



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
19th June
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had a visit from David Gallie, the Chair of The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust. He met several of our children and visited many classrooms, alongside our lunch hall on Fallowfield Road. He was very impressed and he thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the children. He sent a message afterwards thanking us and saying:

"I really enjoyed the visit and was very impressed by the quality of the inclusive education you are providing. I hope being part of the Trust can further build on your school's success."

David Gallie is a very experienced, highly skilled professional with experience of many different schools so we were delighted to receive his recognition.

Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Water Bottles

Children need a water bottle which fits into their smart sack and they can bring into school every day. This should be a standard 500ml size as otherwise it doesn't fit in. Children can refill it during the day if they run out of water.

The size of these has crept up recently which is causing problems in lessons. Please could you ensure that when you buy your child a bottle for September it is small enough to fit into their smart sac as any that don't will have to stay in the cloakroom next year. You are welcome to try any you have already during our drop in session in July.

We have some school water bottles which are the correct size available on parent pay if easier for you and please do not hesitate to speak to our pastoral team if you are struggling to afford to buy your child a bottle and we will be happy to provide one.

School Lunches

In line with our current risk assessment as we await the fire alarm issues on Old Lode Lane being fully rectified, we will need to continue with cold lunches at the moment. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Take Me Tables

On Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd June (weather permitting), we are aiming to put 'take me tables' outside of school at collection time which may include unclaimed lost property / donated 'once loved' uniform and other surplus items. Please feel free to take any items you wish to. Any small donations would be welcome should you choose to.

Cool Milk

Children currently receive free school milk until their 5th birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. If you are in receipt of certain benefits and you have applied for pupil premium, you may be able to apply to continue to receive milk for your child each day. Please feel free to email the school office if you feel that your child would like to continue at office@valleyprimary.org

Summer Holiday Cycling Courses

Solihull Cycle Ready are holding sessions for children aged 8+ during the Summer holidays at Tudor Grange Cycle Track. These sessions are designed for complete beginners and young riders looking to build confidence and develop their skills. They are being held on 23rd and 24th July, 27th and 28th July, 17th and 18th August and 24th and 25th August. Please visit solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking for further information and to book your child's slot.



Keeping Children Safe Online - Coffee Morning

We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are hosting a coffee morning on **Tuesday 30th June at 9.30am on Old Lode Lane**. This is focusing on keeping your child safe online and going to secondary school.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week, the children have been busy setting up a soft animals' picnic. They have been using their mathematical skills to solve real-life problems, such as sharing food and equipment fairly between the animals. The children worked together as a team to discuss, solve problems, and ensure everything was shared equally. Through this activity, they developed their understanding of fairness, counting, and cooperation while having lots of fun.



Middle Phase

On Wednesday, **Middle phase** were very lucky, as the children were able to learn how to play golf! They learned all about par, birdies, and bogeys! It was a great afternoon and they learned lots of new skills.



Upper Phase

The **Year 4 & 5 Pearl Gem** group have been perfecting their forehand serves this week by sending a shuttlecock over the nets during their Badminton lesson.



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Polly and the Puffin' By Jenny Colgan

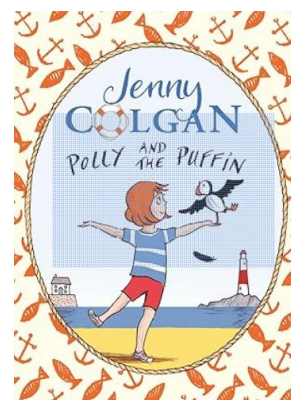
Meet Polly and her puffin Neil in the debut children's book from Sunday Times bestselling novelist, Jenny Colgan. Illustrated throughout and with recipes, activities and rhymes in addition to the irresistible story.

Polly heard a CRASH downstairs. Was it a monster? NO! Was it a spider alien? NO! It was a little puffin with a broken wing...

When Polly discovers an injured puffin, she and her mummy look after him in their cottage by the sea.

Slowly, Neil's wing heals and Polly must prepare herself to say goodbye to her new friend. Will she ever see him again?

This book is suitable for readers in Lower Phase.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

We would like to remind all parents/carers that the car parks on both sites are for staff use only, this is for the safety of children and parents. Parking is however permitted by parents dropping off at Explorers **outside of normal drop off and collection periods** on the Fallowfield Road site and the small car park by Middle Phase only on Old Lode Lane. If you are using our car park at these times, I would ask that you exercise caution and reduce speed when leaving on either site, being mindful of pedestrians. Please can we also remind parents collecting from the Upper Phase exits (Old Lode Lane) to wait on the grass or pathways away from car parking bays.

We would also like to ask parents to park considerately of our neighbours by not blocking driveways, on several occasions now some neighbours have been unable to leave their drives due to our parents parking across them. We have previously stopped events to announce car number plates due to neighbours unable to leave 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 8 June – 12 June 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	97.7%
MIDDLE PHASE	Churchill 2	97.6%
UPPER PHASE	Webber 5	98.5%

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

24th June - NURSERY CLOSED -EYFS - September 26 Starters Stay & Play - 9am -10am (Girls), 10.30-11.30 (Boys)

*26th June - Reception and Y1 Sports Day- 9.30am

*26th June - Nursery Sports Day - 10.45am

*29th June - Y6 Sports Day - 9.30am

*29th June - Y4 and Y5 Sports Day - 10.45am

*29th June - Y2 and Y3 Sports Day - 1.30pm

* *Ticketed events*

30th June - Coffee Morning - OLL - 9.30am - Keeping your child safe online

Please support your child to participate in...

24th June - England World Cup Celebration - Wear own sports clothes

24th June- TEFAT WM Football Tournament

Please talk to your children about these events...

24th June - Y1 Visit to OLL - 8.30am - 12.00pm

30th June - Y6 Residential in a Day - 7.15am - 9.10pm

1st July - Reception - Trip to Dudley Zoo - 9am

2nd July - Reception - Trip to Dudley Zoo - 9am

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>