



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
26th June
2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support as we have navigated extreme temperatures this week and a big thank you to those of you who ensured your children came equipped with full cold water bottles, wearing suncream and a sun hat or with a handheld fan.

The children have enjoyed an adapted curriculum this week beginning the week with a fabulous food festival making things with the crops they have grown. Classes across the school absolutely loved this and could talk proudly about sustainability.

The week has ended with lots of their learning in the shade outdoors or in different parts of our school which are cooler due to the heat which has been a different experience too so it has been an interesting week for the children.

We have been promised cooler weather come next week so hope to go ahead with our sports events. The children are very much looking forward to these so we hope you can join us.

Keep cool this weekend,
Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

PLANNING AHEAD: TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts: Tuesday 01 September 2026

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 04 January 2027

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

Term Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12 April 2027

(May Day: Monday 03 May 2027)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 04 June 2027

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Please see below Valley Primary School planned INSET Days for the Academic Year 2026-2027

Day 1: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Day 2: Friday 23rd October 2026

Day 3: Monday 4th January 2027

Day 4: Monday 12th April 2027

Day 5: Monday 7th June 2027

SHARING OUR LEARNING

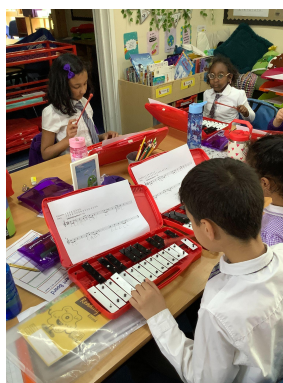
Lower Phase

This week, the children in **Reception** took part in The Elliot Trust Food Festival. They learnt that being 'green' by making sustainable choices and growing your own food is very important! They picked and cut radishes before cooking them and turning it into a delicious dish. The children enjoyed measuring out ingredients and loved tasting the final product! A fantastic day was enjoyed by all.



Middle Phase

Year 2 have been learning how to read notes on the staff in Music. They had a go at using glockenspiels to read and play a piece of music, following the notes carefully and keeping in time with each other



Upper Phase

During this week's Elliot Trust Food Festival, **Year 6** checked in on the Swiss chard they planted during Science Week and discovered how much it had grown. They also explored different ingredients and food-making techniques by creating their own berry roll-ups. While the flavours sparked a range of opinions, everyone showed fantastic curiosity and bravery by giving something new a try!



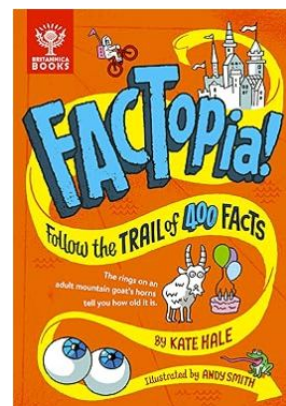
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'Factopia' By Kate Hale

Choose your own path through this hilarious world of 400 facts, all of which are verified by Encyclopaedia Britannica. Every fact in the book is connected to the next in an ingenious trail of information.

And there's not just one trail through these pages: sometimes your path branches and you can choose to jump to a totally different, but still connected, part of the book. Who knows where your curiosity will take you!

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note to Parents

For September, all children need a water bottle which fits into their smart sack and which 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.

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 15 June – 19 June 2026

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

LOWER PHASE	Lee 1	95.9%
MIDDLE PHASE	Churchill 2	98.6%
UPPER PHASE	Webber 5	100%

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- *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
- *30th June - Reception and Y1 Sports Day- 9.30am (Re-arranged date due to extreme weather)
- *30th June - Nursery Sports Day - 10.45am (Re-arranged date due to extreme weather)

** Ticketed events*

- 30th June - Coffee Morning - OLL - 9.30am - Keeping your child safe online
- 7th July - Y1 Recorder Concert - 2.45pm
- 10th July - PTFA Summer Fair - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Please support your child to participate in...

- 8th July - Nursery Express Event - Dress Up

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 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
- 6th July - Whole School Transition Day
- 7th July - Reception Vision Screening
- 9th July - Y6 - Gullivers Kingdom

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>