



The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 10th October 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: Griff.
Oak Class: Orla.**



Our Dojo Champions are:



**Saplings Class: Bertie.
Oak Class: Wilf.**



Our Dojo Runners Up are:



**Saplings Class: Hattie.
Oak Class: Orla.**



Head teacher Award:



Jasmine.



Lunchtime Award: Oliver.





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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 10.10.25:

96.69%

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



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The Valley Open Morning/Afternoon.

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'The Valley Primary School is welcoming and inclusive. All pupils are highly valued and well cared for.'
(Ofsted 2024).



*We believe that our strongest asset about our lovely school is our **wonderful** pupils. The children generate a **happy and warm** atmosphere which makes learning fun.

*Our stunning, rural location of **Oakamoor** complements our onsite **Forest School**.

*We have **small class sizes**, allowing learning to be tailored to individual needs.

***"The curriculum is planned to support learning for pupils within mixed-age classes. This is further enhanced with broader experiences and opportunities for all pupils."** (Ofsted 2024).

"I love The Valley because it is fun and I love learning both indoors and outdoors with my friends." Aurora.

"Everyone knows each other, we are a big family. Everyone is kind to each other." Wm.

Learn to Love, Love to Learn.



If you are looking for a Nursery setting or a Reception place for September 2026, come and join us on Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 9.30am or Thursday 20th November at 1.30pm for our Open Morning/Afternoon.



Behaviour and Attitudes - Outstanding (Ofsted, 2024).
'Behaviour across school is exemplary. Pupils are courteous and show exceptional manners.'

Personal Development - Outstanding (Ofsted, 2024).
'Pupils' personal development is exemplary. They are given a range of responsibilities, including being members of the eco council and playground monitors.'

Please share this with anyone you know looking for a nursery setting or a Reception place for September 2026. We would be very grateful!



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Early Reading and Phonics Workshop.

A reminder of our workshop for Saplings parents on Monday covering Early Reading and Phonics. If you are able to make it from 9.30am-10.30am, please let Mrs Button or Mrs Bould know before the end of the day (10.10.25).



Parents Evening.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that our Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at 3:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and how we can work together to support their learning.

Please remember to complete and return the reply slip sent home with your child as soon as possible. Once we have received your slip, your child's teacher will write your appointment time in their reading diary.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to seeing you on the day!

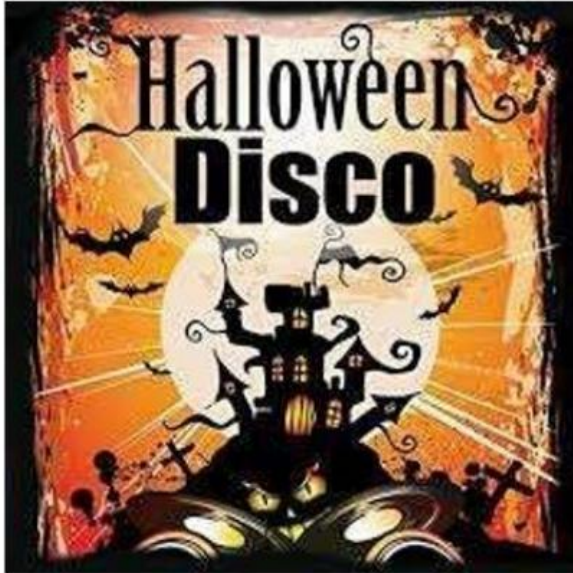
Wear Red Day (Show Racism the Red Card) – Friday 17th October 2025.

On Friday 17th October, we will be recognising the anti-racism movement by having a non-uniform day. We would like your child to wear something **RED** for the day. Wear Red Day is a celebration of this anti-racism movement.

During the morning, children will be taking part in activities to highlight the need for change, being inclusive and celebrating diversity. These activities will be chosen by the school council and they have expressed that they would like to invite our parents/carers into school to work alongside us. This will be between 9.30am-10.30am, you are all welcome to join us.

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Halloween Disco.



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Spooky Halloween Disco


Friday 13th October 2025.


6-7pm.


Fancy Dress Optional.

£2: includes entry and refreshments.

We're excited to invite the children to our Halloween Disco on Friday 17th October, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in school.

 Tickets are £2 per child, which includes entry and refreshments. Please make payment in advance at the school office.

 Nursery children are welcome, but we kindly ask that they are accompanied by an adult throughout the event.

 For any parents who wish to stay during the disco, there will be refreshments available in school.

We're looking forward to a fun-filled evening of music, dancing and spooky celebration!



Safeguarding Policy 2025.

Our newly updated edition of TMPF Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website [The Valley | Safeguarding](#). This policy is also available on request from the main office.



School Council visit to the Foodbank.

On Wednesday, our School Council visited the Cheadle Foodbank to deliver all the wonderful Harvest donations collected by our school community. The volunteers were incredibly grateful for everyone's generosity — and were amazed when they weighed our donations... a fantastic 40.1kg in total!

A huge well done to Team Valley and to everyone who contributed. Your kindness will make a real difference to local families in need.





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PTFA Update.



Tickets are now available from
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Please come along and
support us in what will be a
great evening.

We'd also like to let you know that our next **PTFA Meeting** will be held on **Friday 24th October**. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible — your support and ideas make such a difference to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!



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PTFA Christmas Fair.

Get ready for festive fun at our Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December from 3:30pm. There will be games, treats, crafts and lots of holiday cheer for the whole family to enjoy.

Would you like to have a stall at our fair?

Whether you sell crafts, delicious goodies, or festive gifts, we'd love to hear from you! Please come and speak to Mrs Bould, Claire (Archie's mum) or Sue (Joel J's nan) who will be happy to provide extra details.

Come along, bring your family and friends - and help us make this Christmas extra special!



**The Valley
Primary School
Christmas Fair**

**Friday 5th December
From 3:30pm**

**The Valley Primary School,
Oakamoor**

Highlights include:

- Visit Santa's Grotto
- Exciting Raffle Prizes
- Festive Stalls with gifts and goodies
- Beautiful Choir Performances
- Delicious Refreshments

Free Entry – Everyone Welcome!

• Come along, bring your family and friends,
and get into the Christmas spirit with
our school community!



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Diary Dates.

Autumn 1

- 13.10.25 – 9.30am Read, Write, Inc and Early Reading Workshop for parents.
- 13.10.25 – Year 5 and 6 at Leek Fire Station for Safe and Sound Workshop.
- 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 – School Halloween Disco 6pm.
- 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 – PTFA Meeting 3.30pm
- 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.
- 20.11.25 – The Valley Open Afternoon – 1.30pm-3pm.**
- 25.11.25 – Y5/6 Swimming Gala.
- 26.11.25 – St Andrew's Day Themed Lunch.
- 05.12.25 – The Valley Christmas Fair 3.30pm.
- 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.