Valley View Voice

Friday 10th July 2026

On Wednesday evening, we were treated to a truly wonderful performance from our Year 6 children. It was a joy to see them perform with such enthusiasm, confidence and energy. Every child played their part brilliantly and, most importantly, they performed as a team - supporting one another, encouraging one another and ensuring that every individual had the opportunity to shine.

There were moments of laughter, moments of pride and more than a few moments when it was hard to believe that these were the same children who first walked through our doors as young pupils. Their growth, maturity and confidence were evident for all to see.

I hope that families enjoyed the opportunity to watch their children on stage. It was impossible not to feel a sense of pride as we saw them looking so grown up, standing confidently in front of an audience and beginning to look ready for the next stage of their journey. High school is now just around the corner and, whilst there is still much to enjoy in their final days at Valley View, this performance served as a wonderful reminder of just how far they have come and how ready they are for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Well done, Year 6. You were absolutely fantastic, and we could not be prouder of you!

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Sports Day

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we have adapted our Sports Day arrangements. In all our years working in schools, we can honestly say we have never known a year quite like this one - usually we are keeping a close eye on the forecast because of rain, but this year it has been the heat that has presented the greatest challenge.

The safety and wellbeing of our children, families and staff must always come first, which is why we have had to remain flexible in our planning. We continue to monitor the weather forecast carefully and are keeping our fingers firmly crossed that Sports Day will be able to go ahead as planned.

We selected Monday as it was forecast to be the coolest day of the week, giving us the best possible opportunity to hold the event safely whilst still allowing the children to enjoy the occasion they have been looking forward to for so long.

Thank you once again for your patience and support. We know that changes to arrangements can be frustrating, but we are hopeful that the weather will be kind to us and that we can come together to celebrate the children's achievements, determination and sporting spirit. Whatever the forecast brings, we will continue to make decisions with the children's safety, enjoyment and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

Sports Day Times

Nursery 8.45 - 9.30am
Rec, Y1 & Y2 9.40am - 10.50am
Y3 & Y4 11am - 12.10pm
Y5 & Y6 1.30pm - 2.40pm

Looking Ahead to the New School Year

This week has been an exciting milestone as our children began their transition visits to their new classrooms and spent time getting to know the adults who will support them next year. These moments are always special, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Nyakabuka to Valley View as a member of our teaching team. He brings with him a wealth of experience and has previously held senior leadership roles in other schools. We know he will be a fantastic addition to our staff team and a great asset to our school community. We are also pleased that Miss Joy will continue to work at Valley View next academic year, providing continuity and support for our children and families.

All children have now met their new class teachers and we are pleased to report that the transition day itself went incredibly smoothly. As we walked around school, every classroom we visited was calm, purposeful and full of smiling faces. The children quickly settled into their new environments and embraced the opportunity to begin building relationships with their new teachers and classmates.

Of course, we know that transition is not a single event but a process. The conversations, visits and preparations taking place now lay the foundations for a successful start in September. As the author C.S. Lewis once wrote, *"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."* We are excited about the opportunities that next year will bring and look forward to watching our children continue to grow, learn and flourish.

We are Music Champions!

Congratulations to everyone at Valley View Community Primary School! We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded **Music Champion School** status by **ArtForms, the Leeds Music Hub**, in recognition of our outstanding commitment to high-quality music education and enrichment. The award celebrates our inclusive music provision, thriving choirs, annual performances by each year group, and the many opportunities our pupils have to develop a love of music both in and beyond the classroom. We will hold this prestigious recognition for three years. A huge **well done and thank you** to all of our dedicated staff, as well as the parents and former pupils who continue to contribute to the musical life of our school. Your commitment to providing and supporting such fantastic musical enrichment opportunities has helped make this achievement possible and reflects the strong sense of community that makes Valley View so special.

Back Chat Brass

Music Week kicked off with a bang as children in Years 1–6 enjoyed a lively performance from **Back Chat Brass**. This talented quartet featured a trumpet, saxophone, drums and a sousaphone, introducing pupils to the unique sounds of each instrument. The children learned about the instruments and couldn't resist dancing and bouncing along to the infectious music. A huge thank you to our **PTA** for funding this fantastic enrichment opportunity. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and was a wonderful way to begin our Music Week celebrations!

Music Week

This week has been Music Week at Valley View, and it has been a fantastic celebration of music across the school! Pupils have enjoyed performances from Back Chat Brass, as well as violin and French horn recitals from the children. There has been extra music-making in classrooms, and many members of staff have shared their musical talents by playing a range of instruments for the children, including the drums, tuba, cello, piano and flute. We were also delighted to watch our talented Year 6 pupils perform their fantastic musical for the whole school. It has been a wonderful week of musical enrichment.

Music Week in Early Years

The Nursery and Reception children have welcomed many musical visitors this week. The children have learned about the different instrument families: woodwind with Ms Fothers and her flute, brass with Mr Cox and his euphonium, strings with Miss Staveley and her cello, percussion with both Mr Major and his drum set and Miss Staveley on the school piano! The children have had a great week singing, playing instruments and responding to music, and Mrs Griffiths even went to Nursery to check there wasn't a thunderstorm occurring in class when the children experimented with the drums!

Limley Class Violin Assembly

Just a quick reminder to Limley Class families of the violin assembly on Monday at 2.40pm, families are warmly invited to come and watch.

Diary Dates

July

Mon 13th	Sports Day Limley Class Violin Assembly 2.40pm
Tues 14th	Meeting the Teacher 3.30 - 4.00pm or 4.00 - 4.30pm
Wed 15th	Sharing Our Learning 1.30pm
Thurs 16th	Star of the Year Assembly Year 6 BBQ 3.15pm
Fri 17th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Mon 20th	Training Day school closed to pupils
Tues 21st	Training Day school closed to pupils

Sept 2026

Tues 1st	Training Day school closed to pupils
Wed 2nd	Training Day school closed to pupils

Training Days 2026 - 2027

Tuesday 1st Sept 2026
Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026
Monday 19th Oct 2026
Friday 12th Feb 2027
Thursday 22nd Jul 2027

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Cassandra Rios Cassandra has really grown in confidence over the last couple of weeks. It has been a joy to see her more confident in and around the classroom and within herself. She is a pleasure to teach and is very ready for Year 1.

Arram Class: Emily Hargreaves-Wood Emily is a superstar every day and has grown so much this year especially in confidence and independence. She has impressed us this week showing how mature she can be, completing work independently, recognising her mistakes and listening to feedback. Keep it up Emily!

Calder Class: Joseph Quinn Joseph has done some incredible maths work this week! We have been so impressed with how well he has grasped the concept of telling the time on an analogue clock. Joseph is always up for a challenge, constantly wanting to do better, and he does it all with a huge smile on his face. Well done, Joseph!

Crimple Class: Logan Moore Logan Moore has shown his creativity and determination this week. For our Year 1 carnival, Logan made a fantastic shaker. He put so much time and effort in to creating it. We have also been very impressed with his phonics this week. He has been trying his best and has put 100% effort into everything he has done. Well done, Logan!

Deepdale Class: Josh Manton Josh is an absolute delight to have in Deepdale Class. He approaches every day with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Josh has grown in confidence when speaking to adults to ask for help, and he always works hard and tries his best. He should be very proud of himself. Well done, Josh!

Derwent Class: Liliana Siwak Liliana's writing this week has been fantastic. She has used all the skills she has learnt over the year and put them into her writing. It is always a pleasure to read her writing and to know how much work she has put into it. Keep it up!

Hebble Class: Olivia Copley Olivia is a valued member of Hebble Class. She is always striving to do her very best in every lesson, independently editing her work and applying feedback well. Olivia represented Valley View outstandingly on our trip last week and applied herself to every activity. Well done, Olivia!

Humber Class: Maisie Walsh Maisie is a pleasure to teach and is always wanting to do her best, but, this week I have really noticed Maisie questioning her learning in a way to build on her knowledge and really 'up-level' what she has written. She is really thinking about how she can improve her work and use everything we have learnt in Year 3 without any prompts from us. Well done Maisie and keep up the hard work.

Limley Class: Olivia Smith Olivia has had a fabulous week! She has shown great resilience during our transition morning and produced a fabulous concluding paragraph in her persuasive letter. Olivia has also impressed staff with asking adults for help when she need it in lessons and we hope she keeps this up!

Loxley Class: Hilda Parry Hilda has impressed us, not only this week but every week with her fantastic attitude towards her learning and her excellent learning behaviours. She is always engaged, always participates in lessons and always gives everything 100% Keep it up Hilda!

Ribble Class: Lorna Frew Lorna always works hard in every subject. She has a fantastic attitude towards her learning and she is always happy to share her thoughts and ideas. It has been a pleasure to teach her as she is always happy to improve her work and make it better. The Year 6 teachers are very lucky to be getting her in their class! Well done Lorna.

Ryburn Class: Jessica Davis Jessica is a pleasure to have in Ryburn Class. She is a great role model to others and can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing. She shows great interest in all subjects and often asks questions to expand her knowledge. Throughout Year 5 she has made excellent progress. Keep up the hard work Jessica, well done!

Washburn Class: Ralph Rahal Ralph has been an absolute superstar during the end-of-year production! Not only has he performed his own role brilliantly with confidence and enthusiasm, but he has also stepped in at the last minute to take on three other roles throughout the week. His willingness to help, quick thinking, and fantastic attitude have helped make the production a huge success. The Year 6 team are all incredibly proud of you Ralph!

Wenning Class: Sofia Woolley Sofia has had an excellent year; she always gives 100% effort in everything she does. She has such a bright and bubbly personality and is an absolute pleasure to teach. She was fantastic in our leavers' play and impressed all adults in school. Sofia is more than ready to start high school and she will be missed!