



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
6th March
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The buzz around school yesterday was incredible! We saw a real love for reading and saw creativity with activities based on books. A big thank you for supporting your children in choosing their characters and creating amazing costumes.

Please do continue to encourage this buzz and reading for pleasure by encouraging your child to access different books, authors and libraries if possible.

Have a great weekend everybody!

With best wishes,
The Gingerbread Man



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Spotlight on Safeguarding

You may be aware of a current trend circulating on TikTok between pupils in local secondary schools being referred to as "School Wars." The posts have a common theme in which to organise fights between schools often allocating either red or blue to a school and encouraging weapons to be used.

For those children walking home alone, please ensure they walk home safely and stay away from any gatherings. Please continue to be vigilant in respect of your son/daughter's mobile phone use.

If you do see or hear anything worrying, please report this to the police on 101.

World Book Day

Yesterday, our pupils and teachers celebrated World Book Day. From Nursery to Year 6, classrooms were brought to life with costumes and tales from our favourite books and stories. Schoolwide assemblies discussed the importance of books and how they help to develop our creativity and imagination, as well as support us in becoming wonderful writers. Book tokens have been shared with children, and given the superb selection available, I'm sure there will be something for all tastes and preferences. A fantastic day and one further step in our journey to instil a love of reading in all of our pupils.



Science Day

This year's Science Day will be taking place on **Friday 13th March**. The children will be starting the process of growing their own ingredients, in order to harvest them at a later date.

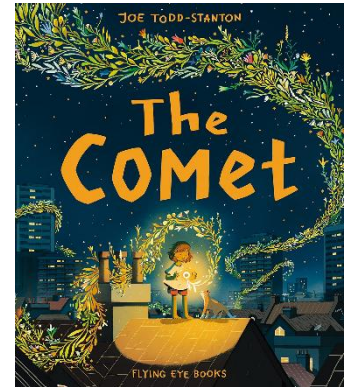
We also have some exciting prizes for our annual Science Day competition up for grabs, look out for more details on our competition on the day itself.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Comet' by Joe-Todd Stanton

When Nyla has to leave her home in the countryside to start life again in the city, all she can think about is everything she misses from before. So, when a comet comes crashing through the city streets and starts to glow and grow, Nyla can't resist a chance to head somewhere that feels closer to what she had before ... but what starts as an escape could be just the thing to make her finally feel at home.

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Tamworth Castle last week! The children enjoyed meeting the lady of the castle to create a banquet and also helped put together the armour of a squire. They had a fantastic day and would like to say a big thank to all of the parents and staff that came to help. Lots more photos are available on our Year 1 page on the website.



Middle Phase

Years 2 and 3 visited Selly Manor as part of their learning about The Tudors in History. They enjoyed looking around a house that was built during the Tudor period and learning about how life was very different for people at that time, including what people ate, how they built their houses and what they wore. They even got to dress up as Tudors and played some games that children might have played back then!



Upper Phase

Farah 6 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters! The classroom was filled with imagination as pupils shared short speeches explaining why they had chosen their character and book. A special congratulations goes to Xavier and Sidney, who each won a book for their thoughtful reasoning and brilliant choices.

Our focus author for the day was Abi Elphinstone, and the children explored several of her exciting stories. After reading the prologue from *Sky Song*, they designed their own magical creatures, thinking carefully about their appearance, special features, habitats and whether they possessed magical powers.

They then moved on to *Ever Dark*, where pupils created their own imaginative worlds by designing maps with seven continents, each with different terrains and unique purposes.

Next, the children read Chapters 1 and 2 of *Saving Neverland* and used them as inspiration to write diary entries about a mysterious magical creature appearing at the window.

To finish their wonderful day of reading and creativity, they took part in a real-life 'Where's Wally?' challenge around the classroom, which was a fun and exciting way to end their World Book Day celebrations!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

The Sleep Charity website is offering webinars and sleep resources for parents. Please click on the link for further information. <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

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 23 February – 27 February 2026

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	94.7%	Farah 6	95.7%	Simmonds 6	96.7%	Holst 5	93.0%	Lynn 5	96.5%	Webber 5	97.4%
	Hawking 4	89.6%	Newton 4	97.1%	Sharman 4	92.3%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.6%	Riley 3	92.5%			Churchill 2	92.4%	Nightingale 2	88.9%	Pankhurst 2	96.4%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	94.1%	Lee 1	98.9%	Shaw 1	95.2%	Aston R	92.4%	Grylls R	96.3%	Peake R	99.2%
	Nursery	93.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

18th March – Y2 Churchill – Maths Workshop -9am

19th March – Y2 Nightingale – Maths Workshop – 9am

20th March – Y2 Pankhurst – Maths Workshop – 9am

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

18th March – PTFA Chocolate Egg Sale – Fallowfield Road – 3.20pm

19th March – PTFA Chocolate Egg Sale – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm

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>