



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
17th April
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back. It has been a pleasure to welcome children back for the summer term and to see them catch up with friends at playtimes and settle back to their work and their routines. It was particularly wonderful to see children observing the growth that has taken place over the Easter break in relation to their planting on Science day and enjoying each others' entries to the Science Day competition. We look forward to the announcement of the winning entries so watch this space!

Mrs Wilton



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

School Lunches

Thank you for your support as we have moved to a new catering provider and for adopting the revised booking platform. We have been made aware of the lack of provision for Halal options. We apologise and are working with the service provider to ensure that this is resolved for after half term. For now, we ask that no meal bookings are made for after half term until options are refreshed as appropriate.

Nursery 2026 Cohort

Parents that applied for a Nursery place for September 2026 should have received confirmation of their allocated place. If this has been received and required documentation has not yet been returned, please be reminded that sight of the birth certificate is a condition of the place. Please can we also ask that if you have not heard from us or have changed contact details, you contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reception Places for September 2026

Yesterday was National offer day, so places were offered for children due to begin Reception in September 2026. If your child is due to start school this coming September, please check you have received an offer from Solihull admissions.

Currently, we still have some places, so if you have not yet applied or know anybody who wishes their child to start at Valley in September, please do contact Solihull Local Authority Admissions as a matter of urgency as the admissions team are now beginning to process late applications.

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 Vancancy 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 (8.30am-3.30pm Mon - Thurs, 8.30am-2pm Fri)

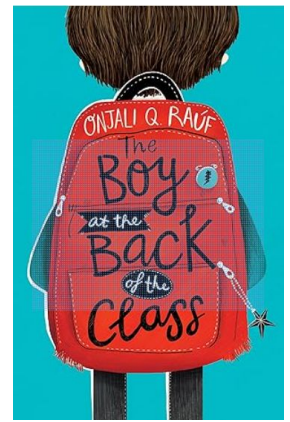
If you would like to find out more, please do visit our current job vacancy page using the link above or contact Mrs Geir, our HR lead at school if you would like further information.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Boy at the Back of the Class' By Onjali Q. Rauf

A new boy arrives at school from Syria. He is a refugee and struggles to adapt to his new life in London. That is until our nine-year-old narrator comes up with a plan to reunite him with his lost family. This book has a great message of friendship and encourages children to embrace and celebrate difference.

This book is suitable for readers in Upper Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

The children in **Reception** have been very busy this week making butterfly fairy cakes to celebrate the arrival of our caterpillars. The children had to weigh the ingredients carefully and follow the instructions to create their cakes. They used knives with great care and ensured their mixture was smooth by mixing it thoroughly. The cakes were delicious! Well done Reception!



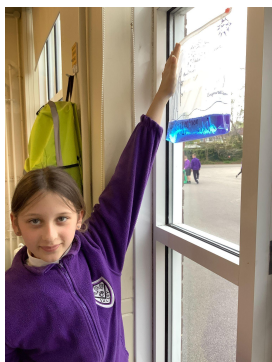
Middle Phase

Year 2's new English book, 'How To Find Gold' by Viviane Schwarz, is about two characters going on a treasure hunt that takes them on an exciting but dangerous journey. To immerse themselves in the story and understand how the characters might feel, Year 2 went on their own treasure hunt using a map to find clues around the playground and then unscrambling the clues to find the secret message. What a fun adventure!



Upper Phase

In **Year 6** this week, the children have been learning about the water cycle in their Topic lessons. They learnt some songs and rhymes to help them remember the different stages. Then they created their own mini water cycles using plastic bags, water and blue dye.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would be very grateful for any donations of school uniform, specifically for our younger children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Please feel free to hand donations into either of the school offices.

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 March – 27 March 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Aston R	99.2%
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	97.9%
UPPER PHASE	Farah 6	98.2%

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

28th April - Riley 3 - Math Workshop - 9am

29th April - Hockney 3 - Maths Workshop - 9am

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...

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>