



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## Our Weekly Winners!

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

### Stars of the Week



**Class 1: Louis and Bertie.**  
**Class 2: Year 4 and Lydia.**  
**Class 3: Arthur, Lyla and Johanna.**



### Our Dojo Champions are:

**Class 1: Eliza and Jasmine.**  
**Class 2: Joel G and Marlie.**  
**Class 3: Esmae and Mason.**



### Our Dojo Runners Up are:

**Class 1: Oliver and Edi.**  
**Class 2: Marlie and Violet.**  
**Class 3: Ollie and Ethan.**



### Head teacher Award:

**Lissie and Edi, Ted and Eliza.**



**Lunchtime Award:**  
**Zoe and Selby.**





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## **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 13.06.25:

**95.71%**

**Well done everyone!**

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.

## **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:

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## Lichfield Cathedral Trip.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, two of our children visited Lichfield Cathedral as they held an inspire event themed around 'Our Shared World.'

The children mixed with other schools and took part in four different activities, starting with meditation in St Chad's chapel. They then went on to have a small tour of the cathedral. After lunch, they did an activity on the Fenland Oak table, which was made from a preserved 5000-year-old tree. The last activity involved creating an art piece based on a Caravaggio painting.

They were an absolute credit to our school – well done!





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## Wildlife Garden Update.

As you will have seen there has been an improvement to our Wildlife Garden as it is cleared and we now have a blank canvas to begin the work. A huge thank you to Mr Chell and Mr Hurley who have been busy preparing the different areas to our garden and have begun putting in sleepers to section these areas.

We continue to ask for any donations of pallets (towards our bug hotel) and perennial plants please and we also ask that if you are free to help on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July as we develop a working group, we would be grateful for your help and support. Please let Mrs Button know in the office if you can give up just a small amount of time towards this.







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## Year 5/6 Cricket.



Our Y5/6 (thank you to Lydia for stepping up) cricket team blew everyone away on Wednesday as they made the semi-final in the CADSSA cricket tournament. They played brilliantly throughout and worked well as a team.

## Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament.



Our superstar girls Y3/4 football Valhorne team enjoyed an afternoon competing in a CADSSA football tournament yesterday. The girls' confidence really grew as the games progressed and they managed not to concede too many goals. Well done girls!



## **Bee Conservation Trust.**

Class 1 had a buzzing time last Wednesday when they were invited, alongside the village group, for a special visit from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust!

The children were absolutely fascinated as they learnt lots of exciting new facts about these amazing pollinators — did you know there are over 270 species of bees in the UK?

After a fun and interactive talk, the children took part in a brilliant bee-themed game before getting creative and making their very own bumblebees to take home. The highlight for many was the chance to hold a real-life white-bottom bumblebee — what a magical moment!

A huge thank you to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust for such an engaging and inspiring session and thank you to the village group for the invite. Volunteers from the trust have very kindly offered to give us advice on what we need to plant in our new wildlife garden to encourage pollinators.



## PTFA Chocolate Bingo.

What a fantastic night we had just before half term for our annual chocolate bingo event! Thank you for supporting us and for the generous donations towards our prizes.

We had our numbers read out by some very brave, budding bingo callers; they were very professional indeed.

A special thank you to Claire and Sue - our wonderful PTFA - who continue to support our fundraising. We raised an impressive **£300** and this will go towards our fundraising for a new sound system to enhance our productions.







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## **Whole School Trip to Think Tank Museum – Birmingham.**

May we remind you that, if you haven't already done so, please could you send in your consent at your earliest convenience ahead of our whole school trip on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Any outstanding payments (via Arbor) and paperwork must be in school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Many thanks.



**thinktank**  
Birmingham science museum



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## Diary Dates

### Summer 2

#### **June**

- 16.06.25 – 20.06.25 – Y6 Residential.
- 25.06.25 – Whole School Trip to Think Tank Museum, Birmingham.
- 26.06.25 – Y5/6 Rounders.
- 27.06.25 – Rugby Event @ The Cheadle Academy.
- 30.06.25 – Academy Photography – Leaver's Photographs.

#### **July**

- 01.07.25 – KS2 Athletics Event @ Northwood Stadium.
- 01.07.25 – Sports Awards Evening – by invitation only.
- 02.07.25 – New Intake Morning – Reception 2025: 10.30am-12pm.
- 02.07.25 – New Intake Parent's Meeting – 6pm.
- 04.07.25 – Transition morning.
- 04.07.25 – Nursery Graduation Ceremony – 2.15pm.
- 08.07.25 – New Intake Morning and picnic lunch – Reception 2025: 10.30am-12.30pm.
- 10.07.25 – Sports Day 9.30am.
- 11.07.25 – End of Year Disco 6pm-7pm.
- 14.07.25 – End of Year Reports sent out.
- 16.07.25 – End of Year Production 2pm and 6pm.
- 17.07.25 – Y6 Trip – details to follow.
- 18.07.25 – Y6 Leaver's Party.
- 18.07.25 – Last day of the 2024-2025 academic year.
- 18.07.25 – No after school wrap around care.