



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
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Friday
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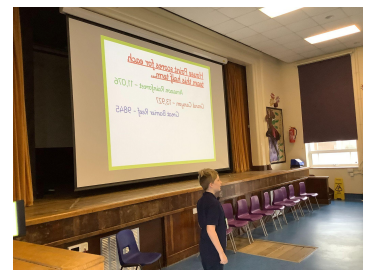
MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everybody for your support this half term. I could name numerous learning successes, mention numerous enrichment activities, parent events or external reviews which have confirmed what a great offer our children are receiving at Valley. Please do keep an eye on your child's year group pages which are updated regularly with photographs and home learning activities. A big thank you to our staff team, our partner agencies, our volunteers and our Trust colleagues who continue to support our school on a daily basis. Many thanks too, to you, our parents who offer unwavering support to the children, plus of course, to our fabulous children themselves who make us smile and amaze us with their achievements daily.

This week, I must praise Mr Rowlands and Miss Fortey who took on the role of Headteacher for the morning after winning our PTFA Easter Golden Ticket event. Mr Rowlands had the important job of announcing our House Point winners in assembly, informing parents and ensuring the correct teachers knew about the winners to implement the extra break time treats. He also decided all children across the school had worked hard and deserved ten minutes additional break time which was awarded on Monday. Alongside these duties, he showed a future candidate round school and even interviewed for a Teaching Assistant position with Senior Leaders. Miss Fortey had the important job of welcoming Reverend Bekah Clark from Elmdon Church to our school and supported her in leading our special Easter Assembly. Miss Fortey also enjoyed awarding golden ticket treats from the Headteacher boxes and she had a whole pile of Headteacher stickers which she awarded across the school for good learning, good behaviours and showing our school values. Both are clearly future leaders in the making and had a wonderful morning, as did I sharing my job with them and seeing the smiles from both them and their friends across school. Thank you for brightening up our last week Jamie and Ella!

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter, I hope the Easter Bunny brings you some treats and you have a lovely Easter holiday,
Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Spotlight on Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have a concern about a child, please do contact school to discuss this. Should this concern arise during a school holiday when school is closed, please email using the parent liaison email address FAO Designated Safeguarding Lead. We will have a DSL on call each day during the school holidays who will check these emails and contact you or the relevant agency should this be needed. You can also contact Solihull MASH team directly on 0121 788 4300 option 2 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:20pm, Friday 8:45am - 4:30pm), or 0121 605 6060 (Evenings, weekends or bank holidays) or if you feel a child is in imminent danger, please call 999 and alert the police.

Goodbye and Good Luck

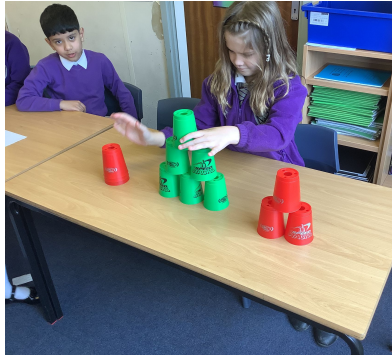
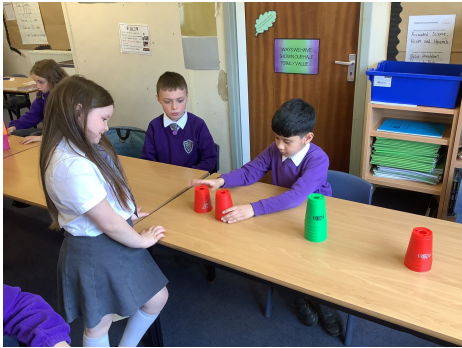
Today we say goodbye to Emma Clark, one of our Community Council who has been a Governor for many years at Valley. Emma was previously Chair of Governors and was instrumental in working with Senior Leaders to move the school from Requiring Improvement to securely Good. She has given many, many years of her own time to support the children of Valley and her dedication has been incredible. A big thank you Emma for everything you have done for our school, you will be greatly missed. Plus we say goodbye to Shirley Heatherington who joined our Community Council more recently but was instrumental whilst we academised and has, with her background in health and speech therapy, brought many skills to governance meetings. Thank you Shirley.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Facer and Mrs Eggington, two cooks who have worked at Valley for many years and helped to offer hot meals to our children on a daily basis. Both have decided not to move over to our new catering providers and will instead move to different Solihull schools. We wish them every success in their next step of their career and thank them all for their contribution and dedication to Valley.

Health Heroes Speed Stacking Event

Our health heroes have been helping to organise a school wide speed stacking competition. They learnt how to speed stack and have been helping their peers in class by giving them advice and demonstrations. They have also been recording times, so that we can pick some winners for this exciting competition. There will be one winner from each phase.

Good luck and thank you health heroes!



Science Competition Extension - Friday 17th April

Don't forget to get your entries in for our annual Science Competition. We have decided to extend the deadline, so the closing date for entries will now be **Friday 17th April**. This means that you have all of the Easter break to get working on your pieces!

-Lower Phase: Design or make a healthy plate of food.

-Middle Phase; Draw, create or build something to show the life cycle of a plant.

-Upper Phase: Design, create or make something to show how an item of food gets from the field to your fork.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in some brilliant entries!

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.

School Grid- Catering

We have discovered that as the children's accounts are being set up for our new catering company, parents' surnames are being shown the same as your child's whether that is your surname or not. This is something that we are aware of and over time will endeavour to amend to show correct parent names. Please bear with us, as we work through any niggles that occur when transferring to a new system.

New Menus

The new menus will be open on School Grid on Monday 30th March to pre-order your child's/children's meals. All meals will need to be ordered before 12th April at the latest.

Life Skills Champions

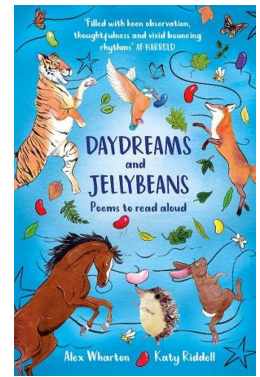
We are delighted to celebrate our Life Skills Champions who have shown excellent decision making skills. Each of these children has been awarded a gold star pin badge, which they can wear with pride on their uniform.

Nursery	Freddie K-D	Grylls R	Willow R	Bell 1	Violet T
		Peake R	Bill P	Lee 1	Nivaan R
		Aston R	Oscar B	Shaw 1	Millie H
Churchill 2	Jujar P	Hockney 3	Zak T	Hawking 4	Harrison B
Nightingale 2	Hajrah J	Riley 3	Carter C	Newton 4	Delilah H
Pankhurst 2	Zunairah W			Sharman 4	Archie A
Webber 5	Divyani M	Farah 6	Xavier M		
Holst 5	Didar B	Ennis 6	Leah J		
Lynn 5	Corey C	Simmonds 6	Ava A		

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Daydreams and Jellybeans' By Alex Wharton

From forgotten jellybeans to sparking daydreams, Alex's poems, written for primary school age children, are both funny and thoughtful, and aim to spark familiarity and inclusion. And the illustrations from Katy Riddell will focus on the fun and dreamlike quality of the poems' engagement with the natural world. These poems use rhyme, rhythm and free verse and are ideally suited to performance in a school setting, nurturing a love of language, reading, confidence and self-expression.

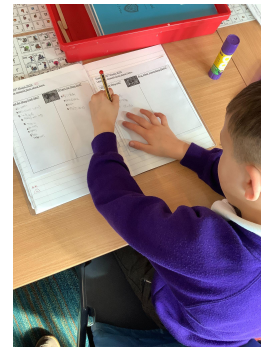
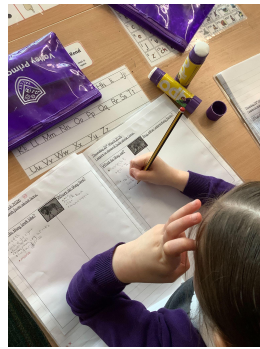
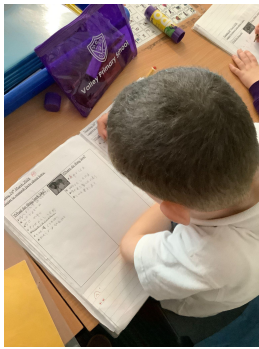


This book is suitable for readers in **Middle Phase**.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

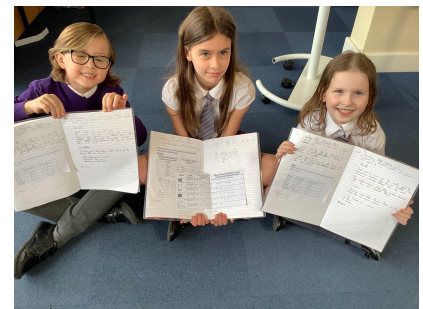
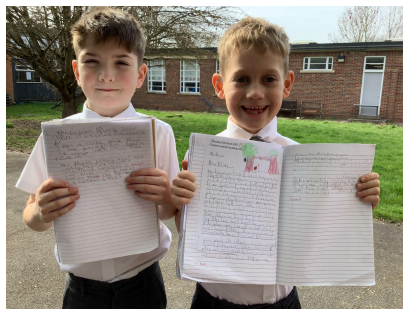
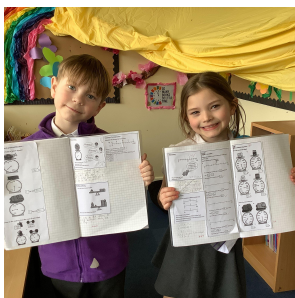
Lower Phase

This week, **Shaw 1** became expert researchers as they delved into the world of lions. Inspired by our *Power of Reading* book, 'One Day On Our Blue Planet... In The Savannah', the children have been captivated by the lives of these big cats. They have channeled this enthusiasm into creating their own detailed fact files, showcasing everything they discovered during their learning.



Middle Phase

In **Year 3**, during their Science lessons the children have been investigating friction and carried out a simple investigation. In Maths they have started to look at mass and measuring in grams and kilograms. They have also been practising their times tables on TTRS. Finally, In English the children have been exploring the text 'The Tin Forest'.



Upper Phase

This week in **Year 4** during Maths, the children have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. They have used grids to support this to move the correct number of columns to the left or right.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents - Uniform change reminder

From September 2026, white logo polo shirts will no longer be an option for our main school uniform. The children will continue to wear polo shirts on PE days (purple ones) but on other days, they will wear a normal cotton shirt. Children are welcome to wear a logo shirt without a tie, either a low or high collared one. Alternatively, children can continue to wear a plain shirt with a tie. We will also be introducing clip on ties alongside the current traditional ties and elasticated ties for both summer and winter uniforms. Purple checked summer dresses may still be worn in the summer. If buying new uniform, please buy with this in mind. We are happy for children to wear these during the summer term but will have the summer term as a transitional period and not stop polo shirts completely until September just in case anybody has already bought these.

The same uniform will also now be in place from Nursery to Year 6 as EYFS have joined the rest of the school this year in coming in PE kit on PE days.

Many thanks for your support as we make this small change.

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 16 March – 20 March 2026

Well done to the following classes who are this week's winners in their Phase!

LOWER PHASE	Grylls R	91.1%
MIDDLE PHASE	Churchill 2	92.4%
UPPER PHASE	Simmonds 6	95.0%

DIARY DATES

Please support your child to participate in...

23rd April - Y5 and Y6 Girls Football Festival - Solihull Moors - 4pm - 6pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

13th April - INSET Day

14th April Return to School

22nd April - Y1 In School Visit - Synagogue

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>