



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
3rd October
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who encouraged the children on our Old Lode Lane site to participate in the Times Tables Rock Stars competition last weekend. The children were very excited as the winners were announced and Holst enjoyed their top of the league status and extra playtime. Please do encourage your child to continue to practise as there will be another competition at half term.

This week has been lovely in school, the children are really well settled in their classes and gem groups now and it is great to see them enjoying learning. I hope they are sharing this with you when they come home each night.

Have a great weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Parents' Evening

We will be trialling a new system with our parents' evening this year.

We plan to hold our Parents Evening between 2.15pm-7.15pm on Friday 17th October.

We would encourage parents to sign up for a slot and plan to trial asking parents to sign up physically this year (rather than electronically), using the class sign-up sheets which will be placed outside the school offices between 7.30am and 5.30pm on both Monday 6th October and Tuesday 7th October.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening and giving you the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

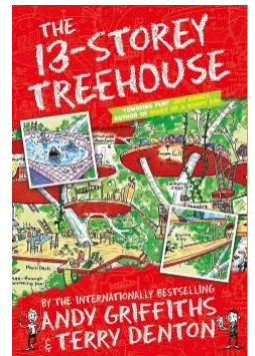
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

Our reading recommendations:

The 13-storey treehouse

By Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It has got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster . . . Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble . . . !



This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week in Design and Technology we have enjoyed creating our own moving space pictures. We have been using our cutting skills to cut out planets and rockets and attaching with split pins to make them pivot. This activity has supported our fine motor skills while encouraging creativity and independent thinking.



Middle Phase

This week in middle phase we have used clay to create beads to create our own stone age jewellery. The children worked hard to mould the clay into the shape they wanted and used the different tools to add texture and create holes ready for when they thread them.



Upper Phase

This week, Year 5 have been formulating reasons for and against a character staying in space or returning home, using evidence from the text: Cosmic. The children enjoyed sharing their ideas during a Conscience Alley. Very convincing arguments Year 5!



PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE)

We will offer the following open mornings for prospective new Nursery and Reception children and parents to come and see Valley's 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, enabling any questions you have to be answered and 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

Thank you to everybody who has opted into our trips package for this year. Unfortunately, we cannot add any further children to these now as we need to finalise numbers with our providers and/or coaches.

Please be assured that children who have chosen not to go on the trips or to have the in-school experience will have a curriculum offer in school which includes similar learning.

Further Developing Partnerships

Please be aware that both Mrs Coldwell and Mrs Fear are not in school currently, so Miss Green is extremely busy managing both offices.

If you have an urgent enquiry or need to collect your child urgently during the day, please do contact the Old Lode Lane office. However, for non-urgent enquiries that class teachers can deal with, we would appreciate you using the class email address as a first port of call.

Many thanks for your understanding and patience.

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

7th October – Nursery Parent Workshop 9am - 9.30am.

16th October -9am-10am or 10am -11am Open Morning for Prospective Nursery and Reception 2026 cohorts.

17th October – Parents Evening 2.15am – 7.15am (please book a slot).

Please support your child to participate in...

6th and 7th October – Stone Age Visit for Year 2 and Year 3

8th October – Gurdwara Visit for Year 4 and Year 5 Gem Groups

15th October – Gurdwara Visit for Year 4 and Year 5 Gem Groups

16th October – Y6 Think Tank Visit for Year 6

17th October – Black History 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>