



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
24th October
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super start to the year at Valley! We are incredibly proud of the children and how they have settled and started the 2025-2026 academic year. It was wonderful to welcome you all during parents evening last Friday and see so many parents leaving with pride in their children or to provide a short report if you were unable to attend.

I am also delighted to be able to say that our new Gem group model has worked well. We began this with some apprehension about how it would work but the children have adapted well and many say they prefer it to staying in their classes all day which is lovely to hear. We are starting to see progress both academically and personally but will continue to monitor this and tweak as necessary throughout the year.

We couldn't have had such a successful start to the year without the support of you, our parents and carers, the wider school community, our partner agencies and our fantastic staff team. I want to thank everyone for their amazing commitment to our school.

It really is a pleasure to work with your children every day. I hope you have a lovely half term break with your children and we look forward to another fantastic half term leading up to Christmas. We have several exciting events planned including our usual performance to spread some Christmas cheer nearer to the end of term.

Thank you most sincerely for your continued support,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Curriculum Information

Please be reminded that you can find your child's Curriculum Information, Topic Home Learning, weekly Spellings (Y1-6) and KIRF (Key Instant Recall facts) for the half term ahead on your child's year group pages <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=24>

EYFS Outdoor Area

EYFS would be grateful for donations of any tarpaulin (plastic waterproof sheeting) and large pegs for their outdoor classroom. This is so the children can continue to create structures outside. If you have any of these items at home which you no longer need, please could you drop them off at the Reception and Nursery gate or at the junior office. Thank you.



Reception – Spare Clothes

We would like to request that all parents/carers of children in Reception provide their child with a spare set of clothing to be kept in their PE bag just in case of any accidents. We would be grateful for this, even if your child doesn't usually have any issues.

Thank you for your support.



Life Skill Champions

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

Nursery: **Kayden M**

Grylls R: **Jaxon B**
Peake R: **Zakariya H**
Aston R: **Emilia E**

Bell 1: **Violet T**
Lee 1: **Sienna D**
Shaw 1: **Noah T**

Churchill 2: **Paige C**
Nightingale 2: **Eden U**
Pankhurst 2: **Eva B**

Hockney 3: **Marti McL**
Riley 3: **Anaya A**

Hawking 4: **Orla O**
Newton 4: **Anhadh R**
Sharman 4: **April S**

Webber 5: **Jamie R**
Holst 5: **George T**
Lynn 5: **Ella R**

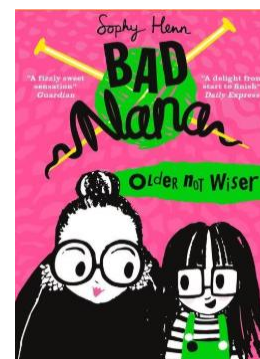
Farah 6: **Belle T**
Ennis 6: **Lola S**
Simmonds 6: **Oscar B**

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Bad Nana' By Sophy Henn

Jeanie's Grandma is BAD. Not bad like a vampire or a gangster or anything, more like . . . up to no good. Sometimes she can be a bit embarrassing but most of the time she's REALLY fun, especially when she gets Jeanie involved in her mischievous schemes. Everyone says she's old enough to know better . . . but she doesn't seem to care one bit. In fact, Jeanie thinks she might quite like it!

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week the children in **Reception** have been using their imagination to create exciting adventures. They made their own structures using props from outside and then recreated stories using their creations. They even became builders and fixed a leaky roof!



Middle Phase

The children in **Year 3** have been having a fantastic time exploring Stone Age life through jewellery making in their Gem Groups. They began by researching different types of Stone Age jewellery, learning how early humans used natural materials like bones, teeth, and stones to create decorative pieces.

Inspired by their findings, the children then designed their own unique pieces. Using clay, they carefully moulded shapes to resemble animal teeth and bones, just like people might have done thousands of years ago. Once the clay had dried, they painted their creations using earthy tones to reflect the natural colours of the Stone Age.

The results were amazing — each necklace was full of character and creativity!



Upper Phase

As Year 5 approaches the end of their exciting adventure through the novel *COSMIC*, Lynn 5 have been immersed in the story's fantastical world, exploring the themes of friendship and personal growth. This week to deepen their comprehension and writing skills, each child has undertaken the creative task of writing persuasive letters from the main character, Liam, to his parents, urging them to either allow him to continue his thrilling journey to space or to go home. Lynn 5's understanding of Liam's perspective and the challenges he faces is shown through their persuasive writing techniques, including emotive language and rhetorical questions, all while maintaining a strong narrative voice reflective of Liam's character!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all eligible parents/carers to please check your emails for HAF information which will give you access to holiday clubs, activities and a meal each day during the school holidays for your children.

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 13 October – 17 October 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	97.3%	Farah 6	95.7%	Simmonds 6	94.7%	Holst 5	96.5%	Lynn 5	92.8%	Webber 5	96.1%
	Hawking 4	97.0%	Newton 4	96.7%	Sharman 4	93.9%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	95.2%	Riley 3	98.5%			Churchill 2	94.2%	Nightingale 2	93.5%	Pankhurst 2	91.9%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	92.4%	Lee 1	94.7%	Shaw 1	90.4%	Aston R	95.4%	Grylls R	95.2%	Peake R	97.5%
	Nursery	89.8%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

13th November – EYFS Open Morning – Session 1 – 9am – 10am

13th November – EYFS Open Morning – Session 2 -10am – 11am

Please support your child to participate in...

4th November - Engage Day - Reception - Year 6

5th November - Nursery Engage Day (Dress up day for Nursery)

6th November - Girls Football team V Knowle Primary School – 4pm – 6pm – Solihull Moors Football Club

10th November – Bikeability – Y5 – All week

13th November – Boys Football team V St Andrews R C School– 4pm -6pm – St Andrews School

14th November – World Kindness and Anti Bullying Day – Whole School - £1 to wear as many colours as possible

Please talk to your child about these events...

24th October – End of Term

3rd November - Term Starts

11th November – Pyjama Tales – Lower Phase – Fallowfield Road – 5pm-5.45pm

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>