



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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Friday
7th November
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back Everybody! I hope you all had a lovely half term break with your children and enjoyed some lovely family time.

The first week back has been busy but very exciting as children across school have started their new topics and enjoyed engage events, enjoyed seeing their friends again after the holidays and set goals and targets for the half term ahead. We look forward to a good half term to come.

Thank you all for your patience this week as the dining room has been out of action at the Old Lode Lane site. We had happy children with take away style pizza or fish fingers and chips the last couple of days, but we appreciate this was far from ideal. We are opening over the weekend in order to get the floor finished so hope to be back up and running as normal next week.

Have a good weekend all,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

New Admissions Consultation Policy

The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust, as the Admissions Authority for Valley Primary School, is commencing a statutory consultation on the proposed Admissions Policy for the academic year 2027/2028. The Statutory Consultation Period will be from 3 November to 15 December (six weeks). All responses must be submitted in writing via email to

office@elliottfoundationco.uk and must be received no later than **4:00 pm on 15th December 2025**. Please click on the link for further information <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Consultations&pid=88>

All responses will be carefully considered by the Trust Board before the policy is formally determined by 31 January 2026.

HR Manager

We have appointed Mrs Geir as our new HR Lead. Her role will also include line managing our office admin team. She will start towards the end of November, after serving her notice at her current school and once the DBS process has been completed. We will advertise for a 3 days a week office administrator now.

Parent Liaison Lead

Miss Freeborn has kindly agreed to take on our Parent Liaison Lead role. Miss Freeborn will continue with her other roles but we will increase her hours slightly to give her a short amount of time each day to fulfil the parent liaison role. This time however will be limited, so we would like to ask that you look at our communication tree to consider which queries need to go to parent liaison.

The majority of queries should be able to be dealt with at class teacher level or by our school office. To be clear, parent liaison should be used for whole school feedback, suggestions or concerns plus queries, concerns or complaints which the class teacher or office team have failed to resolve. It is important this is not the first port of call please for parents.

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor Position

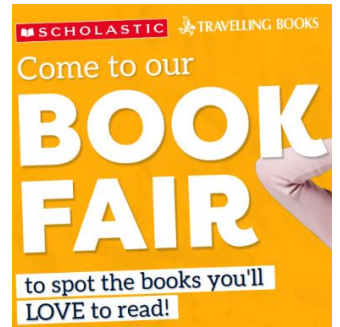
We are currently advertising for a Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team and support safe and enjoyable lunchtimes for the children of Valley. Please see link:

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Current+Job+Vacancies&pid=87>

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school for you to buy some fabulous new books in time for Christmas or just as a well done for a super parents evening report for your child.

The book fair will be open on **Friday 14th November** after school until **2.30pm** and **Monday 17th November, Tuesday 18th November and Wednesday 19th November** after school until **4.00pm**. The book fair will take place in the dining hall at the Old Lode Lane Site and in the main hall at the Fallowfield Road Site. We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful opportunity to promote reading.



Pyjama Tales Reminder

We will be hosting our Pyjama Tales event soon at Valley. This event is an opportunity for children to come back to school in their pyjamas and hear a bedtime story read by some of their teachers. We hope your child will be joining us for a bedtime story. The dates and times are as follows:

Fallowfield Road: 11th November, 5pm-5:45pm.

Old Lode Lane: 18th November, 5pm-5:45pm.

The PTFA will be selling refreshments in the school hall. Parents are welcome to stay in the hall during the event but cannot join their children for the stories. A letter has been sent out with further information on how to sign up for this event.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Hobbit' By J.R.R. Tolkien

This absolute classic continues to captivate readers of all ages. An epic tale of an unassuming hobbit who is ripped from his comfortable will transport you to another world, one of wizards and dragons and elves.

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

On Wednesday, the children in **Nursery** dressed up as their favourite occupation. They enjoyed seeing what their friends dressed up as and they spoke about what they wanted to be when they grow up and what they know about that job and how they help us. The children had a range of jobs such as police officers, fire fighters, dentists, doctors, nurses, vets, and hairdressers. They all had such a fun day using their imagination to role play with their friends.



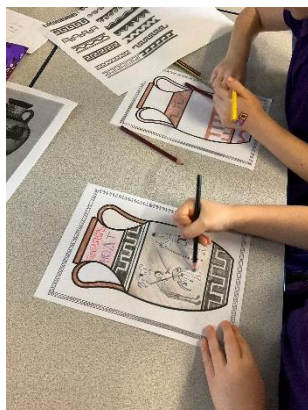
Middle Phase

This week, **Year Two and Three** have enjoyed their Engage Day. They spent some time recapping their Stone Age learning before starting to think about what came next.... The Bronze Age. They watched videos and looked at artefacts to learn about how bronze was made and the importance of using metal for creating new things to improve their ways of life.



Upper Phase

Year 5 had a wonderful day on Tuesday finding out about their new topic, Ground breaking Greeks. The children looked at Greek pottery and took part in a mini Olympic Games.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We are pleased to let all parents/carers know that SOLAR, who are a mental health charity will be hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 12th November at 9am on the Old Lode Lane site. Please feel free to pop in and have a chat if you would like any support or have any concerns that you feel need to be addressed regarding your child's anxiety or mental health.

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 20 October – 24 October 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	88.7%	Farah 6	84.3%	Simmonds 6	92.3%	Holst 5	94.1%	Lynn 5	92.9%	Webber 5	94.6%
	Hawking 4	91.5%	Newton 4	87.4%	Sharman 4	91.4%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	89.7%	Riley 3	92.3%			Churchill 2	92.3%	Nightingale 2	87.8%	Pankhurst 2	90.0%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	80.7%	Lee 1	90.0%	Shaw 1	96.5%	Aston R	89.6%	Grylls R	86.4%	Peake R	94.6%
	Nursery	80.6%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 12th November – Parent/carers coffee morning with SOLAR – Old Lode Lane – 9am
- 13th November – EYFS Open Morning – Session 1 – 9am – 10am
- 13th November – EYFS Open Morning – Session 2 -10am – 11am
- 14th November – Scholastic Book Fair – After school until 2.30pm
- 17th – 19th November – Scholastic Book Fayre – After school until 4pm
- 18th November – Reception Phonics Workshop – Aston – 8.45am
- 19th November – Reception Phonics Workshop – Peake – 8.45am
- 20th November – Reception Phonics Workshop – Grylls – 8.45am

Please support your child to participate in...

- 10th November – 13th November - Bikeability – Y5
- 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...

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

18th November – Pyjama Tales – Middle and Upper Phase – Old Lode Lane – 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>