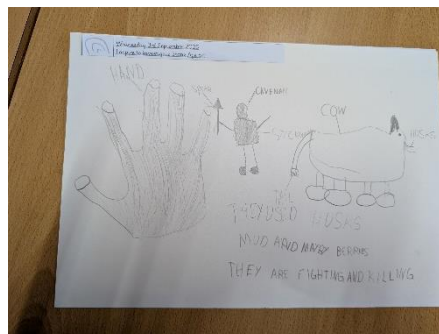
Lower Phase

The children in Year 1 came into school on Wednesday all ready for a trip into space! They looked fabulous and they learnt all about the artwork of Julie Perrot. They then had a go at creating their own planet pictures. As you can see, they were very pleased with the results. They are now very excited to complete more lessons in their Moon Zoom topic.



Middle Phase

Middle phase enjoyed spending their day as people from the Stone Age. They looked at cave paintings, discussing the materials used and what they tell us as historical sources. They had a go at creating their own cave paintings using a range of resources.



Upper Phase

Year 5 have enjoyed finding out about the 'Vikings Invaders' this week. The children researched different aspects of Viking life and created posters. They also created Viking longboats. In Gems groups, they created Shields and learnt about Viking runes. A very busy first week!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Can I remind you all that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child, that we are a **NUT free school** and that all grapes and cherry tomatoes need to be cut up.

All new to Valley children should have come home with a Parent pay activation letter. If you have any issues with your login or have not received this, please contact myself via the parent liaison email below.

We would like to remind all parents/carers of **children in Y6** that the **closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October**. Solihull residents need to apply via your Council portal. All other applicants must apply through the local authority that they live within. Any applications received after 31st October 2025 will not be processed until after the offers have been made on 1st March 2026. More information can be found on the website at www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 8th September – Y4 & Y5 Curriculum Evening – 4pm
- 8th September – Y6 Curriculum Evening – 5pm
- 9th September – Y2 & Y3 Curriculum Evening – 4pm
- 11th September – Nursery & Reception Curriculum Evening – 4pm
- 11th September – Y1 Curriculum Evening – 5pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 19th September – Wear white for peace 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>