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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:**
Archie O and Isabella.

**Wider Curriculum Award:**
Hattie and Violet.

**Dojo Champions:**
Remy T and Edi.

**Head Teacher Award:**
Selby.

**Playground Award:**
Jasmine.

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

**Lunchtime Award:**
Selby.

**Star Writers:**
Jaxon and Matthew.

**Reading Award:**
Cameron and Zoe.

**Maths Star Award:**
Lissie and Edi.

## 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 13.11.26 is: 94.3%.**

**Let's work together to achieve greater than 95%.**

## 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**

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# Children in Need 2026

A huge thank you to our wonderful School Council and to Mrs Baddeley for organising this year's Children in Need activities and fundraising opportunities. From our non-uniform day to the exciting "Guess the Teddy's Name" competition, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part while supporting a fantastic cause.

It has been lovely to come together as a school community to commemorate such an important national event. BBC Children in Need raises money to support children and young people across the UK who are facing challenges such as poverty, illness, disability, family difficulties and mental health concerns. The funds raised help provide vital support, opportunities and experiences that enable children to thrive and reach their full potential.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and generosity shown by our pupils and families. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far and helped make the day such a success.

If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so via the official Children in Need donation page: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/donate/

Every donation, no matter how small, helps to make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people across the country. Thank you for your continued support.



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# Open Morning Success!

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective families and visitors to our recent Open Morning. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and to have the opportunity to showcase all the things that make our school such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

Visitors enjoyed seeing our warm, welcoming environment, engaging learning opportunities and the strong sense of community that runs throughout the school. Most importantly, they had the chance to meet our incredible pupils, who truly made the event memorable.

Our children were impeccably behaved throughout the morning and were excellent ambassadors for the school. They spoke confidently about their learning, demonstrated our school values and warmly welcomed visitors into our school. Their enthusiasm and pride in their school shone through, showing exactly why they are such a tremendous asset to our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a success. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and look forward to welcoming more families to our school on Wednesday 18th November at 1.30pm. Spread the word!

Please share this information with anyone you know looking for a Nursery place (3 years up) or a Reception place 2027. Our next open event is on Wednesday 18th November at 1.30pm. Thank you in advance.

## The Valley Open Afternoon.



# Remembrance Service.

Our school community came together today for a thoughtful and moving Remembrance Service as we paused to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed their lives for our country.

The children represented the school beautifully throughout the service. Their heartfelt singing and confident reading helped make the occasion particularly special and provided a fitting tribute to those who have fallen. We were incredibly proud of the maturity they demonstrated as they reflected on the importance of remembrance.



A special thank you goes to Mr Gillan and his brother, who joined us for the service and wore their medals with great pride.

# Wrapping up Warm!

As the weather gets colder, we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that children come to school each day with a warm, waterproof coat. We also encourage children to bring hats, gloves and scarves to help keep them cosy during playtimes and outdoor activities. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to help prevent them from getting lost. Thank you for your support in keeping our children warm and ready to enjoy the outdoors, whatever the weather!



## Safeguarding.



# Diary Dates.

## Autumn 2

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.
27.11.26 - PLT Basketball.
02.12.26 – Keele University – Teddy Bear Hospital Visit for Saplings Class.
03.12.26 – Oakamoor Village Hall Christmas Concert – Choir performing. **CHANGE OF DATE**
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.
15.12.26 - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Games Afternoon.
16.12.26 – Christmas Jumper Day.
17.12.26 - Virtual Christmas Sing-a-long in school.
18.12.26 – 9.30am - Christmas Carols in school - parents welcome.
18.12.26 - Break up for Christmas.