



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
16th January
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our Year 4 parents who attended our Maths workshops this week, it has been lovely to hear such positive feedback and the children have thoroughly enjoyed having you in school to share their learning.

Many thanks also for your support last Friday when we had to close school suddenly due to the extreme weather conditions and it being unsafe for us to open. The children were very chatty when they returned on Monday talking about snow creations, sledging and competitions they had enjoyed. Many of them were fascinated by how quickly it melted, or how slowly in other areas. Whilst, closing school is never a positive, it was lovely that the children had the opportunity to experience proper snow and play in this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Fallowfield Road Office

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a new member of office staff, Mrs Godding, who will be based in our office on Fallowfield Road from Monday to Wednesday each week. Mrs Fear will continue on Thursday and Friday, so you should find there is somebody to help you every day now on both sites.

Nursery 2026

If you have a child who will be 3 years old in September of 2026, please be advised that we are still welcoming late applications for Nursery placements. Please visit the website for information as to how to apply or contact school should you have any questions.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Admissions%2F+Starting+School&pid=82>

Parents Evening

Please look out for the additional letter with regards to our Spring term parents evening. The signing up sheets will be available outside both offices from **Monday 19th January to Wednesday 21st January 7:30am until 6pm.**

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Big Book of the UK' by Imogen Russell Williams

This lovely non-fiction book is filled with facts about wildlife, food, sports, geography, language and some *very* silly place names. This book will help you uncover national secrets and unearth local legends from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase



SHARING OUR LEARNING

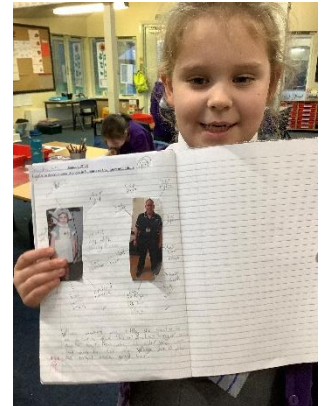
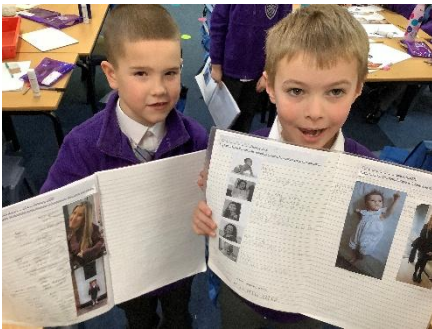
Lower Phase

In **Nursery** this week, the children have been working on their throwing and catching skills. They had to stand opposite a partner and throw the ball to them using an underarm throw. Their partner had to be ready to catch by having their hands together and they also had to watch the ball carefully. It was tricky for them but they didn't give up!



Middle Phase

In Science, **Year 2** are learning about animals and humans. They have learned about the stages of the human life cycle and used photos of their own family members to identify how they have changed as they have grown up and become adults, in ways that we can and can't see.



Upper Phase

This week, the children in **Year 4** have had their times tables workshops. Parents came in and enjoyed some times table games with their children. A big thank you to all the parents who came along. If you couldn't attend the workshops and want to see any of the resources used, then please speak to a member of the Year 4 staff.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents and carers to please be mindful of the surrounding areas and be considerate of parking around school on both sites.

We would also like to ensure that we keep the area surrounding the school neat and tidy for ourselves and for our neighbours. Please take any rubbish home with you or dispose of rubbish in a bin and do not throw it onto the floor.

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 5 January – 9 January 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	100%	Farah 6	92.5%	Simmonds 6	92.9%	Holst 5	93.3%	Lynn 5	73.4%	Webber 5	96.4%
	Hawking 4	91.7%	Newton 4	91.0%	Sharman 4	90.5%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	98.0%	Riley 3	94.8%			Churchill 2	97.7%	Nightingale 2	97.8%	Pankhurst 2	91.2%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	90.7%	Lee 1	96.4%	Shaw 1	88.9%	Aston R	88.5%	Grylls R	96.3%	Peake R	93.5%
	Nursery	92.6%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

20th January – Ennis 6 Maths Workshop – 9am

21st January – Farah 6 Maths Workshop – 9am

22nd January – Simmonds 6 Workshop – 9am

27th January – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting via TEAMS – 5pm

Please support your child to participate in...

26th January - Picnic lunch in memory of Mr Stoneman. Wear own clothes (donations to Marie Curie welcome)

Please talk to your children about these events...

29th January – Individual and Class Photos – Old Lode Lane – 7.50am for sibling photos

12th February – Individual and Class Photos – Fallowfield Road – 9am

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>