Valley View Voice

Friday 16th October 2026

There has been a lovely sense of calm and purpose around Valley View this week. Sometimes the best weeks in school are not necessarily the busiest or the loudest, but those where you can simply feel that things are working as they should: children settled in their learning, staff working together and families feeling part of school life. That has certainly been the case this week. One of the highlights was our New Parents' Evening, and it was wonderful to welcome so many new to families into school to talk about the many positive things which we offer.

Black History Month gives us an important opportunity to deepen that understanding, while today's sea of red provides a simple, visible message that everyone belongs at Valley View. In many ways, the different parts of this week connect beautifully. Strong relationships between home and school, children who feel safe and settled, and a community where people are known, respected and valued all contribute to children being able to thrive. We are proud of the warm, inclusive community we are continuing to build together, and grateful to our children, staff and families for the part each of you plays in making Valley View the school it is.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Attendance

Last week's attendance was lower than previous weeks, at 94.94%. Being in school every day helps children grow in confidence, make progress in their learning and enjoy time with friends. Thank you for supporting good attendance and helping your child make the most of every school day.

Nursery - 93.24%
Reception - 95.23%
Year 1 - 89.76%
Year 2 - 97.56%
Year 3 - 98.57%
Year 4 - 92.83%
Year 5 - 95.29%
Year 6 - 95.96%

The class with the highest attendance last week was Humber, who have won themselves an extra playtime!

School Photographer

On Tuesday next week Tempest, our school photographers, will be in school to take individual school photographs. If you have more than one child in school they will also have their photograph taken together. If your child normally has PE on Tuesdays please don't send them in their PE kit please send them in uniform.

Multiskills News

On Tuesday two teams of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Multiskills event at Leeds West Academy. Their behaviour and attitude was fantastic. They tried out lots of new activities and had a great time. Well done to all involved.

Open Evenings

We held our first of four open evenings/days last night in school, it was lovely to see so many new faces. If you know anyone who is looking for a Reception place for September 2027 please signpost them to our website for details of our other dates and times.

Show Racism the Red Card Day

Today has provided another important reminder of the values we want to nurture in our children. Across school, we have been wearing red for *Show Racism the Red Card*, as part of our wider work during *Black History Month*. These moments matter because education is about much more than just what children learn in their lessons. We want our children to understand the world around them, to value difference, to recognise unfairness and to have the confidence to stand up for themselves and for others.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the day by sending your child into school wearing something red, and thank you to the families who have sent in their £1 donation, altogether we have raised just over £200 for this worthwhile charity. If you have not donated yet, there's still time. You can donate cash to the school office or online via ParentPay.

Harvest Donations

The food families donated for Harvest has been delivered to Bramley Care Bears Food Bank. Year 6 children discussed where they would like the donations to go and decided to choose this local charity. The food bank are very grateful for the donation and said that it will support people within our local area.

Autumn PTA Disco - Reminder

Tickets are £3.50 each on ParentPay or cash at the school office. On the day of the disco children should come to school in uniform with their outfit (fancy dress or dress to impress) in a bag. Staff will supervise children changing after school and whilst at the disco, parents/carers should collect their children at 4.30pm. Children will not be admitted without a ticket. You can also purchase a tuck shop sweet bag via ParentPay for £1.25, or cash at the school office.

Training Day

School will be closed to pupils on Monday (19th October) for our third training day. Enjoy your long weekend and we will see children back in school on Tuesday.

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Diary Dates

Oct	
Mon 19th	Training Day (school closed to all pupils)
Tues 20th	Individual school photos PTA Disco Y3 & 4
Wed 21st	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake 9.15am PTA Disco Y1 & 2
Thurs 22nd	Leeds Utd session (Y5 only) PE kit needed PTA Disco Y5 & 6
Fri 23rd	Yr6 Height & Weight check. Break up for half term.
Nov	
Mon 2nd	Back to school
Tues 3rd	Open Evening for Reception 2027 intake 5.00pm
Thurs 12th	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake 9.15am
Fri 13th	Children in Need
Mon 16th	Odd Socks Day - Anti Bullying
Dec	
Mon 7th	Yr3 Performance pm
Wed 9th	Reception Nativity
Tues 8th	Yr3 Performance am
Thurs 10th	Reception Nativity
Thurs 10th	Lineham Farm Parents Information Meeting 3.30pm
Thurs 17th	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 18th	Last day before Christmas holidays
Jan	
Mon 4th	Back to School

Bramley Cluster Sleep Workshop

Bramley cluster have asked school to share the workshop information below with our families. A bigger sized version of this flyer can be found here.

Star of the Week

Calder Class: Louie - Louie has had a brilliant week. We have been so impressed with his attitude towards his learning and his geography and maths knowledge. There has been a lot of new learning this week and Louie has really taken it all in. Well done, Louie! Keep working hard!

Crimple Class: Ezra - Ezra has had a brilliant start to Year 1! He has worked really hard to put the new phonics sounds he has learnt in Year 1 into the writing he has been doing this week. We have been so impressed with his determination to add adjectives to his sentences when retelling a story. Keep up the hard work, Ezra!

Deepdale Class: Matilda - Matilda has worked hard and persevered in lessons this week. She has had a strong 'can do' attitude in all lessons. When things get tricky, Matilda perseveres and completes work to the best of her ability. Matilda loves to learn and is a joy to teach. Well done, Matilda!

Derwent Class: Robin - Robin has had a fantastic week. He has shown great enthusiasm for all of his learning, particularly his writing. He has listened carefully to ensure that he has included all of the relevant knowledge and made revisions when asked. Well done!

Hebble Class: Alice - It is a pleasure to teach Alice. She has a fantastic attitude towards her work and she always tries her best. She is always calm, friendly and helpful, making her a great role model for the rest of our class. Well done Alice!

Humber Class: Lily - Lily has been working very hard and the progress she has made since starting in Year 3 is a credit to her hard work. She has also been a swimming superstar! Keep it up Lily and well done!

Limley Class: Wilfred - Wilfred has an amazing attitude towards all areas of school life, which makes him an absolute pleasure to teach. He has also demonstrated a great ability to switch writing styles this half term and has drafted a standout newspaper report! Well done, Wilfred!

Loxley Class: Grace - Grace has worked incredibly hard this week and had a wonderful attitude to her learning - especially in her writing. She has always been listening, engaging and asking fantastic questions which showcases her readiness to learn. Keep up the great work, Grace!

Ribble Class: Harry - Throughout the whole half term, Harry has really immersed himself in his writing. He always joins in lessons with enthusiasm and loves sharing his creative ideas with the class. It has been brilliant to see how much his writing has progressed, and we can't wait to see what he achieves next!

Ryburn Class: Clara - Clara has worked incredibly hard this week especially in maths. She used quick drawings alongside formal column methods to solve difficult problems. We are so proud, Clara—keep up the good work.

Washburn Class: Amelia - Amelia has worked hard in maths this week. She has approached tricky maths questions with an amazing positive attitude and always has a smile on her face. Amelia is a delight to have in class. Well done Amelia!

Wenning Class: Millie - Millie is an absolute pleasure to teach. She is an extremely hard-working girl and always strives to be the best she can. We are all extremely proud of her hard work especially with her writing; her recent persuasive, formal letter included a range of higher-level punctuation, persuasive language and synonyms which was a joy to read. Keep going Millie!