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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:**  
Griff, Orla and Marlie.

**Head Teacher Award:**  
Selby.

**Dojo Champions:**  
Aurora and Lydia.

**Playground Award:**  
Violet.

**Lunchtime Award:**  
Matthew.

**Dojo runners up:**  
Noah and Zoe.

## 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 11.09.26 is: 96.2%**

Well done everyone!

## 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**



## Welcome Back



A very warm welcome back to all our children, families and staff. I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and have returned refreshed, full of energy and ready for the exciting academic year ahead.

It has been fantastic to see the children settling back into school routines so quickly, reconnecting with friends and approaching their learning with such enthusiasm. We are looking forward to another year filled with opportunities, achievements and memorable experiences.

As always, I would like to remind families that we operate an open-door policy and value working closely with parents and carers. This year, my role extends across two schools. Should you wish to speak with me, please contact the school office in the first instance and a suitable appointment will be arranged.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Baddeley to our team. Mrs Baddeley will be teaching in Saplings Class and we know she will be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Finally, we would like to send our heartfelt congratulations to Miss Harper, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Blossom, during the summer holidays. We are thrilled for her and her family and send them our very best wishes as they enjoy this special time together.

Here's to a happy, successful and rewarding year ahead for everyone!

## Say hello to our new Reception pupils.

We would like to give a very special welcome to our wonderful foursome as they begin their Reception journey. We are incredibly proud of how fabulously they have settled into their new year group and routines. It has been a joy to see them pick up right where they left off in Nursery, demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm and a real love of learning.

They have embraced new experiences with smiling faces and eager attitudes and have already shown us what fantastic role models they can be. We are excited to watch them continue to grow, learn and flourish throughout the year.

Well done to our amazing foursome. We are so proud of you all!



## Introducing our new Year 6 Ambassadors

We are incredibly proud to introduce our three Year 6 Ambassadors for this academic year. These pupils have been chosen because they consistently demonstrate the qualities and values that make our school such a positive place to learn and grow.

As role models for the whole school community, our ambassadors will play an important role in promoting and encouraging our TMPF values of Trust, Mindfulness, Peace and Friendship. They will help to look out for positive behaviours around school, support their peers and encourage everyone to make choices that reflect these important values every day.

We are confident that they will carry out their responsibilities with enthusiasm, kindness and maturity and we know they will be fantastic representatives of our school. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make throughout the year.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Ambassadors. We are very proud of you and wish you every success in your new role.



## Introducing Our School Council and Eco Council Representatives for 2026-2027

We are delighted to introduce our School Council and Eco Council Representatives for 2026-2027. These pupils have been selected to represent their classmates, share ideas and help make a positive difference within our school community.

Members of the **School Council** play an important role in ensuring that pupil voices are heard. They will gather ideas from their classes, contribute to discussions about school improvement and help organise events and initiatives throughout the year. Their role is to work collaboratively to make our school the best it can be for everyone.

Our **Eco Council Representatives** are passionate about caring for our environment and promoting sustainable practices across the school. They will lead environmental projects, encourage eco-friendly habits and help raise awareness of how we can all make a positive impact on the world around us.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who have taken on these leadership roles. Their enthusiasm, responsibility and commitment to helping others will make them excellent representatives. We look forward to seeing the positive contributions they make throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our School Council and Eco Council Representatives. We know you will be fantastic ambassadors for your classes and our school.

## School Council Representatives.

### Saplings Class.



Charlie, Olivia and Bertie.

### Oak Class.



Zoe, Lydia and Matthew.

## Eco Council Representatives.

### Saplings Class.



Noah, Jasmine and Aura.

### Oak Class.



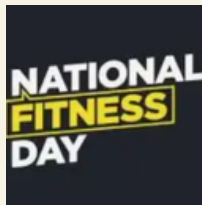
Alfie, Violet and Joel.

## National Fitness Day.



It is National Fitness Day on Wednesday 16th September and we will be celebrating the importance of staying active and looking after our physical and mental wellbeing. To help us mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school wearing their own sporty clothes and trainers for the day. This will allow everyone to take part comfortably in a range of fun physical activities planned throughout the day.

National Fitness Day is a great opportunity to encourage healthy lifestyles and to remind children that being active can be enjoyable, help improve wellbeing and build confidence. We look forward to seeing everyone in their sporty outfits and taking part in a fun-filled day of fitness and activity!



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.



We are delighted to be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 25th September at 1.30pm and would like to warmly invite all parents, carers and family members to join us for this special event.

Come along and enjoy a delicious slice of cake, a cup of coffee and a juice with your child while helping us raise money for the fantastic work of Macmillan Cancer Support. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time together and support a very important cause. To help make the event a success, we would be extremely grateful for any cake donations. Whether shop-bought or homemade, all donations will be warmly received.

As we are a nut-free school, we kindly ask that any cakes or baked goods brought into school do not contain nuts. For any homemade cakes, please provide a list of ingredients so that we can ensure the safety of children and visitors with allergies.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you to our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and raising money for such a worthwhile cause together.



# Term Dates Academic Year 2026-2027.

## The Moorlands Primary Federation Term Dates 2026/27



### Autumn Term 2026

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils):** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Term starts for pupils:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Pupils return:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### Spring Term 2027

**Inset Day for staff (schools closed for pupils):** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Pupils return:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Term ends:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2027

**Term starts for pupils:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Pupils return:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Term ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET Days for staff (schools closed for pupils):**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**\*Children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2027\***



## Diary Dates.



### Autumn 1

- 11.09.26 - Bug Club begins (selected children).
- 16.09.26 – National Fitness Day – children to wear their own sports clothes (no P.E kit required).
- 17.09.26 - Cross Country Relay @ Oakamoor Cricket Ground.
- 24.09.26 - A League Football
- 25.09.26 – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm.
- 01.10.26 - A League Football
- 08.10.26 - A League Football
- 09.10.26 – Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness
- 09.10.26 – Harvest Service in Church – all welcome
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.
- 16.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18.12.26 – Break up for Christmas.