Valley View Voice

Friday 12th June 2026

Sometimes, when something becomes so familiar to us, it is easy to overlook just how special it truly is. I hope that I never take for granted the many wonderful things that happen each day in our school. Our children and staff create something very special together – a community that often feels like one big family.

Like all families, there are moments when we need to pause, reflect, and support one another, particularly when things feel challenging. Life is not always straightforward, and it is neither realistic nor necessary for everything to be perfect all of the time. It is often through those more difficult moments that we come to appreciate the good times even more.

As a school community, we are proud of the warmth, kindness, generosity and honesty that we see every day. These values help us to grow stronger together. As we continue to move forward, it is always worth taking a moment to reflect carefully before making changes or drawing comparisons - sometimes what we already have is something truly special. Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Social Media Reminder

Please can we also ask families to remain mindful of children's online activity. It is important to ensure that pupils are accessing age-appropriate content. With so much current news highlighting the negative impact of social media, it is always wise to regularly check what your child is viewing - even when parental controls are in place.

Rugby News

On Monday two teams of girls from Year 6 played in the Leeds tag rugby finals at Headingley. The girls had a great time playing on the pitch at Headingley and they scored some great tries. We finished the event in 3rd position - a fantastic achievement. Very well played girls!

Athletics News

On Tuesday, two teams of boys from Year 6 competed in an athletics event at Leeds West Academy. They all ran, jumped and threw brilliantly, finishing the event in first position! Well done boys!

Reminder PTA Fathers' Day Sale

There is still time to buy a Fathers' Day gift. Gifts are £3.00 each and can be bought on ParentPay or cash at the school office. Children will come home with their gifts on Friday 19th June.

September Nursery Places

Last week we sent out offers for places in our School Nursery for September. If you have received a letter, please return the yellow form by Monday 22nd June. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming play sessions! Don't forget we also have a Nursery Breakfast and After School Club for Nursery children only, run by our Nursery staff. You can 'spend' your 15 or 30 hours on any of our sessions between 7.30am and 5.30pm. It is also possible to 'buy' extra sessions in addition to your funded hours if you need them.

We still have some spaces in Nursery for September, if you would like to look round, please telephone the school office.

Skipping Festival

On Thursday, 30 children from Year 2 took part in a skipping festival at Armley Leisure Centre. They competed in individual and team events against six other schools. Whilst we did not win the overall event we brought home lots of gold, silver and bronze awards, including both team golds. The children's hard work and practice paid off! They all had a great time, supporting each other and overcoming those competition nerves. All staff were impressed and proud!

Concentration Tools ('Fidget' Toys)

We want to ensure that all concentration tools ('fidget' toys) are safe and appropriate for specific need. Therefore, please could we ask families not to send their children to school with these aids. If we think children need a concentration tool in school, we will provide one. Thank you.

Diary Dates

June

Tues 16th	Derwent Class Assembly 9.00am
Thurs 18th	Deepdale Class Assembly 9.00am Year 4 trip to Tropical World
Fri 19th	Big Sing - Yr4 Scholastic Book Fair arrives!
Mon 22nd	Y1 Hearing Check 1.10pm
Tues 23rd	Wenning Class Assembly 9.00am Bramley Olympics Reception Christian Wedding 1.45pm
Wed 24th	Reception Hindu Wedding 1.45pm
Thurs 25th	Washburn Class Assembly 9.00am Year 3 trip to Robin Hole Y1 Hearing check 1.10pm
Fri 26th	Scholastic Book Fair leaves

July

Wed 1st	Year 2 trip to Filey
Wed 8th	Year 6 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
Thurs 9th	Sports Day
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

Training Days 2026/2027

Please see below for next year's training days, you can also view next year's full calendar by clicking the link.

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

Valley View School Calendar 2026-2027

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Phoebe Anderson Phoebe is a hardworking member of Aire Class who is always busy learning and perfecting her work. She has a great imagination and always takes learning from the carpet to all areas of provision. She is also a good friend to all.

Aire Class: Cornell Blood Cornell has really impressed us with his phonics and reading work this week. He listens carefully and joins in readily during phonic lessons. Because of this, he can now read with fluency and expression and he has a fantastic understanding of what he reads.

Arram Class: Vinnie Allanby Vinnie has worked really hard in his writing this week, listening to feedback and using it to improve his work. He has stayed productive all week, finding challenges to complete including going back to a piece of work in order to add to it to make it even better. Keep it up Vinnie!

Calder Class: Rupert Forde Rupert is a brilliant mathematician! We have been so impressed with the confidence and independence that Rupert shows in maths lessons; he is always up for a challenge and loves to solve tricky problems. Rupert is also a supportive friend, making sure to help those who sometimes find something difficult. We are so proud! Well done, Rupert!

Crimple Class: Matilda Carter Matilda is a positive learner and a kind friend to everyone. She is always caring and considerate of others, helping to make our classroom a happy and welcoming place. Matilda is also a fantastic learner. This week she has made great connections in her learning, and always strives to do her best. Well done, Matilda!

Deepdale Class: Alex Lightfoot Alex is a super mathematician. He gives 100% to all of his maths work and attempts tricky challenges with perseverance and enthusiasm. When faced with difficult problems, he thinks carefully, applies his knowledge confidently, and never gives up, consistently producing excellent work. Well done, Alex.

Derwent Class: Thea Lloyd Thea was confident and passionate walking into our skipping competition this week. Not only did she and her team win gold, but Thea volunteered to demonstrate "Keep the pot boiling" in front of all the other schools. She has shown true perseverance and determination.

Hebble Class: Honey Knowles Honey is a resilient and positive learner who is a wonderful role model to her peers. She has shone in Maths this week, demonstrating how well she can apply feedback and persevere through challenges. Her positivity shines through in everything she does, and we can't wait to see what she impresses us with next. Great job, Honey!

Humber Class: Muna Ukwunna Muna always shows a love and passion for his learning. Wanting to go the extra mile and always working to the best of his ability. Muna has contributed and worked so hard this week and we are all really impressed with his effort. Well done Muna and keep up the hard work.

Limley Class: Poppy Doogan Poppy is an absolute delight at all times. This week, she has blown staff away with her superb dialogue writing. Not only did she punctuate her speech sentences correctly, but she remembered to keep the storytelling voice going throughout the piece, which made it a very entertaining read. Well done Poppy!

Loxley Class: Hilda Parry Hilda has shown an amazing attitude and effort throughout the entire week, always entering the room with lovely enthusiasm to learn. Hilda has impressed us with her writing, bringing characters to life in drama activities and created fantastic speech ideas to include in her writing. Brilliant work, Hilda!

Ribble Class: Oscar Rowlinski We have been really impressed with Oscar since the holiday. He is working hard in all his lessons. We have been very impressed with his writing and the vocabulary he has been using. He has also been making good choices and been very kind and supportive towards his classmates. Keep up the good work Oscar!

Ryburn Class: Charlie Hornsby Charlie has shown excellent progress in maths during our current topic. He has tried hard with his independent learning and has done extremely well with retaining all the information. He did really well on his end of unit assessment and we are really proud of him. Well done Charlie, keep it up!

Washburn Class: Sofia Dervish-Hay Sofia has impressed us all with her dedication and hard work in rehearsals for our school play. She has been spending time practising at home and it is wonderful to see her confidence growing every day. Sofia always gives her best effort and we are so proud of the progress she is making – keep up the fantastic work, Sofia!

Wenning Class: Zen Holdsworth Whilst rehearsing for the Year 6 leavers' play, Zen has amazed all of the staff in Year 6 with his fantastic singing and acting skills! For every rehearsal, he is constantly improving and he always gives 100% effort. We can't wait to see him perform to all the parents and families in a few weeks! Super effort Zen - well done!