



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
23<sup>rd</sup>

January 2026

## WE REMEMBER MR STONEMAN



We remember Mr Stoneman, our site services manager for many years who passed away over the Christmas holidays. He was an incredible man, and his legacy will live on at Valley for many years to come.

Mr Stoneman thought very highly of our children and staff and Valley was a massive part of his life, bringing him much joy over many, many years.

Mr Stoneman is remembered with smiles and joy and we will spend time on Monday sharing stories of the fun and joy he brought to our school community. We plan to create a time capsule in Mr Stoneman's memory which we will bury near to the tree we plan to plant in his memory.

As many of our children know, Mr Stoneman loved to keep fit, but he also enjoyed the occasional sweet treat! He would have valued nothing more than children chatting and sharing lunch and chocolate muffins together. We will all enjoy a picnic lunch with chocolate muffins in his memory on Monday!

Marie Curie were extremely good to Mr Stoneman during his last weeks of life. We will also invite children and staff to wear their favourite clothes on Monday and bring a donation for Marie Curie in order that they can continue their good work and help other people like Mr Stoneman facing an unimaginable illness. We hope you will support this event.

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Reading Reminder

Please be reminded that we request that children read at least 3 times a week at home to support children to apply skills, develop fluency and establish habits that will support them throughout their school life. Where this has not been possible, a weekly opportunity is provided in school for children to apply their skills with peers before they join in with breaktime. We are extremely grateful to parents for signing the diary to enable us to appropriately facilitate this. We would also remind parents that should a child wish to read from their library book or enjoy a story at home to supplement reading from their reading scheme book; this is also welcomed. Thank you for your support.

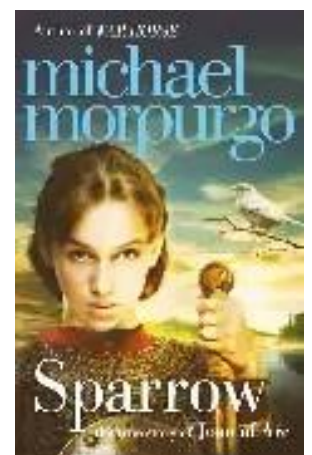
### OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

**'Sparrow: The Story of Joan of Arc' by Michael Morpurgo**

Young girl Eloise has always loved Joan of Arc because of her bravery and one special day, she has a very special daydream...

This story explores the epic history of Joan of Arc with a beautiful twist. All throughout Joan's impossible task to save her country, she is guided and motivated by the most unlikely of friends - a small, unassuming sparrow. Be inspired by Joan's patience, perseverance and courage as she navigates her destiny.

**This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

This week, **Shaw 1** have worked collaboratively to order 8 key events from the Great Fire of London. The children discussed the meaning and importance of chronological order and came up with actions to support them to remember the sequence of events. They completed this task with their partner and demonstrated one of our school values of collaboration. Well done Shaw 1!



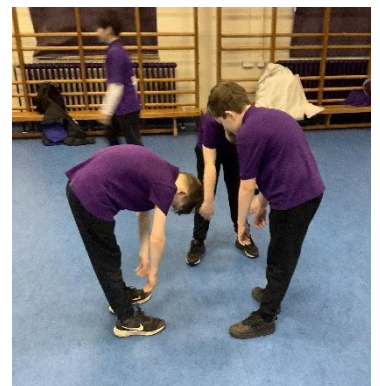
### Middle Phase

In **Year 2's** English the children have been learning about brown bears, building up to writing a non-chronological report. They spent time writing the different sections, then worked in small groups to publish a paragraph of their work and create a finished non-chronological report.



### Upper Phase

**Farah 6** have been studying dance in PE and have been busy creating, collaborating and performing! Using the stimulus of stamp and clap, and building in actions, dynamics and sound-inspired movement, pupils developed their choreography over the past three weeks. They combined taught sequences into their own performance pieces, exploring the aesthetics of dance creative formations and movement patterns. The final dances were unique to each group and showcased impressive creativity, confidence and teamwork.



## Charity Request

In assembly this week, the children were asked to consider making a card for Amelia, a little girl with a terminal illness who hopes to break a world record by getting 8,000 birthday cards for her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. She has been through an incredible amount in her little life. Please encourage your child to either make a birthday card or consider buying her one and writing it with or on behalf of your child. There is a box in both Receptions collecting these and we plan to deliver these to her on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Many thanks in anticipation for your support.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note to Parents

We would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform including ties and fleeces which your children may have now outgrown. We are specifically looking for items to fit children from **Nursery to Year 1**. Any items of uniform can be handed into the school offices on either site for the attention of the Pastoral team.

### 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](mailto:parentliaison@valleyprimary.org)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 12 January – 16 January 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	97.9%	Farah 6	91.6%	Simmonds 6	<b>98.9%</b>	Holst 5	87.6%	Lynn 5	94.0%	Webber 5	<b>98.4%</b>
	Hawking 4	<b>93.4%</b>	Newton 4	93.2%	Sharman 4	91.7%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.0%	Riley 3	<b>97.3%</b>			Churchill 2	96.0%	Nightingale 2	93.7%	Pankhurst 2	<b>97.8%</b>
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	98.8%	Lee 1	<b>99.2%</b>	Shaw 1	92.2%	Aston R	88.5%	Grylls R	<b>95.5%</b>	Peake R	93.0%
	Nursery	92.5%										

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

## DIARY DATES

### Please join us for these events...

- 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting via Google Meet– 5pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Parents Evening – 3.40pm – 7pm (Reception – Y6)
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Meetings -12.00 -3.30pm (Nursery)
- 10 February – Parents Evening – 3.40pm – 7pm (Reception – Y6)

### Please support your child to participate in...

- 26<sup>th</sup> January - Picnic lunch in memory of Mr Stoneman. Wear own clothes (donations to Marie Curie welcome)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week – Wear Green on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

### Please talk to your children about these events...

- 29<sup>th</sup> January – Individual and Class Photos – Old Lode Lane – 7.50am for sibling photos
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February – National Storytelling Virtual Events for Y1-Y6
- 12<sup>th</sup> 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>