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The Valley Primary School Newsletter

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Our fortnightly Celebration Stars!
Congratulations to our wonderful winners!

Stars of the Week:
Bertie and Matthew

Wider Curriculum Award:
Noah and Joel

Dojo Champions:
Louis and Eliza.

Head Teacher Award:
Eliza.

Playground Award:
Lydia.

Star Writers:
Cameron and Bella.

Dojo runners up:
Griff and Zoe.

Reading Award:
Arthur and Ted

Lunchtime Award:
Jaxon.

Maths Star Award:
Archie M and Lydia

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 09.10.26 is: 93.9%.

Let's work to get above 95%.

Lwt's

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



PTFA Update and Thank You



As we continue a new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTFA for their tremendous support throughout last year. Through their hard work and dedication, they helped to fund a number of valuable projects and experiences for our children, including improvements to Mr Greaves' classroom, coach transport for our trips to Formby and the pantomime and the repainting of the main school corridor.

These improvements support our ongoing vision of creating a calm, welcoming environment for our children and bringing elements of the outdoors into our learning spaces.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Sue Hurley, who has decided to step down from her role as PTFA Chair. Sue has provided invaluable commitment and direction during her time in the role and we are incredibly grateful for all that she has done for our school community.

As you are all aware, school events can only take place with the support and involvement of our wonderful families. After careful consideration, the decision has been made for the PTFA to disband this year. Please be assured that this does not mean our children will miss out on the exciting opportunities, experiences and enhancements they deserve. Instead, fundraising activities will be organised directly by the school, with all proceeds continuing to benefit our pupils.

PTFA Update and Thank You



We remain committed to being transparent about how funds are used and will continue to share updates on how your generous contributions are supporting improvements to the school environment, resources and learning experiences for our children. All decisions regarding spending will be carefully considered and based on the needs of the school and opportunities to further enhance our pupils' education.

We look forward to continuing to work together as a school community and are excited to announce that our first fundraising event of the year will be the Halloween Disco. See information below and as ever if you are able to give up just a small amount of your time to support our events, as always, this will be gratefully received and very appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.



The Valley
Halloween Disco.



The Valley
Primary School

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Monday 19th October
6pm - 7.15pm

Fancy dress optional!

£2 a ticket
or £5 for a family

Includes entry
and spooky
sweet treats!

Money paid in advance
at the school office please.

Nursery children must be
accompanied by an adult.

The poster features a dark purple background with various Halloween-themed illustrations: a ghost wearing sunglasses, a disco ball, a witch's hat on a pumpkin, a bat, and musical notes. The text is in a playful, colorful font.



We need your help!

Please could you donate any
Halloween decorations?

We would really like to make our
disco come to life!

Please speak to Mrs Bould - thank
you.

The Valley Open Morning/Afternoon.

Please share this information with anyone you know looking for a Nursery place (3 years up) or a Reception place 2027. Thank you in advance.



OPEN MORNING
Come and see what makes our school special

 Wednesday
4th November
9.30am

 Wednesday
18th November
1.30pm

For prospective parents looking for a
Nursery place or Reception 2027



Small school.
Big opportunities.

“Pupils are happy,
feel safe and are well
cared for”

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“Leaders have high
expectations and provide
a nurturing environment
where pupils can thrive.”

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Hello Yellow Day.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Hello Yellow Day. It was wonderful to see the children arriving in their bright and colourful outfits, with splashes of yellow lighting up the school. The children looked absolutely fantastic and helped create a vibrant atmosphere throughout the day.

By taking part, our school community helped spread the important message that young people's mental health matters. Thank you to all families for your support and contributions in helping us raise awareness and show that talking about our feelings is important.

If you would still like to support the work of YoungMinds, donations can be made via the Hello Yellow campaign page: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>.

Together, we showed that by standing united, wearing yellow and starting conversations about mental health, we can make a real difference. 🧡



#HelloYellow

Diary Dates.



Autumn 1

15.10.26 – Parent's Evening 3.30pm – 6pm.

15.10.26 - A League Football

16.10.26 – Year 5 Safe and Sound Event @ Leek Fire Station.

19.10.26 - The Valley Halloween Disco 6pm ****NEW DATE**** (see information above).

22.10.26 - A League Football

23.10.26 – School Closes for Half Term.

Diary Dates.



Autumn 2

02.11.26 – School Open for Pupils

04.11.26 – 9.30am The Valley Open Morning for prospective Nursery places and Reception 2027.

13.11.26 – World Kindness Day

13.11.26 – Remembrance Service @ Cenotaph 10.45am – all welcome.

13.11.26 - Christmas Jumper Exchange ****NEW DATE****

16.11.26 – 20.11.26 – Anti-Bullying Week.

18.11.26 – 1.30pm The Valley Open Afternoon for prospective Nursery places and Reception 2027.

20.11.26 – Children in Need.

27.11.26 - PLT Basketball ****NEW DATE****

02.12.26 – Keele University – Teddy Bear Hospital Visit for Saplings Class.

Diary Dates.



Autumn 2

- 09.12.26 – Snow White @ Derby Arena 1.30pm.
- 10.12.26 – Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm.
- 11.12.26 – Christmas Service in Church – all welcome.
- 14.12.26 – Reports out to parents.
- 14.12.26 – Oakamoor Village Hall Christmas Concert – Choir performing.
- 15.12.26 - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Games Afternoon ****NEW DATE****
- 16.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18.12.26 – Break up for Christmas.