



Reception Welcome Meeting

Monday 8th June 2026
6.00 P.M.

Valley's Vision

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

We always...
ASPIRE for excellence
ENJOY learning
ACHIEVE success
CHALLENGE ourselves further.



House Points...

Amazon Rainforest (Green)

Grand Canyon (Red)

Great Barrier Reef (Blue)

All our children try and earn house points.

House points are given for great work, living our values and being kind.

A House reward is given at the end of each half term for the winning house.





Valley Values



	RESPONSIBILITY	COLLABORATION	RESPECT	HONESTY	KINDNESS	COURAGE
	We are responsible, independent learners and young people. We understand what it means to be responsible and work well with others. We thrive on responsibility whilst learning from others and reflecting on situations to enable us to develop our responsibilities further.	We work and play together individually, as a pair or as a group. We respect one another and share our opinions, skills, knowledge and talents. We show responsibility for our future and the wider community sharing our opinions.	We show respect and tolerance for everyone in our community. We respect ourselves and others alike, taking care of friends, family, our community and the environment. We value what others say and do and we enjoy learning about different beliefs and cultures.	We understand that honest thoughts, words and actions are important. We always try to be honest but kind in everything that we do. We take responsibility for any mistakes that we make. We develop positive relationships within school and the community.	We show kindness to others and expect others to be kind to us. We show kindness in our thoughts, words and actions. We take steps to stop any actions which may lead to bullying.	We show courage as we learn and grow to be the best we can be. We never give up and see our mistakes as special opportunities to learn something new. We are future leaders. We face challenges, share and listen to different opinions, offer help and always set a good example to others.
Nurs	Can I look after my own things?	Do I share toys nicely with my friends?	Do I look after my classroom and school?	Do I know what it means to tell the truth?	Can I help another child to do something?	Can I talk in front of other children?
Rec	Can I dress myself?	Can I learn and play nicely with others?	Can I look after the things I use?	Can I tell my teacher if I do the wrong thing?	Can I be a good friend?	Can I lead games for my friends?
1	What can I do when I get stuck?	Can I work with my talk partner?	What can I learn from my friends?	Can I show kindness whilst being honest?	Can I help people who are hurt or have a disability?	Can I share my own idea to improve our school?
2	What are my next steps with my learning?	Can I solve challenges and investigations in a group?	How can I learn more about different religions?	Can I use my mistakes to further develop myself?	Can I stop any actions which might lead to bullying?	Can I help younger children to know what is expected of them?
3	Can I set targets for myself?	Can I be part of a special team, council or focus group?	How is the culture similar and different in other parts of the world?	Can I give honest opinions about disabilities and differences?	Can I find something good in everyone?	Can I tell my peers if they are acting wrongly?
4	What can I do to help others at school and at home?	Can I use technology to help me reach out to others?	What ways can I think of to support and use British Values in my life?	Do I have the skills to identify what is going wrong and solve this?	Can I share with others less fortunate than myself?	Can I lead by example and challenge friends who don't use good manners?
5	Can I reflect on and use my learning in our local community?	Do I know when to talk and when to listen?	Can I negotiate a way forward whilst respecting differences?	Can I stand up for what I believe is right?	Can I treat everyone as my equal?	Can I help others to take safe risks?
6	Can I be a pupil leader helping younger children to be the best possible?	Can I have constructive disagreements and negotiate ways forward?	Can I empathise with people in other situations?	Can I challenge dishonesty and empower others to do the right thing?	Can I empower others to achieve their goals?	Can I actively demonstrate my beliefs and principles?

Admission Arrangements

Step 1. Today's Welcome to Reception Meeting. Polite reminder that you were asked to share your child's birth certificate with the school office. If you have not yet done so, please present this ASAP to secure your place.

Step 2. A parent / teacher information sharing sheet was emailed to you. If you have not emailed it or brought it with you this evening, please bring it to the school office ASAP. There are spare copies to collect.

Step 3. You are invited to a Stay and Play session on Wednesday 24th June.

Girls are invited 9am-10am

Boys are invited 10.30am - 11.30am.

Valley Nursery will be closed on the 24th June so current Nursery children should only attend for their Stay and Play session.

Phased start in September

Tuesday 1st - INSET day - School closed

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd

Boys - 9.00 - 11.00

Girls - 1.00 - 3.00

Friday 4th
lunch)

All children 8.30 - 13.00 (including

Monday 7th - all in - normal hours - Explorers
commence.

Times from Monday 7th September

From Monday 7th September: All children in for normal hours from this point onwards. Please note that school finishes at 1.50p.m. on Fridays.

Monday – Thursday

Drop off 8.30a.m.

Collection time 3.20p.m.

Before and after school childcare is available at a cost. Please contact the school office for more details.

*Please note that Collection time on Friday is always 1.50p.m.

The Reception Classes

We have two Reception classes:

Aston R - Mrs Shabir

Peake R - Miss O'Connell

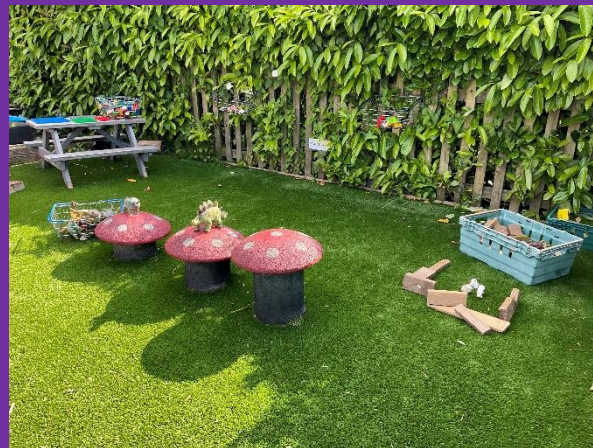
However, the children and staff mix across all of the classrooms and the outdoor area.

Our Classrooms



Outside Area

“The best classroom and cupboard is roofed only by the sky.” Margaret McMillan



Toilets



- Child friendly toilets
- Support your child over the summer to become independent when going to the toilet
- Accidents happen
- Please provide spare clothes and underwear in a purple or black drawstring bag.

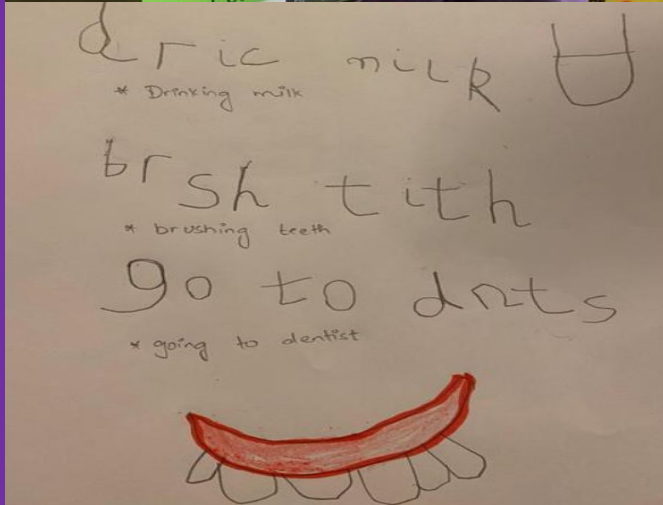
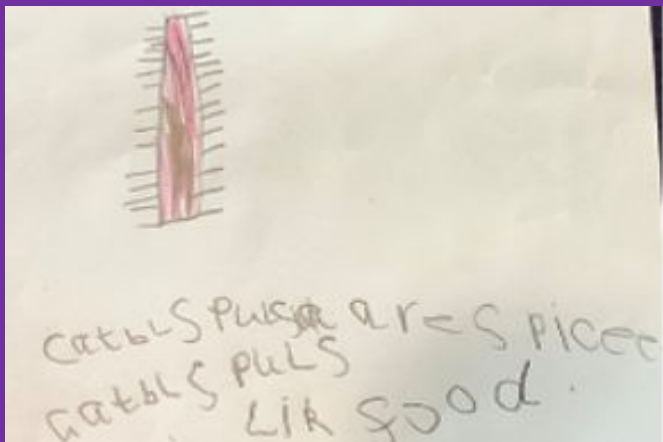
Early Years Curriculum

Prime Areas of Learning

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas of Learning

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

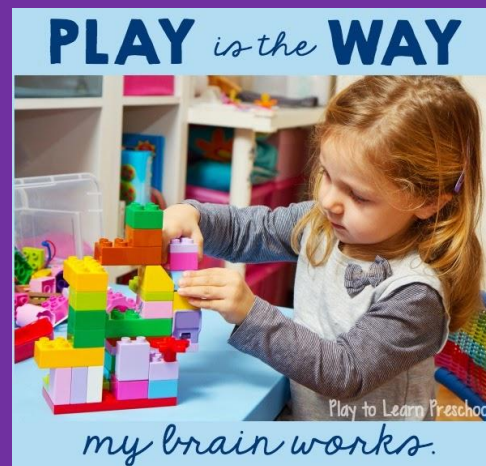
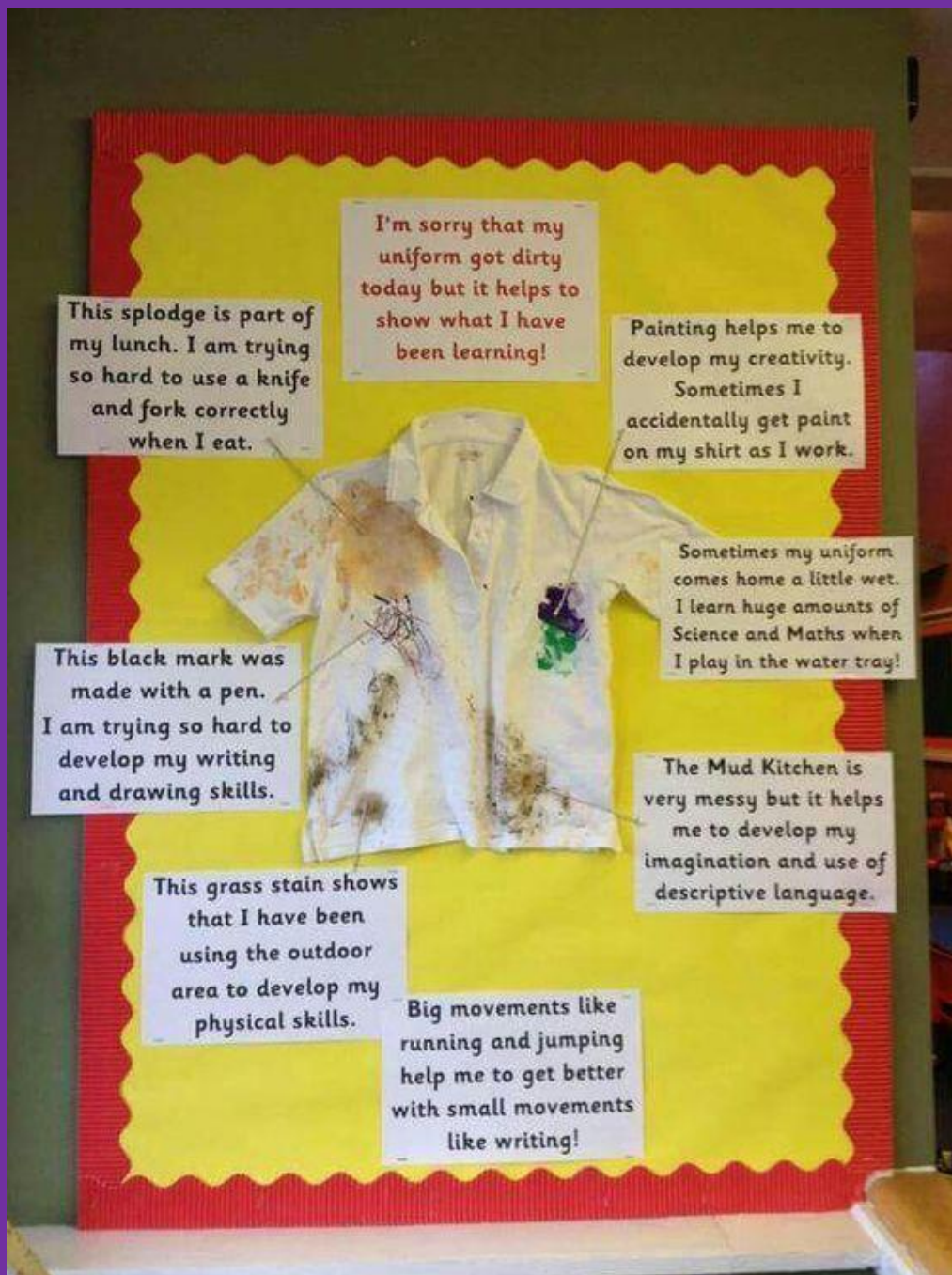


A Typical Day in Reception



- Welcome and Registration
- Carpet times to explore key aspects of the curriculum
- Focus activities with a teacher
- Learning through play (Free flow inside & outside)
- Additional Rainbow Challenges to complete over the week
- Milk & Fruit available
- Story times
- Once a week we go into the hall for PE
- Look at the Year Group pages on the school website to see what this year's Reception children have enjoyed.

Learning can be messy but fun!



Uniform

Winter Uniform:

- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers.
- Purple and grey striped school tie (elastic ones best for Reception usually).
- White shirt/ blouse (no polo shirts).
- School logo V neck sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain purple V neck jumper/ cardigan.
- Grey/ white socks or grey tights.
- Black flat heeled shoes.
- Purple, school logo or plain purple fleece (optional).
- Purple, grey, black or white head scarf (optional).

Summer Uniform (Summer Term and Autumn First Half term only):

- Dress with purple check or smart grey shorts with short sleeved white shirt with logo or with purple and grey striped school tie (no polo shirts).
- School logo V neck sweatshirt/ cardigan or plain purple V neck jumper/ cardigan.
- Grey/ white socks.
- Black flat heeled shoes.
- Purple summer sun hat or cap (optional).
- Purple, grey, black or white head scarf (optional).

- N.B. All items of clothing, including shoes, MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Only stud earrings are permitted.

P.E.

- Children in Reception will have P.E. once a week and we ask that they come to school in their P.E. kits that day.
- Reception's P.E. Day will be confirmed first week in September.
- On P.E. Days children should wear:
 - Purple logo polo shirt or plain purple polo shirt.
 - Black tracksuit bottoms, black gym leggings, black skirt or black shorts.
 - Grey/ white socks.
 - Plain black trainers.
 - School logo or plain purple fleece.

What else do children need in Reception?

- ❑ Change of clothes and underwear in a separate purple or black drawstring bag.
- ❑ Purple school book bag.
- ❑ A coat in school every day – we go outside every day.
- ❑ Sensible shoes.
- ❑ Water bottle.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING - Lost Property can only be returned if it is named.

Support with the cost of School Uniform:

Please contact our pastoral team who will be happy to help or signpost the appropriate bodies if you are struggling to afford uniform for your child.

Our pastoral team can be contacted via our parent liaison lead:

parentliaison@valleyprimary.org



Snack Time & Milk

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

All children receive free fruit

All children get offered a piece of fruit and a cold milk carton during the morning. There is no need to send in any snacks into school.



Lunchtime in Reception



- All Reception and Key Stage 1 children receive a free school lunch but if you think you will be entitled to free school meals in the juniors please fill in the appropriate forms at the school office in September as this entitles your child to additional funding that we can use to help their learning.
- Each class will have their own lunch time supervisor to support them in the hall and on the playground.
- Lunches will need to be pre chosen and booked via School Grid. Information will follow.
- All Reception children play together outside .



SUMMER TRADITIONAL

BREAD AND SALAD BAR
AVAILABLE DAILY

WEEK 1

WC: 13th Apr, 4th May,
25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul

WEEK 2

WC: 20th Apr, 11th May,
1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul

WEEK 3

WC: 27th Apr, 18th May,
8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul

MONDAY

Hand Stretched Margherita or
Vegetable Pizza (V) (VG)
Sweet Potato Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF)
Vegetable Jambalaja (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Garlic Slice, Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Strawberry Ice Cream (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V) (VG)
Mild Bean Chili (VG) (GF)
Stir Fried Vegetable & Noodles (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Strawberry Mousse (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita or
Pineapple Pizza (V) (VG)
Spanish Omelette (V)
★ Meatball Marinara & Rice (VG) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
New Potatoes, Spaghetti Hoops, Green Beans,
Sweetcorn, Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Ice Cream & Fruit (V)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

TUESDAY

All Day Breakfast
All Day Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG)
Macaroni Cheese (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Fresh Fruit Salad (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Chicken & Coconut Curry (GF)
Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (VG)
Vegetable Biryani (VG) (GF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Rice, Green Beans, Cauliflower
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Red Velvet Brownie (V)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

★ Crispy Chicken Dippers ★
★ Summer Pesto Pasta (VG) ★
Quorn Dippers (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Chips, Sweetcorn, Breadcrumbs, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Ginger Flapjack Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken (GF)
Roasted Vegetable Loaf (VG)
★ Cheese & Tomato Pannini Melt (V) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
New Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Chocolate Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding
Broccoli Cheese Filled Yorkshire Pudding (V)
★ Hot Sausage Baguette (Inc: VG) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (V) (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (GF)
★ Hearty Puff Pie (VG) ★
★ Hot Roast Chicken Baguette & Stuffing ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Watermelon Wedges (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

THURSDAY

Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings (V) (VG)
★ Creamy Chicken & Steamed Rice ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Sweetcorn, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Summer Fruit Puff & Custard (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings (V) (VG)
★ Neapolitan Chicken & Rice (GF) ★
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Breadcrumbs, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Spaghetti Bolognese
Authentic Vegetable Curry & Rice (VG) (GF)
Tomato Chicken Melt
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Cauliflower, Carrots
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Chocolate Crunch & Custard (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish Fingers
Cheesy Leek Parcel (V)
Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Chocolate Banana Slice (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Summer Salmon Salad (GF)
Quorn Dippers (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
Lemon Cookie (VG)
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Sweet & Sour Vegetable Noodles (VG)
Fishless Fingers (VG)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF)
Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans
Fresh Salad Selections, Homemade Bread
★ Manchester Tart (V) ★
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Example of the
school menu

Home to School Links

Parental support is one of the biggest positive influences on children's education.

- September Curriculum Evening
- Parent consultation meetings
- Talk to your child about their day – photographs are added to the year group pages each week to aid your discussions
- Curriculum newsletters sent home half termly
- Topic home learning tasks
- Library books sent home weekly
- Reading books will be given out when each individual child is ready
- Express days
- Trips

We are always here to answer questions and offer support.



Good school attendance will help your child to:

Develop their knowledge of school routines and expectations meaning they will feel comfortable and secure in a new environment.

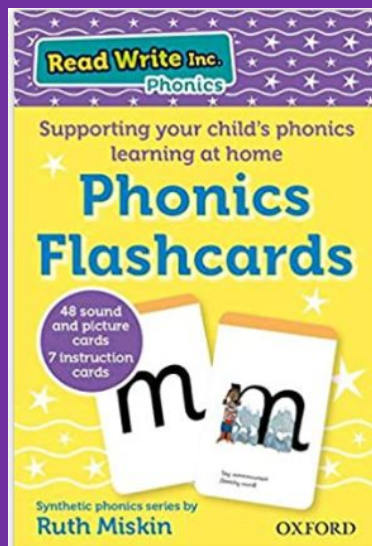
Develop social skills, friendship groups and positive relationships with staff and children, helping them to feel that they 'belong'.

Take part in all aspects of the curriculum, building confidence and enjoyment of learning. There is a strong link between attendance and how well children do at school.

Develop their life skills, encouraging good habits for later life.

Getting Ready for September

Ways in which you can help prepare your child for Reception



- Talk positively about starting Reception and walk past the school as often as you can.
- Support your child's self-help skills so they learn to do things for themselves. E.g. dressing and undressing independently including turning clothes the right way when they are inside out.
- Talk through your child's feelings and different emotions.
- Establish a good sleep routine – share a bedtime story.
- Show your child how to recognise and write their first name with a capital letter as the first letter only and lower case letters after that.
- From day 1 in September encourage your child to be responsible for carrying their own book bag and water bottle into school.
- Purchase Set 1 Read Write Inc flashcards to help your child to learn the sounds. There's information on our website on the Year Group Pages under children.



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Thank you

We look forward to beginning
and continuing your child's
learning journey together.

Friday 10th July 2026 PTFA
summer fayre
at our Old Lode Lane site