



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
10th October
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who came to our Nursery workshop this week. Mrs Shabir thoroughly enjoyed sharing activities which the children will be doing in class and it was a great opportunity for us to gain feedback from parents regarding additional information we can provide to help you support your children's start to school life at Valley.

Thank you also to everybody who signed up for parents evening. Feedback from parents was positive regarding the different system and it seemed to work well. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 17th October.

Have a good weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Drop off and Collection

Please can we remind parents and carers that with the exception of guide / hearing dogs, dogs are not permitted on school sites. There are a number of children for whom this is a source of considerable anxiety and therefore we ask that this is respectfully adhered to. Thank you for your consideration.

SEND Hub Request

Our Hub team would like to kindly request donations of any puzzles, toys and games suitable for children aged 2-3 for our Hub (play zones). Ideally, wipe clean resources which are durable would be perfect. Cause and effect toys such as pop up items, rolling or stacking games etc are also ideal. These must be toys where there are no pieces which can be swallowed easily.

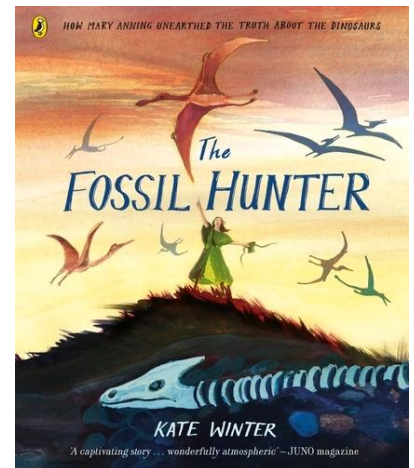
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

Our reading recommendations

The Fossil Hunter **Kate Winter**

Discover the mysteries of ancient fossils and read about the fascinating life of scientist Mary Anning with this beautifully illustrated book. Children will learn about the story of fossil hunter Mary Anning, who searched the shores of Lyme Regis for strange rocks and shells that turn out to be the fossils of magnificent marine reptiles and deadly dinosaurs. Mary's discoveries are still being talked about 200 years later and are so important for our understanding of the history of our planet.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

In Maths this week, Reception have been counting out objects one at a time. We used collections of mixed objects to sort and count carefully to find out how many of each object we had.



Middle Phase

This week our Year 2 and 3 children enjoyed the first of this year's optional visit opportunities... a stone age visitor! It was absolutely wonderful with lots of activities, real objects and hands on activities. The hall was filled with excitement and buzzing at every moment of the day.

Alongside this, our children enjoying the parallel curriculum offer in their classrooms also enjoyed having a Stone Age focus day. They did a great treasure hunt and made some great stone age tools. Well done everybody!



Upper Phase

This week in year 6, we role played a special journey to a holy place. We found out that the name for this sort of journey is 'Pilgrimage'. The most special pilgrimage for a Muslim is called The Hajj. Most Muslims will try to make this trip once in their lifetime as it is one of the five pillars. It takes place in Saudi Arabia. During our role play we explored the seven stations of Hajj and discussed which part of the Hajj had the most meaning for us and which part we thought we felt had the most meaning for a Muslim.



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'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 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Our Mental Health Support Team (who provide support within schools) will be at our parents evening on our Old Lode Lane site between 3-5pm on Friday 17th October for any parent who would like to chat to a member of the team and see the type of support that is available.

We apologise that this is not also on our Fallowfield Road site, however there is also a further opportunity to find out about their work at a Parents' Coffee morning on 12th November at 9:00am, further details to follow.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We have been made aware that several titles of Spy Dogs, Spy Pup and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cape contain a weblink at the back of the book which no longer directs people to information about the book and instead directs to inappropriate, unsafe and pornographic content. Please check your children do not have access to these.

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, but 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...

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

17th October - Parents Evening 2.15pm – 7.15pm

21st October- Express Event (& dress up) for Year 6 pupils. Parents welcome (please be reminded that attendees that are not on the contact list must be aware of the child's designated password).

Please support your child to participate in...

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

16th October - Year 6 Think Tank Visit

17th October - Black History Day

22nd October - Gurdwara Visit for Year 4 and Year 5 Gem Groups

22nd October - Flu Immunisations Year R-Year 6

24th October - House Points Winners' Celebration

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>