



The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 12th September 2025.

Welcome back to another exciting academic year!

Our Weekly Winners!

Here are the names of our shiny stars, crowned winners in our celebration assembly this week. Well done to you all!

Stars of the Week



**Saplings Class: All of Reception Class.
Oak Class: Mason.**



Our Dojo Champions are:



**Saplings Class: Bertie
Oak Class: Henry.**



Our Dojo Runners Up are:



**Saplings Class: Oscar
Oak Class: Violet.**



**Head teacher Award:
Henry.**



**Lunchtime Award:
Griff.**





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Lateness and Attendance.

Coming to school every day and on time, means that we can learn lots of new and exciting things!

School attendance and lateness is closely monitored to ensure that children have the best opportunity to learn.

School attendance for the week ending 12.09.25:

99.1%

Well done everyone!

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance, and it is important that they are on time.

Keeping in touch.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact the class teacher directly using our class email address, we will aim to respond during school working hours; our class email addresses are:

saplings@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

oak@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Welcoming Our School Leaders for 2025–2026!

As we begin the new academic year, we are thrilled to announce the roles and responsibilities our children will be taking on across the school. From classroom helpers to school council representatives, each role is a chance for our pupils to grow, lead and make a positive impact in our school community.

We are incredibly proud of every child who has stepped forward to take on a responsibility this year. Their enthusiasm, commitment and sense of pride in their school shine through and we know they will approach their roles with maturity and dedication.

Let's celebrate their achievements and support them as they embark on this exciting journey of leadership.

School Council



Saplings Class – Jasmine, Aura and Edi.

Eco Council



Saplings Class – Louis, Cameron and Ted.

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Oak Class – Orla, Henry and Barnaby.



Oak Class – Joel G, Zoe and Ethan.

The Valley Team Captains 2025-2026.

Trust

Barnaby and Joel J.





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Mindful

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Peace

Henry.





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Friendship

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The Valley Head Boy and Head Girl 2025-2026.

Head Boy	Head Girl
<p>Wilf</p> 	<p>Johanna</p> 

The Valley Librarians.

Violet, Johanna,
Lissie, Aurora,
Marlie and Lydia.





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ICT Monitor.

Alfie.



Sports Captains.

Joel J and Mason.



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Chicken Monitors.



Meet our Wonderful Reception Children.

We welcome our very smiley Reception children and their families to The Valley.





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Mid-Morning Snack and Lunch Prices.

Please see a copy of our school menu below. The cost of a school meal for KS2 is £3 per day which needs to be paid **prior** on Arbor. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals and have not already applied, please contact the school office or you can apply online at the staffordshire.gov website.

Fruit is provided in an afternoon for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only by the National Fruit Scheme.

The kitchen serves hot snacks at first break which needs to be paid **prior** on Arbor. If you do not wish for your child to order any hot snacks please inform your child's class teacher. Alternatively, they are welcome to bring their own snack into school. This must be a healthy option and we would like to avoid chocolate and crisps.

Hot snacks available at first break :-

Nursery/Reception: Toast with jam 44p or butter 38p.

Year 1 – 6: Toast with jam 44p or butter 38p, Crumpet 38p, Pancake 49p, Flavoured Milk 82p and Hot Chocolate 50p.

Please talk to your child about what options you would like them to choose.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (Ve)
TUESDAY	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) Veg of the Day Apple Cake (V)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake Veg of the Day Jaffa Cake Sponge (V)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Cottage Pie Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Penne with Beef Bolognese Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite (Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Banoffee Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (V)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Veg of the Day Banana Cake (V)
	1/9/25, 22/9/25, 13/10/25, 3/11/25, 24/11/25, 15/12/25, 5/1/26, 26/1/26	8/9/25, 29/9/25, 20/10/25, 10/11/25, 1/12/25, 22/12/25, 12/1/26, 2/2/26	15/9/25, 6/10/25, 27/10/25, 17/11/25, 8/12/25, 29/12/25, 19/1/26, 9/2/26
	Classic Tomato Pasta (Ve) and Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Filling (including V/Ve options) are also available daily along with freshly baked bread, salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and fresh drinking water.		



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Term Dates

The Moorlands Primary Federation Term Dates 2025/6



Autumn Term 2025

Inset Days for staff (schools closed for pupils):

Monday, 1st September & Tuesday, 2nd September

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday, 3rd September

Half Term: Monday, 27th October – Friday, 31st October

Pupils return: Monday, 3rd November

Term ends: Friday, 19th December

Spring Term 2026

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday, 5th January

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday, 6th January

Half Term: Monday, 16th February – Friday, 20th February

Pupils return: Monday, 23rd February

Term ends: Friday, 27th March

Summer Term 2026

Term starts for pupils: Monday, 13th April

May Day (Bank Holiday): Monday, 4th May

Half Term: Monday, 25th May – Friday, 29th May

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday, 1st June

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday, 2nd June

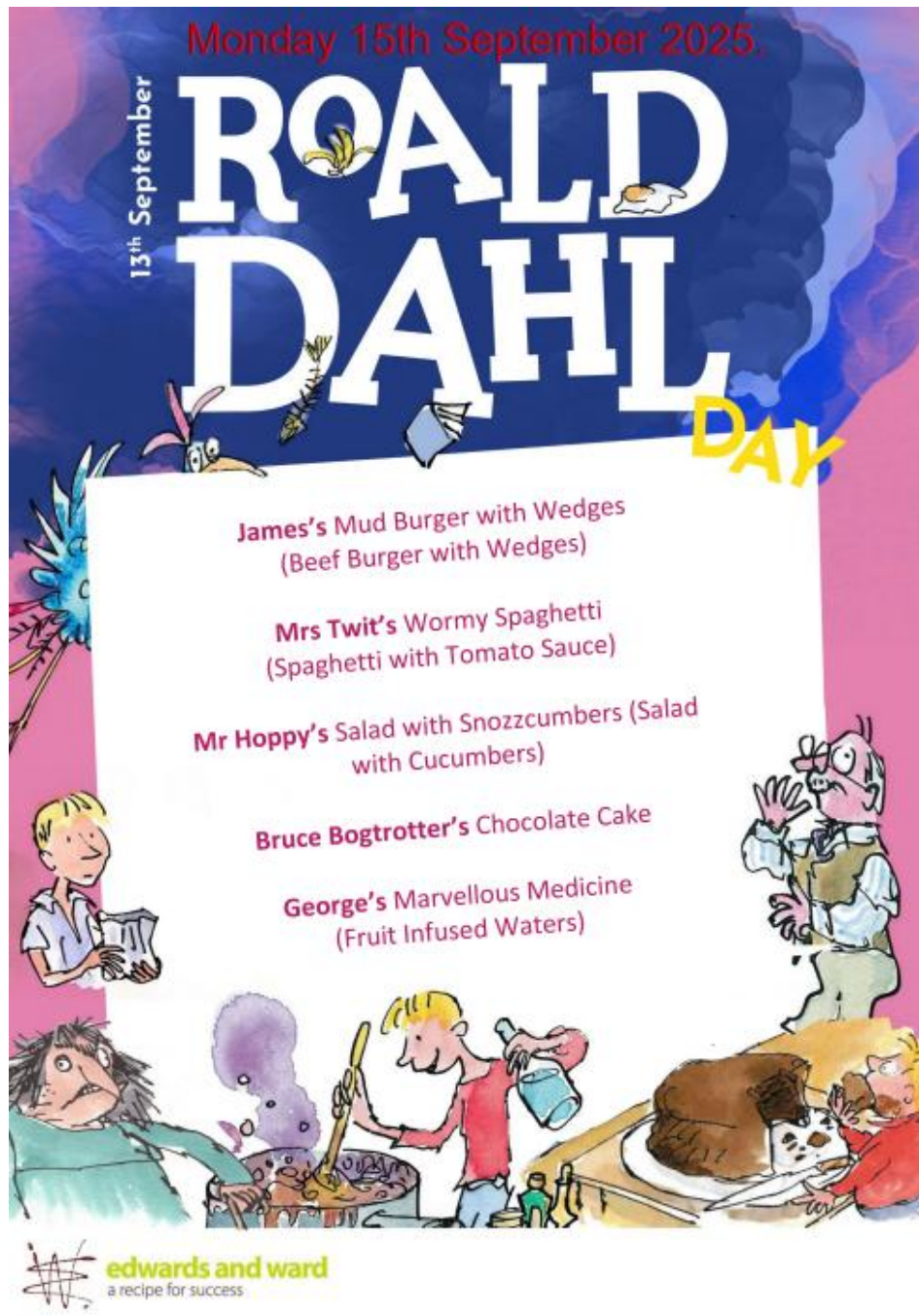
Term ends: Friday, 17th July*

Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils): Monday, 20th July.

School closes for children – Friday, 17th July 2026

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Themed Lunch – Monday 15th September 2025.



****Please note the date of the 13th is the official date of Roald Dahl Day – we will be celebrating on Monday 15th September.**



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Diary Dates.

Autumn 1

- 15.09.25 – Roald Dahl Day Themed Lunch.
- 16.09.25 – The Cheadle Academy Assembly for Y6 children – Mrs Slack (Headteacher) to visit school.
- 24.09.25 – Bumblebee Conservation Trust Visit.
- 25.09.25 – National Fitness Day – Wear sports clothes.
- 25.09.25 – Y5/6 A League Football.
- 26.09.25 – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.30am – all welcome.
- 26.09.25 – Pirate Day Themed Lunch.
- 29.09.25-01.10.25 – Parent SEND Meetings.
- 01.10.25 - Harvest Themed Lunch.
- 02.10.25 – Y5/6 A League Football.
- 03.10.25 – Harvest Service at the Memorial Free Church 9.30am – all welcome.
- 07.10.25 – Flu Vaccination.
- 09.10.25 – Y5/6 A League Football.
- 13.10.25 – 9.30am Read, Write, Inc and Early Reading Workshop for parents.
- 14.10.25 – Cross Country Relay KS2.
- 16.10.25 – Y5/6 A League Football.
- 17.10.25 – Wear Red Day – Stand up to Racism.
- 17.10.25 – PTFA Halloween Disco.
- 22.10.25 – Parent's Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm.
- 23.10.25 – Y5/6 A League Football.
- 24.10.25 – Halloween Themed Lunch.
- 24.10.25 – Break up for October half term.

Autumn 2

- 03.11.25 – Return to school.
- 07.11.25 – 10.45am Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.
- 07.11.25 – Severn Trent Workshops
- 07.11.25 – 6pm PTFA Quiz Night.
- 10.11.25-14.11.25 – Anti-Bullying Week.
- 10.11.25 – Odd Socks Day.
- 12.11.25 – The Valley Open Morning 9.30am-11am.
- 12.11.25 – Pop, Fizz, Bang! Themed Lunch.
- 13.11.25 – World Kindness Day.
- 14.11.25 - Children in Need.
- 25.11.25 – Y5/6 Swimming Gala. **REVISED DATE**
- 26.11.25 – St Andrew's Day Themed Lunch.
- 12.12.25 – Christmas Jumper Day.
- 12.12.25 – Christmas Church Service at the Memorial Free Church 9.30am – all welcome.
- 15.12.25 – Nativity Dress Rehearsal.
- 15.12.25 – Christmas Concert – Oakmoor Village Hall for choir members.
- 16.12.25 – Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm.
- 18.12.25 – Christmas Party Day.
- 19.12.25 – Christmas Toy Day/Break up for the Christmas Holidays.