



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
27th
February
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term! I hope you all had a great holiday with your children and had the opportunity to spend lots of quality time making memories together.

The start of term has been excellent at Valley. We have enjoyed lovely engage events to begin our new topics and several children have enjoyed trips or been talking about their planned upcoming school trip linked to their topic. It has also been excellent to be able to offer a parallel curriculum activity for those choosing not to attend trips and see some lovely excitement within school. We are all looking forward to learning more as our topic curriculum progresses.

Next week, we also look forward to celebrating World Book Day. This year, we are encouraging the children to dress up as a character from a favourite book or make something to wear linked to a book. This will aid discussions on the day and help with our continued drive to foster a love of reading within all our children. We hope the children will come home buzzing with excitement after World Book Day on Thursday.

Have a good weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

SEN Parent Events at Valley

We are delighted to share that we have two events on offer this half term for our parents who have children with a Special Educational Need (SEN):

Cuppa and a Catch-Up - Tuesday 24th March at 9am

An informal and friendly opportunity, hosted by Mrs Heaven and Miss Kelly at our Old Lode Lane site, to connect, ask questions and share insights. We are so excited to welcome Niki Gore (School Nurse), Amanda Larsen (Mental Health Senior Team from Solar) and Michelle Chan (Solihull Family Hub) who will be joining our session and will be available to ask questions about your child's individual needs.

Online Parent Webinar - Wednesday 18th March at 9.30am

Join Mrs Heaven virtually via Google Meet for a webinar (no longer than an hour) focusing on managing behaviour for children who have additional needs. During the session, we will share strategies and resources which can be used at home, as well as offering a question and answer session where we hope to troubleshoot some of the challenges you may be facing.

To reserve a space at either of these events, please email send@valleyprimary.org to request your place. If you are requesting to join the webinar, a link to Google Meet will then be sent to you.

All parents are welcome, even if your child does not have a formal diagnosis.
We hope to see you there!

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: <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Current+Job+Vacancies&pid=87>

We are currently advertising for a school hours, term time only, Learning Support Assistant position (8.30-3.30 Mon- Thurs, 8.30-2pm Fri).

We are also advertising for a part time Higher Level Teaching Assistant position and are open to either 2 or 3 days per week (days must include Friday but other day/ days negotiable).

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.

Science Day

We are very excited to announce that this year's Science Day will be taking place on **Friday 13th March**. The children will enjoy a fun packed day of finding out about the science behind how and what we eat. Thank you for all of the seed donations that were brought in during our Mental Health Day. These will be used to help grow our own ingredients beginning on Science Day and following through to the next term, where we will be able to harvest them. The money raised also has allowed us to secure some exciting prizes for our annual Science Day competition. Look out for more details on our competition on the day itself.



Items Being Brought into School

We have recently noticed an increase in pupils bringing small luminous animal toys (particularly ducks) into school. These are being shared and traded, which is causing distraction and occasional disagreements. Please can we ask that these items are kept at home. Thank you for your support.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Be Kind' by Pat Zietlow Miller

Each act, big or small, can make a difference – or at least help a friend. What does it mean to be kind? When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate contemplates how to make her feel better and what it means to be kind. From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind.

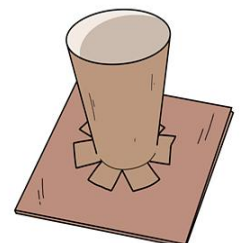
This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, the children in **Reception** have been using their creating skills to make models from recycling and creative materials. They used masking tape and glue to join these materials together to create some great work. They even learnt the flange technique of joining tubes or pipes to a flat surface!



Middle Phase

This week, in **Year 2 and 3**, the children have started their new topic, 'Terrible Tudors'. They have spent time learning about some key people and studying their portraits. During the afternoon they recreated the portraits and displayed them in their own gallery. They had a lovely time looking at the artwork that their friends had created!



Upper Phase

Year 4 and 5 had a wonderful time, visiting Coventry Blitz Museum and cathedral.

They enjoyed sitting in a 1940s classroom, exploring a WW2 kitchen, dressing up in military clothing (especially headgear) and creating chalk sketches (inspired by the artists Henri Moore and John Hutton). During their tour, they were amazed by the magnificence and history of the remaining ruins of the Cathedral, bombed during the war, and were dazzled by the beauty of the new cathedral built after WW2, which rose from the ashes like a phoenix.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are a **NUT free school**, as we have several children and staff with allergies. Could we also remind you that all grapes and cherry tomatoes need to be cut up as they can prove to be a choking hazard, especially for our younger children.

Please also be reminded that parking on school premises is restricted to staff, permitted visitors/agencies. For the safety of children and adults arriving at and vacating the school site, we ask that you park considerably off premises and do not park on or block residents driveways.

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 9 February – 13 February 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	91.3%	Farah 6	90.4%	Simmonds 6	96.7%	Holst 5	88.4%	Lynn 5	96.9%	Webber 5	95.9%
	Hawking 4	90.4%	Newton 4	92.2%	Sharman 4	89.2%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.6%	Riley 3	91.9%			Churchill 2	97.1%	Nightingale 2	91.8%	Pankhurst 2	86.9%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	90.0%	Lee 1	89.6%	Shaw 1	91.1%	Aston R	84.3%	Grylls R	68.1%	Peake R	73.2%
	Nursery	87.6%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please support your child to participate in...

3rd March – Y2/3 – Trip to Selly Manor

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5th March – World Book Day

Please talk to your children about these events...

9th March – Mother's Day Gift Shop – Fallowfield Road

10th March – Mother's Day Gift Shop - Old Lode Lane

13th March – Science Day – Whole School

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>