



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
19th December
2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a wonderful Autumn Term! On many occasions, I have been amazed by the fabulous achievements of our children and the kindness, resilience and determination they have shown.

I look back on the term and reflect on the many exciting opportunities we have shared as a school community. We have enjoyed so many fabulous events, the last of which have been joyous Christmas performances which have brought smiles to all our faces this last fortnight. If you couldn't join us, there is a snippet for you to enjoy on our school website at the bottom of your child's year group page.

There have been so many lovely enrichment opportunities, parent events and learning activities this term and our children have aspired for excellence throughout, enjoyed learning, achieved success and then challenged themselves further. It has been great to see them continue to develop their learning and grow as young people. I continue to be immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school and to have your children in our care.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff. They work so hard and we are very lucky to have such dedicated and caring leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, lunchtime supervisors, site staff and cleaners. I also thank our great partnership agencies, our dedicated community council, our wonderful PTFA and The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust who support the school in many different ways.

Particular thanks also to you, our parents, for the partnership that we have as we strive to offer the best possible education to our children. Above all however, my thanks go to our wonderful children for the many smiles, joys and special moments which they have created and shared this term.

Santa made a surprise visit to Valley this week following our Aladdin pantomime which was wonderful. Santa met each of our children and gave them a special chocolate lollipop. Santa said he hoped to pop by with more presents for Christmas. So, as we now wait for Santa to visit our houses on Christmas Eve, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Christmas is a very special time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and enjoy spending precious time with our families and being thankful for the wonderful people in our lives. Enjoy every moment with your children, they are very special young people and won't be children excited about Christmas forever! They are growing up quickly, so treasure the moment!

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year which I have every faith will be another very successful year for Valley school community.

Merry Christmas Everybody!
Miss Milewski



Year Group Pages

Your child's Curriculum Information, Topic Home Learning, Spellings (KS1 and 2) and KIRF are accessible on the website under year group pages in readiness for the new half term.

Life Skills Champions

We are delighted to celebrate our Life Skills Champions who have shown excellent physical health management skills. Each of these children has been awarded a gold star pin badge, which they can wear with pride on their uniform.

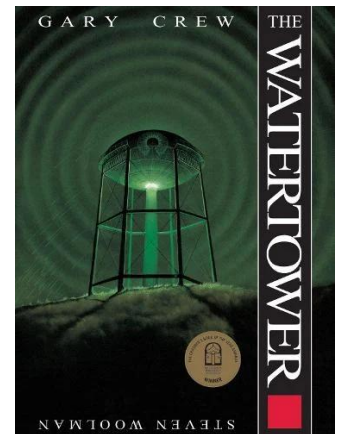
Nursery:	Eliza D	Grylls R:	Arlo B	Bell 1:	Zimal U
		Peake R:	Jessica W-G	Lee 1:	Mila H
		Aston R:	Cole S	Shaw 1:	Millie H
Churchill 2:	Isabelle E	Hockney 3:	Joshua B	Hawking 4:	Aidan M
Nightingale 2:	Isla S	Riley 3:	Isabelle P	Newton 4:	Isla H
Pankhurst 2:	Alfie E			Sharman 4:	Lucas F
Webber 5:	Georgia J	Farah 6:	Mason H		
Holst 5:	George T	Ennis 6:	Tommy C		
Lynn 5:	Harry B	Simmonds 6:	George C		

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Watertower' by Gary Crew

This eerie tale centres on Preston's mysterious watertower. Nobody knows who built it or when, but there it stands on Shooter's Hill, with its rusty legs and warped, leaking tank. Unpick the sinister events that unfold when two boys decide to visit the watertower. This relatively short story is full of new little details that spring up every time you revisit it. Children will want to spend hours dissecting every meticulously thought out image to discover the hidden secret of the watertower.

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

The children in **Reception** enjoyed their Christmas games on Thursday. They hooked some candy canes, scooped the snowballs and pinned the nose on the reindeer! They even had time to stack the presents for Santa!



Middle Phase

The children in **Year 2** have enjoyed publishing their letters- they have learnt about where to write an address and stick the stamp. They hope people at home enjoy receiving their letters.



Upper Phase

Year 6 delighted families and staff with a fantastic musical performance, showcasing their growing confidence and skill in music. Each gem group performed a song with a clear focus on rhythm, pitch and tempo, demonstrating careful listening and strong ensemble work. The concert concluded with a festive Christmas medley, made even more special by pupils who performed their own choreography, bringing energy, creativity and holiday cheer to a wonderful celebration of their hard work.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please do contact school to discuss this. Should this concern arise during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. You can also contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4.30pm), or 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays) or if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

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 8 December – 12 December 2025

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	93.3%	Farah 6	83.8%	Simmonds 6	87.0%	Holst 5	91.6%	Lynn 5	96.4%	Webber 5	83.2%
	Hawking 4	88.5%	Newton 4	95.9%	Sharman 4	87.1%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.0%	Riley 3	92.6%			Churchill 2	95.5%	Nightingale 2	91.7%	Pankhurst 2	90.0%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	89.3%	Lee 1	92.0%	Shaw 1	86.2%	Aston R	84.6%	Grylls R	92.0%	Peake R	93.2%
	Nursery	97.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please support your child to participate in...

9th January – Christmas Card recycling Day – Whole School

Please join us for these events...

13th January – Newton 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

14th January – Sharman 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

15th January – Hawking 4 – Maths Workshop – 9.00am

Please talk to your children about these events...

5th January – Inset Day

6th January – Term Starts

6th January – Engage Events – Whole School

15th January – Solihull Reception Admission Deadline for September 2026 Cohort

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>