Valley View Voice

Friday 11th September 2026

It has been an absolutely fantastic start to the new school year at Valley View. The children have returned to school settled, calm and ready to learn, and this has been particularly remarkable amongst our new Nursery and Reception children. Seeing them walk confidently into their classrooms, begin routines independently and already feel part of our school community is quite incredible for such an early stage in the year. I often wish there were a way for parents to experience a full day at Valley View, as it is difficult to capture in words the sense of purpose, kindness and learning that takes place across school each day. If any parents possess the technical wizardry to help me find a way to share a little more of school life without falling foul of GDPR regulations, I would love to hear from you! It was also a real pleasure to welcome back some of our Year 7 pupils for tea yesterday afternoon. They are thriving at high school, and it is always wonderful to catch up with them, celebrate their successes, and reflect on whether there is anything more we can do this year to support our current Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their own next steps.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Allergies and Medical Needs

Many parents may have heard about *Benedict's Law* and the increased national focus on ensuring children with allergies are kept safe in school. As part of our ongoing commitment to pupil safety and wellbeing, staff have recently undertaken additional training, and we are currently reviewing and updating our allergy safety policy.

We are also exploring ways to further strengthen our daily routines and procedures for children with medical needs, including those who have asthma or require an adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen). Our aim is to ensure that every child is supported safely, confidently and consistently throughout the school day. We will continue to keep families informed as this work develops and will share further information in the coming weeks.

Attendance

It has been a fantastic start to the year for attendance, with our whole-school attendance currently above 96%. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve such a positive start. Let's keep it up! From next week, we will be sharing attendance figures for each year group, as improving attendance is a key priority for us this year.

We are also introducing a new Friday Attendance Raffle. Children will receive a raffle ticket for each day they attend school, giving them the opportunity to win a special prize at the end of the half term. We will also be announcing the class with the best attendance who will receive an extra playtime. Mr Waters has been speaking with the children to gather ideas for prizes they would really enjoy, and we are looking forward to sharing these with you soon!

Arbor Update

Thank you to everyone who has made the move over to Arbor. We are pleased to report that just over half of our families are now successfully using the platform. We appreciate that some families have tried to sign up and are still experiencing difficulties accessing their accounts. One of the most common issues appears to be email addresses not matching the details we hold in school. If you are having trouble logging in or receiving invitations, please check that the school has your most up-to-date email address and contact the office if anything has changed. Thank you for your patience as we continue to support families through the transition. Arbor will become an increasingly important way for us to share information, so we are keen to help everyone get connected as smoothly as possible.

Wellies Needed

As we move further into the autumn term, we would be grateful if all children could bring a pair of named wellies into school. Having wellies available means children can continue to enjoy our grassed areas and outdoor spaces for much longer, even when the weather becomes wetter and the ground gets muddy. Outdoor play is an important part of children's learning, well-being and development, and having wellies in school helps us make the most of these opportunities throughout the season. Thank you for your support in helping us keep children active, exploring and learning outdoors whatever the weather.

Open Evenings - Year 6 families only

Leeds West Academy are holding their open evening on Wednesday 23rd September between 6.00pm-8.00pm.
St Mary's Menston open day is on Saturday 26th September between 11.00am-2.00pm.

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Diary Dates

Sept

Mon 14th	Y6 trip to Saltaire
Wed 23rd	Flu Vaccination day

Oct

Thurs 1st	Sponsored Colour Run
Mon 19th	Training Day (school closed to all pupils)
Tues 20th	Individual school photos
Fri 23rd	Yr6 Height & Weight check. Break up for half term.

Nov

Mon 2nd	Back to school

Flu Immunisation

All families should have received the information needed to sign their children up for the flu vaccine today, if you didn't receive this please see below. The immunisation team will be coming in on 23rd Sept.

Flu Vaccine Rec - Yr6

Flu Vaccine - Nursery only

Reminder - Going Home Arrangements

We know that the end of the school day is a busy time, with lots of children, families and staff around the school site. With this in mind we would appreciate all families completing the form below. We are aware that some families have already have given this information on admission forms but would appreciate it if you could input the information on this form as well. For families with children in Years 5 and 6 you are able to give permission for your child to walk home on this form should you wish to.

Going Home Arrangement Form

Star of the Week

Calder Class: Mia Schonborn Mia has made a fantastic start to the new school year, showing wonderful maturity every single day. She comes into school ready to learn with a big smile on her face. Mia is so kind and consistently helpful to all of her peers and the adults in school. Her fantastic attitude shows us that she is definitely Year One ready! A huge well done, Mia!

Crimple Class: Evie Jenkins Evie has had an incredible week. She has made the transition from Reception to Year 1 seem easy and has applied herself into every aspect of her learning. Evie has shown such confidence, resilience, and creativity in provision, and we can't wait to see it continue. Well done, Evie!

Deepdale Class: Logan Moore Logan has started the school year with an excellent attitude to learning. He has come in feeling ready to learn every day and has 'wowed' us with his contributions. In History, we have been discovering what 'explorers' are and he worked out many of the attributes make an explorer. Well done, Logan!

Derwent Class: Edas Ramanauskas Edas has made a phenomenal start to Year 2. He has really impressed us with his amazing attitude towards his learning, showing such interest in everything that we have done. He is an excellent role model to the class and we know that he is going to have a wonderful year. Well done!

Hebble Class: Isaac Wild Isaac has made a great start to Year 3! He is following all our rules and listening to instructions carefully. Isaac is already working hard in all his lessons and we are excited to see how he progresses through Year 3. Well done Isaac!

Humber Class: Lennon Handley Lennon has started Year 3 with such a fantastic attitude to his learning. Lennon has given 100% into all his work and even whilst feeling a little nervous about the new school year, he has shown great perseverance. Well done Lennon and keep up the hard work.

Limley Class: Teddy Hallam Teddy has had a fabulous start to life in Year 4! He has arrived at school ready to learn for the day whilst demonstrating a great attitude to all areas of his work. Keep it up, Teddy!

Loxley Class: Eddie Groom Eddie has made a fantastic start to the year, showing an excellent attitude towards his learning and always trying his very best. He has particularly impressed us in writing with his imaginative setting description, making excellent use of similes to bring his ideas vividly to life. Well done, Eddie!

Ribble Class: Emelia Walker Emelia has returned to school this year full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! It has been brilliant to see her mature Year 5 attitude, alongside her fantastic enthusiasm and positive attitude in every lesson. Keep it up Emelia - well done!

Ryburn Class: Junie Pickering Junie is a wonderful role model. Throughout the week in all lessons, he has modelled a high standard for hard work, perseverance and being a good friend. A great start to Year 5, well done Junie!

Washburn Class: Esmee Firth What an amazing start to Year 6 Esmee has had! She approaches every aspect of her learning with enthusiasm, positivity and an excellent attitude. Esmee is also a kind, caring and thoughtful friend who is always considerate of others. She should be incredibly proud of her great start to Year 6. Well done, Esmee!

Wenning Class: Aariella West Aariella has had a great start to Year 6. She has given her all in every lesson and asked for support when she needs it. We are all extremely proud that she has persevered, especially with her maths, even when she has found the work particularly challenging. Well done Aariella - keep it up!