Valley View Voice

Friday 15th May 2026

We would like to thank all of our families for attending parents' evening this week and for your flexibility in accommodating some adjustments to timings. Our priority is always to ensure that when we hold these meetings, you receive the most accurate and meaningful information from a teacher who knows your child well, allowing for a really purposeful discussion about how best we can work together to support them. Although it wasn't planned, it was also lovely that parents' evening coincided with the beginning of the planting work at the front of school. We are delighted that Palmers have so generously supported this project, both financially and through their expertise, helping us to develop a wildflower area that will not only look beautiful but also encourage greater biodiversity. We kindly ask that all families support us in allowing this area time to establish by ensuring that children do not walk on the planting or the fence. We are excited to see it flourish and grow—just as we hope each of our children continues to flourish, both academically and socially.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Reminder - New Reception Parents' Meeting

Just a quick reminder that we are very much looking forward to meeting some new (and some existing) families at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st May for our New Reception Information Evening. If you are new to Valley View (ie not in our school Nursery), please bring with you your child's passport or birth certificate, as we need to verify their age. This will save you queuing on the first day of school. We will talk to you about our settling in processes, how we work with the children and there may even be some school meal samples for you to try!

Meal Choices and SchoolGrid

If your child has a dietary preference for religious reasons please could we ask families to make sure they either choose their meals on SchoolGrid or ensure your child knows which foods they should not choose. The reason for this is that the SchoolGrid system that we use for meal choices does not allow for blocking of food items for religious reasons, only for allergies and food intolerances. Teachers are aware of children who have these preferences, however, older children are allowed to choose their own meals in class which means it is not always possible to make sure children are choosing correctly, thank you.

Leeds Dental Institute

We have been asked to share the flyer below with our families. The Leeds Dental Institute offers free dentistry for children aged between 5—14 years old. If you are struggling to find an NHS dentist for your child click the link below for more information. Paediatric Dentistry Flyer

SATs

Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs tests this week. Ten and eleven year olds all over the country have completed tests in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and Reading. We are so proud of the resilience our children have shown, as well as their hard work, not only this week, but throughout the year so far and their time at school. We know that we have thoughtful, kind, confident and determined children who are ready to start their high school journey (even if we're not quite ready to let them go just yet!) Well done, Year 6!

Uniform

We are currently reviewing our uniform, however there will be no big changes. It is worth mentioning as the weather gets warmer, that children should come to school in sensible footwear that encourages active play, such as plain black trainers. Sandals, Crocks and any footwear without backs is not suitable.

Rounders News

On Tuesday two teams from Year 6 played in a competition at Leeds West. The event was incredibly close and we managed to win the event because we had scored more rounders than the school in second position. Well batted Year 6!

Diary Dates

May

Tues 19th	Calder Class Assembly 9.00am Derwent Class visit to Farsley Town Street
Wed 20th	Crimple Class Assembly 9.00am Deepdale Class visit to Farsley Town Street Ryburn Class Linking Schools
Thurs 21st	Class Photographs New Reception Welcome Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 22nd	Break up for Half Term

June

Tues 2nd	Humber Class Assembly 9.00am Sleep Workshop - Bramley Cluster
Thurs 4th	Hebble Class Assembly 9.00am
Tues 9th	Ryburn Class Assembly 9.00am Sleep Workshop - Bramley Cluster
Thurs 11th	Ribble Class Assembly 9.00am
Tues 16th	Derwent Class Assembly 9.00am
Thurs 18th	Deepdale Class Assembly 9.00am
Fri 19th	Scholastic Book Fair arrives!
Tues 23rd	Wenning Class Assembly 9.00am Reception Christian Wedding 1.00pm
Wed 24th	Reception Hindu Wedding 1.00pm
Thurs 25th	Washburn Class Assembly 9.00am
Fri 26th	Scholastic Book Fair leaves.

July

Wed 1st	Year 2 trip to Filey

Training Days

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Louie Smith Louie is our star of the week for his wonderful reading. He is able to read sentences with fluency and confidence. He has also impressed us with his understanding of books and his knowledge around stars, the moon and planets.

Aire Class: Mateo Puche Santos Mateo always impresses us with his attitude to learning and his creativity. He plans and creates amazing models and train tracks and is always able to use these in his role play. He has an amazing imagination, is able to adapt and change his creations, and will persevere with challenging tasks.

Arram Class: Regan Dickinson Regan is a superstar in class and has grown so much this year. He has a fantastic creative side and he is always in the workshop or construction areas making something new. He has a fantastic imagination and we cannot wait to see what he will create next! Keep it up Regan.

Calder Class: Chloe Walker Chloe is showing such confidence in class, she is contributing brilliantly to both whole-class and small-group learning. Chloe's greatest strength is her curiosity; she isn't afraid to ask questions or admit when she doesn't understand. This is a wonderful learning trait that helps everyone grow! Well done, Chloe!

Crimple Class: Elora Jagger Elora has done some amazing writing this week! In Year 1, we have been writing diary entries, and Elora has really impressed us with her hard work and independence. She used her plan carefully, to turn her ideas into full sentences, included a range of punctuation, and took lots of pride in her work. Well done, Elora, we are so proud of you!

Deepdale Class: Elouise Marshall We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm Elouise has shown in her reading this week. She has shown brilliant reading skills, reading with great fluency and expression. Elouise has also answered comprehension questions thoughtfully and confidently. Well done Elouise, keep up the hard work!

Derwent Class: Jaxon Palmer Jaxon has worked incredibly hard all week. He hasn't been content with going to the Fabulous Book once, he kept on trying and improving his work to ensure he was put in again within the same week. Well done Jaxon!

Hebble Class: Eddie Groom Eddie has shown fantastic effort and determination in both science and reading this week. In reading, he worked incredibly hard on developing his inference skills, using clues from the text to explain his ideas thoughtfully. Eddie also impressed us with his understanding of the life cycle of plants, and created a wonderful drawing to represent it. Keep up the brilliant work and positive attitude, Eddie!

Humber Class: Amelia Brinn Amelia has been really challenging herself in school, this has been noticed by the Year 3 teachers in her writing and in her swimming. She has been working very hard in all areas of her learning but particularly in writing where she has been doing lots of edits of her work. Well done Amelia and keep up the hard work!

Limley Class: Ellaka Longshaw Ellaka is a wonderful member of our class who always demonstrates a mature attitude in all areas of her learning. This week, she blew adults away with a wonderful character description that included emotive vocabulary and personification. Well done, keep it up Ellaka!

Loxley Class: Elijas Sestokas Elijas has worked really hard on his writing this week, focusing on the presentation and the content of what he is writing. He has also impressed the adults in Loxley Class with his reading. Well done Elijas!

Ribble Class: Noah Bamford Noah really impressed us on our residential. He joined in all the activities with great enthusiasm and he was a perfect representative for our school. Noah is always kind and cheerful and he always thinks about the feelings of other people. We have also been impressed with his hard work in class and his sporting skills!

Ryburn Class: Dan Marwick Dan showed excellent participation in all activities on residential. He listened well to adults, worked well in a group and tried his best throughout the time. During the crabbing activity Dan worked hard to locate different crabs on the beach. Well done, Dan!

Washburn Class: Liam Gutsa Liam has shown fantastic determination and perseverance throughout his SATs tests this week. He approached every challenge with a positive attitude, worked incredibly hard, and never gave up, even when things became difficult. His effort and resilience have truly stood out, making him a very deserving Star of the Week. Well done, Liam!

Wenning Class: India Foran India been an absolute star this week! It has been a tough week for all the children in Year 6 as they have had their SATs tests. India has given her all - she has persevered and ensured that she finished every test giving everything a go! Well done India - we are all extremely proud of you.