



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday  
30<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everybody who supported us on Monday as we shared memories of Mr Stoneman, had a picnic with chocolate muffins and wore our favourite clothes. Mr Stoneman would have been overwhelmed by your response to our Marie Curie Donations in his memory. We raised **£700**. This will go towards helping others faced with a similar situation to Mr Stoneman and needing excellent care. Thank you all most sincerely.

This is the message from Mr Stoneman's wife following Monday and the lovely video song the children made for him:

*We can't thank Valley Primary School enough for the beautiful video and song in memory of Graham. It truly moved us to tears and meant more than we could ever put into words 🎵💖*

*The muffins and fundraising for Marie Curie was such a thoughtful and generous thing to do. We are so grateful for all the love, care, and effort that went into it, and for the respect and kindness shown to Graham. Seeing how much he meant to you all has touched us deeply.*

*We're so sorry that the funeral car accidentally went to the wrong school, but please know how much we appreciated the effort everyone made to be there and to show their love and respect. It really did mean the world to us.*

*We will be forever grateful to you all. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts*

*Marisa x 💖🌻*

As the children said in their song, Thank you Mr Stoneman for all you did for Valley. We will always remember the part you played in our school!

Miss Milewski

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### Get Pedalling Solihull

Solihull Cycle Ready are running a two day course for children to have fun learning to ride or just polishing their skills which will build their confidence and help them master the basics of cycling. The course is available for **children over the age of 8** and it will be held at **Tudor Grange Cycle Track on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**. Sessions are from 9.15am. Please try to bring your own bikes and helmets as there is only a limited supply of equipment. Book your place at

<https://solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>. Further information can be obtained by emailing [bikeability@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:bikeability@solihull.gov.uk)

## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

### **'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas**

One day, Colour Monster wakes up feeling very confused. His emotions are all over the place; he feels angry, happy, calm, sad and scared all at once! To help him, a little girl shows him what each feeling means through colour.

What is the Colour Monster feeling? And can you help him feel a little less mixed up?

A gentle exploration of feelings for young and old alike

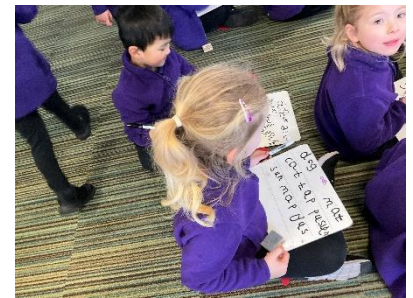
**This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase**



## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### Lower Phase

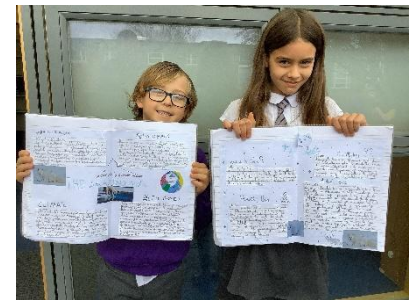
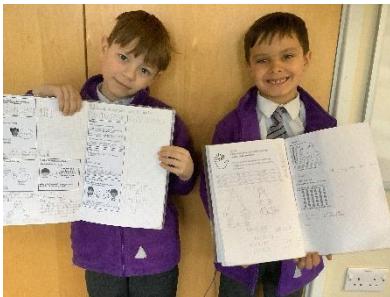
This week, **Peake** have really enjoyed getting busy straight away when they get into class each morning. They have been practising using their Fred Fingers in order to write CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words from the pictures displayed on our 'What can you see today?' challenge. They have loved seeing how many of the pictures they can correctly label and read back. It has been so lovely to see the children using their phonics skills independently and seeing how proud they are of their achievements. Keep up the hard work Peake.



### Middle Phase

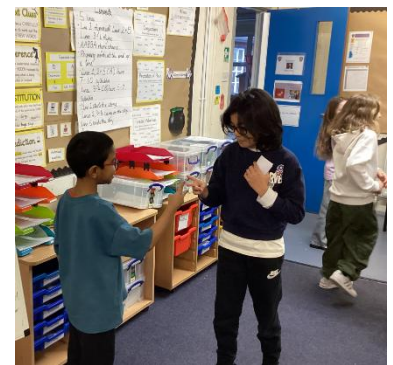
In **Year 3**, the children have been busy writing non-chronological reports on the Arctic. They have just started their new genre: a character description.

In Maths they have been multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.



### Upper Phase

On Monday, **Hawking 4** had a great time practising some of their French vocabulary with a fun game that they like to play. Pupils write down three sentences in secret and the children try to guess what their peers have written down. They did so well at practising their pronunciation and learning to talk about their leisure activities.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note to Parents

Please look out for separate attachments which will be sent via ParentPay, which include a communication tree detailing the best ways to contact school plus our SEND communication flowchart which outlines the processes for parents/carers to raise any concerns regarding a special educational need or disability.

### 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 19 January – 23 January 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	<b>97.4%</b>	Farah 6	87.4%	Simmonds 6	96.1%	Holst 5	90.6%	Lynn 5	92.9%	Webber 5	<b>95.4%</b>
	Hawking 4	91.0%	Newton 4	<b>93.7%</b>	Sharman 4	92.8%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	96.3%	Riley 3	<b>97.7%</b>			Churchill 2	95.2%	Nightingale 2	94.7%	Pankhurst 2	<b>97.4%</b>
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	96.5%	Lee 1	<b>98.1%</b>	Shaw 1	92.6%	Aston R	88.7%	Grylls R	<b>94.8%</b>	Peake R	92.5%
	Nursery	87.8%										

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

## DIARY DATES

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

- 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)
- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Express Event – Parents Invited – 2.45pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening – 3.40pm – 7pm (Reception – Y6)
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Express Event – Parents Invited – 2.45pm

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

- 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...

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February – National Storytelling Virtual Events for Y1-Y6
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day and E-Safety
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Individual and Class Photos – Fallowfield Road – 9am
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Start of Term

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>