Friday 23rd October 2026.

The Valley Primary School Newsletter

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Our fortnightly Celebration Stars!

Congratulations to our wonderful winners!

Stars of the Week:
Albie and Lydia.

Wider Curriculum Award:
Remy and Zoe.

Dojo Champions:
Griff and Isabella.

Head Teacher Award:
Violet

Playground Award:
Jaxon.

Dojo runners up:
Jasmine and Zoe.

Lunchtime Award:
Bertie.

Star Writers:
Lissie and Alfie.

Reading Award:
Jaxon and Edi.

Maths Star Award:
Selby and Ted.

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 23.10.26 is: 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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School Council Delivers Harvest Donations to the Food Bank.

Last week, our School Council proudly visited the Food Bank in Cheadle to deliver the generous Harvest donations collected from our school community. Thanks to the incredible kindness and support of our families, staff and pupils, we donated an amazing 52.9kg of food and essential items.

The School Council were delighted to represent the school and see first-hand how these donations will help support local families. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Your generosity will make a real difference to people in our community. Well done, Team Valley!



The Valley Halloween Disco.

It was wonderful to see so many children and families at our Halloween Disco on Monday. The hall was filled with fantastic costumes, dancing and lots of smiles, making it a truly spooktacular evening!
A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event a success. We raised a total of £50 and this will be used towards resources in preparation for our Open Events - thank you so much.
We would also like to extend our thanks to the parents who kindly donated decorations and to Adora for the delicious cake treats, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our events!



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.



Remembrance Service.

On Friday 13th November, we will be visiting the local cenotaph to pay our respects and remember those who have given their lives in service to our country.

The service will begin at 10.45am, where children will share a few words of remembrance, sing a song and lay a wreath from the school, before we join together for a two-minute silence at 11.00am. This will be an opportunity for our school community to reflect, remember and show gratitude for the sacrifices made by so many.

We are proud to support this important act of remembrance and invite you to join us in the village for this special get together.





Christmas Jumper Exchange

As the festive season approaches, we are delighted to be holding our Christmas Jumper Exchange at The Valley on Friday 13th November at 3.30pm.

If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit or are no longer needed, please bring them into school by Thursday 12th November. Families will then have the opportunity to choose a pre-loved jumper in exchange for a small donation.

This is a fantastic way to support sustainability, reduce waste and help families prepare for the festive season while giving Christmas jumpers a new home. Thank you in advance!

A Special Thank You.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to one of our talented parents, who has kindly handcrafted some beautiful new picnic benches for our playground.

Although they would prefer to remain anonymous, we wanted to publicly express our gratitude for their generosity, time and skill.

The benches have already become a popular addition to the playground, with children enjoying sitting together during playtimes, chatting with friends at lunchtime and using them as a comfortable spot to enjoy their snacks. It is wonderful to see them being so well used and appreciated by the children.

Thank you for helping to make our school environment even more welcoming for our pupils. Your kindness is very much appreciated by the whole Valley family.



Happy Half Term Break!

Wishing all of our families a wonderful half term break. Thank you for your continued support throughout what has been a fantastic half term. We hope you enjoy some well-earned rest, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November refreshed and ready for another exciting 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 - see information above.
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.
02.12.26 – Keele University – Teddy Bear Hospital Visit for Saplings Class.

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