



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
26<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our Year 1 parents who have attended our Read Write Inc Phonics workshops this week. It was lovely to see you enjoying the sessions with your children and learning more about our phonics scheme. This is such an important part of Year 1 and so key in our children's development so we very much appreciate your support with this key area.

This week in assembly, linked to European Languages Day, we celebrated the different languages that we speak both within our school and within our communities. I was very impressed with how much our children wanted to share their knowledge and home backgrounds and the children enjoyed translating small phrases and comparing and contrasting languages. Thank you to you all for bringing and/or encouraging diversity within our school community.

We also thoroughly enjoyed relaunching Times Tables Rock Stars today for Year 2 to Year 6. The children had a great day dressing up as Rock Stars and creating their avatars and profiles ready to get practising. Please do encourage your children to access this at home, they are excited about a competition for the class with the most points this weekend. There may also be some tournaments later in the term competing against other TEFAT schools and it would be great if our Time Tables Skills put up at the top of the league!

Have a great weekend everybody,  
Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Sponsored Read

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your money from the sponsored read. There is still time for you to send in your money too if you haven't already managed to do so. We are looking forward to choosing some fabulous new books for your children to enjoy and every penny counts. Thank you for your support with developing a love of reading for our children.



### End of Day Collections and Attendance at School Events

The new password system is now in place and working well. May we just remind you all that to collect a child or attend any event within school, the adult must either be on the contact form or know the password. There is no need to ring the office to inform of a different person collecting, you should instead give them the password please and ensure they know your child's full name, DOB and class if somebody new in case staff feel the need for additional checks.

### Year Group Pages

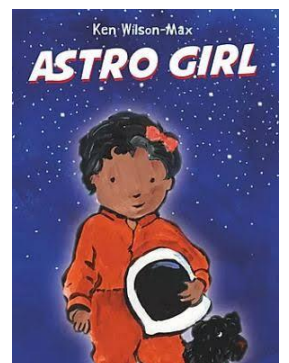
We would like to remind parents to access our school website. The year group pages are updated regularly with new photographs and home learning opportunities and documents as appropriate. Please do ensure you access the website Year Group pages page and enjoy sharing these with your children:

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=24>

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max

Astrid has loved the stars and space for as long as she can remember. "I want to be an astronaut!" she says to everyone who will listen. While her mama is away, Astrid and her papa have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission -- like being in zero gravity ("I can do that all day long!" she says), eating food from a *kind of* tube, and doing science experiments with the help of cookie sheets. When at last it's time to meet Mama at the air base, Astrid wears her favorite space T-shirt to greet her. But where exactly has Mama been?



This book is suitable for readers in **Lower Phase**



## **PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN MORNINGS**

We will offer the following open mornings for prospective new Nursery and Reception children and parents to come and see Valley EYFS in action. There is no need to book but please choose one of the time slots to visit as a Senior Leader will greet you and show you around to enable them to answer any questions you have but also to fully safeguard our current children.

**Thursday 16th October: 9am-10am or 10am -11am**

**Thursday 13th November: 9am-10am or 10am -11am**

## **PARENT PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Note to Parents**

If you are sending sweets and chocolates into school for a birthday celebration, please can you ensure that they are nut free. We have children within school who have nut allergies and we are a nut free school.

### **Further Developing Partnerships**

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback. You should have received a link via parent pay this week to the TEFAT termly parents survey. Please do complete this and share your view with the wider leadership team. If anybody is struggling to access the link, please contact the office via email and we will do our best to help.

## **DIARY DATES**

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

7<sup>th</sup> October – Nursery Parent Workshop 9am - 9.30am.

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

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October – Stone Age Visit for Year 2 (tbc if viable after 1<sup>st</sup> Oct)

8<sup>th</sup> October – Gurdwara Visit for Year 4 and Year 5 (tbc if viable after 1<sup>st</sup> Oct)

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>