

## Our Weekly Winners!

Here are the names of our shiny stars, crowned winners in our celebration assembly over the last two weeks. Well done to you all

### Stars of the Week



**Class 1: Zoe and Aura.**  
**Class 2: Joel G and Henry.**  
**Class 3: Conrad and Reuben.**



**Our Dojo Champions are:**

**Class 1: Orla and Phoebe.**  
**Class 2: Ella.**  
**Class 3: Theo and Sophia.**



**Our Dojo Runners Up are:**

**Class 1: Marlie and Zoe.**  
**Class 2: Wilf and Matthew.**  
**Class 3: Lola and Lyla.**



**Head teacher Award:**  
**Harry and Max.**



**Lunchtime Award:**  
**Violet and Phoebe.**





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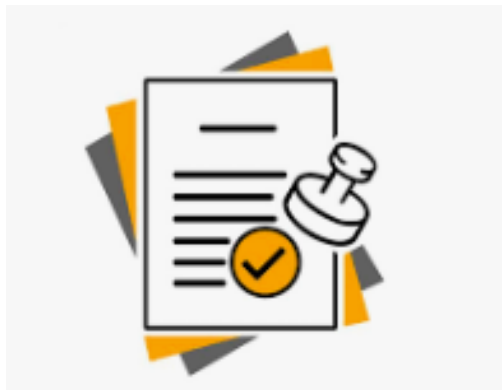
## Attendance.

Geraldine the Giraffe is always looking for a classroom to rest in. As an incentive towards our attendance in school, the class who has the highest percentage fortnightly will have Geraldine spend two weeks with them.

**Our winning class this week is Class 2 - well done!**

## Lateness.

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.



## A Time to Reflect and Remember.

Many of you will be aware of the sad news within The Valley Primary following the passing of a parent and wonderful member of the wider school family last week.

We are sure that you join us as a school community in sending love, thoughts, best wishes and prayers to family members and friends at this sad time, and also in offering support and kindness as we move forwards together.

When our lives are touched by special people, we remain constantly thankful.

With love to all,

The Valley Team.

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## The Valley Christmas Fayre – Saturday 9th December 2023



The PTFA Christmas Fayre was a great success with a massive total of £467.47 raised.

We thank you so very much for your support and donations. It certainly did get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

A special thank you to the choir, Joslyn Plant, the PTFA, parent volunteers, Santa, members of the community, RLC Face painting, stall holders, staff and children who gave up their time to support our wonderful school today.



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## Oakamoor Christmas Carol Concert – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



A huge well done to our wonderful choir who shone so brightly at Monday's Christmas Carol Concert held at the Oakamoor Village Hall. It was lovely to be invited along and to have the opportunity to come together with our local community. The choir delighted their audience with Jingle Bell Rock, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and Jingle Bells. Well done to you all!

### Applications for Reception 2024.

Applications for Reception class places are still open. If your child is due to start school in September 2024, don't forget to apply online by 15th January 2024 at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education).

If you would like to come and see what our amazing school has to offer, please contact us to arrange a visit on 01538 702355 option 2, or email office@valley.staffs.sch.uk.

Please share this with your wider friends and family.

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## It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

The School Council felt no pressure as they went along to select our Christmas tree this year. Travelling on the minibus, Mrs Jones and the School Council chose a wonderful tree that we all had fun decorating once it arrived back in school.





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## Our New Year Lunch Menu by Edwards and Ward.

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Green Beans, Sweetcorn</b> St Clement's Shortbread (Ve) Better Health Technology	<b>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Green Beans, Sweetcorn</b> Lime Shortbread (Ve)	<b>Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V)(WG)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sweetcorn, Green Beans</b> Vanilla Iced Shortbread (Ve)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Penne with Beef Bolognese (WG)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Broccoli, Garden Peas</b> Apple Crumble (Ve)(WG) with Custard (V)	<b>Cottage Pie</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Broccoli, Garden Peas</b> Chocolate & Pear Sponge with Chocolate Custard (V)	<b>Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas</b> Toffee Apple Sponge with Apple Custard (V)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots</b> Chocolate Mousse with Pears (V)	<b>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Yorkshire &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cauliflower, Sliced Carrots</b> Jelly (Ve)	<b>Roast of the Day with Roasties, Stuffing &amp; Gravy</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Cabbage, Carrot Batons</b> Chocolate Mousse with Mandarins (V)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Mild &amp; Sweet Chicken Curry with Rice (WG)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Banana Bread (V)	<b>Breakfast for Lunch with Diced Potatoes</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Cooked Tomato</b> Flapjack (Ve)	<b>Mac &amp; Cheese (V)</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Rainbow Veg</b> Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches (V)	<b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Banana (V)	<b>Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips</b> Choice of Jackets, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta <b>Baked Beans, Garden Peas</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Cocktail (V)
	08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03, 01/04, 22/04, 13/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07	15/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03, 08/04, 29/04, 20/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07	22/01, 12/02, 04/03, 25/03, 15/04, 06/05, 27/05, 17/06, 08/07

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan WG - Wholegrain

Freshly baked bread, fresh fruit, yoghurts and fresh drinking water available daily

Edwards and Ward have shared the new year menu with us ahead of entering 2024. The dishes above will be served by Kat on the first week back after Christmas.



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## Community Classes and Christmas Camp Days to support students' wellbeing.

As we all know, mental health and the need to support children with their wellbeing is ever increasing. St Mary's First School will be running a Christmas holiday camp day.

On Friday 5th January, a one-day camp day will be delivered for children aged 5-11 at St. Mary's First School in Uttoxeter.

Please see information below.

**Christmas Holiday Camp Day**

**Camp days for children aged 5-11**

Aged 4+ can do half days

- **GAMES**
- **STORIES**
- **MEDITATIONS**

Friday 5th January 2024

**BOOK NOW**  
Places are limited

Build Confidence  
Raise Self Awareness  
Recognise Emotions  
Understand Feelings  
Self Regulate Responses  
Reduce Stress/Anxiety  
Increase Inner Calm & Happiness  
Encourage Resilience & Communication  
Have FUN & Make Friends

**BOOK ONLINE:** [minime-mindfulness-staffs.class4kids.co.uk](http://minime-mindfulness-staffs.class4kids.co.uk) or  
contact Claire on: 07368254093

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## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2.

- 15.12.23 – 9.30am Christmas Worship led by Reverend Sue – parents welcome to sing Christmas songs.
- 15.12.23 – Reports sent out.
- 18.12.23 – Nativity Dress Rehearsal (all costumes to be in school please).
- 19.12.23 – Last swimming session for Class 3 and last Forest School session for Class 2.
- 20.12.23 – Christmas Dinner Day.
- 20.12.23 – Whole School Nativity 2pm and 6pm (letter has been sent out).
- 21.12.23 – Whole School trip to Derby Arena – Mother Goose – pupils to be in school no later than 8.15am please.
- 22.12.23 – Christmas Party Day (letter has been sent out).
- 22.12.23 – Break up for Christmas.

### Spring 1.

- 08.01.24 – Staff Inset Day
- 09.01.24 – Welcome back after Christmas.
- 11.01.24 – CADSSA A League Netball
- 18.01.24 - CADSSA A League Netball
- 22.01.24 – Young Voices Birmingham – selected choir members.
- 23.01.24 - CADSSA A League Netball
- 25.01.24 – Year 2 Multi-Skills at The Cheadle Academy.
- 29.01.24 – Y3/4 Swimming Gala.
- 30.01.24 - CADSSA B League Netball
- 02.02.24 – NSPCC Number Day – Dress as your favourite number!
- 06.02.24 – Y3/4 Netball Development
- 09.02.24 – Launch of Science Reading Challenge.
- 09.02.24 – Break up for half term.