



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
13th
February
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I congratulate our half termly winning house team... well done Great Barrier Reef House. The team worked together to show our school values, live out our school vision and show fantastic learning, gaining the most house points in return during this half term. Great celebrations took place for our blue house today.

Secondly, this week we have had some wonderful express events to end our topics which has encouraged us all to reflect on the great learning opportunities our children have had this half term at Valley. We have seen so many moments of excitement, so many collaborative efforts between children, year groups or multiple year groups and so many targets achieved. It was great chatting to many parents as you came to parents evening and hearing how proud you are of your children... absolutely rightly so! May I take this opportunity to thank our whole school community who have contributed to this success. Crucially, I would like to thank my staff team who are relentless with their efforts to make sure every child has the best possible opportunities, alongside our many partner agencies and community partners who play such an important role in our school.

Finally, as we end the term, may I wish you all a fabulous half term break with your children and thank you, our parents and carers for your invaluable support, this is so important to enable our fabulous children who wow us every day to continue to grow and learn to be the best they can possibly be.

Happy Holidays everybody!

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Welcome to our New Assistant Headteacher

Mr Boulton will start at Valley on Monday 23rd February as our new permanent Assistant Headteacher. Mr Boulton has a wealth of leadership experience and at interview his love for children, alongside his passion for Teaching and Learning, Reading and English skills development plus pupil voice shone through. He was a firm favourite from the children during the process after a rigorous interview with the school council and following his assembly and the model lesson that he taught. We look forward to him joining the Valley staff team.

Goodbye and Thank You

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Graver who leaves Valley after several years as part of our team. Mrs Graver is excited to be taking on a new role working with children who have additional needs helping them plan journeys and with travel across Solihull. This is a new role within the Borough and we wish Mrs Graver every success on her next adventure.

Phase Leaders

After half term, our Assistant Headteachers will take on our Phase Leader roles across school. We hope this will further strengthen leadership at Valley. As they are a key part of the parent communication tree, we wanted to let you know who your child's phase leader will be.

Upper Phase (Years 4,5,6) - Mrs Burgess

Middle Phase (Years 2.3) - Mrs Wood

Lower Phase (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) - Mr Boulton

Year Group Pages

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

Job Opportunities at Valley

We would like to remind you that we do advertise any job opportunities at Valley using our school website using the specific Current Job Vacancy page: [Valley Primary School - Current Job Vacancies](#)

We are currently advertising for a part time HLTA position... specifically a 2 or 3 day a week opportunity. If you would like to find out more, please do visit our current job vacancy page using the link above or contact Mrs Geir, our HR lead at school if you would like further information.

Half-Term Fun!

From 16th – 21st February, Touchwood are partnering with Solihull Scouts to host an exciting range of activities including archery, axe throwing and the catapult range (min age 8yrs). Activity tickets are £5.50 and include a free small hot chocolate from Cacao.

In addition to the adventure activity sessions, there are **free drop-in activities for all ages** - from s'mores making and paracord crafts, to map reading and first aid. A brilliant way for children to learn new skills and enjoy a fun day out during the holidays.

Tickets for bookable activities are available at: <https://www.eventsattouchwood.co.uk/scout-skills>

Charity Kindness - Thank you

A big thank you to all our children who made a birthday card for little Amelia who is so poorly and unlikely to see another birthday. These have been passed on to the Headteacher at her school this week and we were genuinely moved by the many efforts and hand decorated or written cards.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Melissa, who spoke to family members who have association with the Hells Angels biking group and the effort this group made, which even made the BBC news. This stemmed from a Valley pupil which was so wonderful. Thank you Melissa, and everybody who took part or shared the request for cards to enable this little girls dream to come true.

Life Skills Champions

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

Nursery:	Caleb W	Grylls R:	Alaya H	Bell 1:	Violet T
		Peake R:	Ava B	Lee 1:	Olivia W
		Aston R:	Skylar N-J	Shaw 1:	Zidan S
Churchill 2:	Paige C	Hockney 3:	Liam W	Hawking 4:	Thea D
Nightingale 2:	Knox M	Riley 3	Millie M	Newton 4:	Isabella D
Pankhurst 2:	Carter B			Sharman 4:	Imogen G
Webber 5:	Georgia J	Farah 6:	Penelope J		
Holst 5:	Hugo P	Ennis 6:	Ayush P		
Lynn 5:	Emily T	Simmonds 6:	Emaan T		

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Time Travellers: Adventure Calling' by Sufiya Ahmed

The first book in a series, Time Travellers: Adventure Calling follows friends Suhana, Mia and Ahmed as they are transported back in time to 1911. There, they find themselves in the middle of a women's suffrage demonstration where they meet characters like Emily Davison and Lolita Roy as well as other women of Indian heritage who are working for the right to vote.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



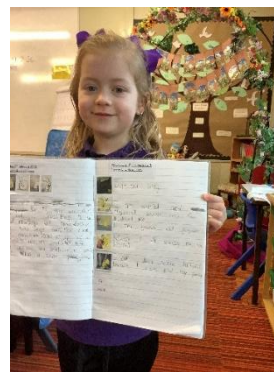
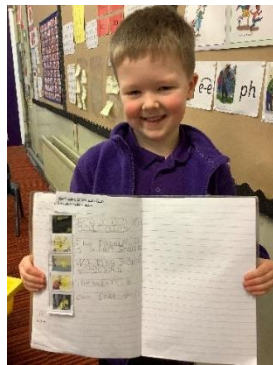
SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, **Year 1** enjoyed taking part in their topic express with their parents. They enjoyed celebrating and sharing their learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children challenged their parents to a quiz and enjoyed competing with them.



This week in **Year 1** English the children have enjoyed creating their own poems about the main character Beegu in our Power of Reading Text. They have challenged themselves to use adjectives to describe what Beegu looks like and how Beegu feels. They then performed their poems confidently in front of the whole class.



Middle Phase

Riley 3 have been writing incredible descriptions about our new favourite character - Shen from Pugs of the Frozen North. The children worked really hard to use expanded noun phrases for description, and a range of conjunctions to link their ideas. Well done, Riley!



Upper Phase

Over the last few weeks, the children in **Year 4 and 5** have worked really hard to create some 'Aardman Animation' inspired Stop Motion Animation short films. All the children produced some fantastic clay models and there is no doubt that we have some aspiring animators within the school! Good enough to rival Wallace and Gromit, no doubt!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

Please click on the link below for a mental health support pack for parents. It has numerous articles & advice on a number of topics including understanding anxiety, navigating worries, school avoidance, emotional regulation, meltdowns after school etc. [Children's Mental Health Support Pack](#)

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 2 February – 6 February 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	92.7%	Farah 6	91.0%	Simmonds 6	97.3%	Holst 5	97.2%	Lynn 5	97.8%	Webber 5	96.3%
	Hawking 4	93.7%	Newton 4	88.5%	Sharman 4	92.2%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.6%	Riley 3	95.6%			Churchill 2	98.6%	Nightingale 2	95.5%	Pankhurst 2	90.5%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	95.6%	Lee 1	96.8%	Shaw 1	93.0%	Aston R	93.2%	Grylls R	81.9%	Peake R	96.2%
	Nursery	90.3%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

25th February – PTFA AGM – Old Lode Lane - 5pm-6pm

Please support your child to participate in...

24th February – Y1 Trip to Tamworth Castle

25th February – Y4/5 Trip to Coventry Cathedral

26th February – Y4/5 Trip to Coventry Cathedral

3rd March – Y2/3 trip to Selly Manor

4th March – Y2/3 trip to Selly Manor

Please talk to your children about these events...

23rd February – Start of Term

5th March – World Book Day (Dress up Event)

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>