Valley View Voice

Friday 17th July 2026

As we come to the end of another school year, I've been taking time to reflect on just how much we've achieved together. Henry Ford once said, *"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."* Looking back on this year, I think those words perfectly capture what makes our school community so special.

This has been my first full year leading the school as Headteacher, and honestly, I could not have asked for a better team of staff, more supportive families, or more wonderful children to share the journey with. From the very first day in September, there has been a real sense of everyone pulling together, supporting one another and always putting our children at the heart of everything we do. That positive community spirit is something I feel incredibly proud of.

This week has been a beautiful reminder of all that makes our school such a happy place. We've cheered each other on at Sports Day, welcomed families into school to share learning, met new teachers and classes with excitement for the year ahead, and celebrated our Year 6 children as they prepare to move on to their next adventure. These moments may seem small on their own, but together they create the memories that make school so special.

What I will remember most from this year is not just the achievements—and there have been many—but the kindness, laughter, resilience and sense of belonging that runs through our school. Whether in classrooms, on the playground, at school events or during the everyday moments in between, our children, staff and families have shown what can happen when people work together and care for one another.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest, make lots of happy memories and spend precious time with family and friends. Stay safe, look after yourselves and come back refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that September will bring.

To our Year 6 children, we wish you every success as you take your next steps. To everyone else, we can't wait to welcome you back in September for another year of learning, laughter and achievement together.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, and thank you for being part of such an amazing school community.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Farewells

Today we say a fond farewell and a big thank you to various staff who are leaving today. Mrs Rees - Year 6, Miss Burdett-Smith - Year 1, and Miss Smith - Reception have all worked as Teaching Assistants this year and are leaving us for pastures new. We thank them for all their hard work this year and wish them all the best in their new roles. Miss Arnott, one of our Year 5 teachers is also leaving Valley View to work in another local school - thank you so much to Miss Arnott who has been a cheery face in UKS2 - especially when dressing up for their WWII day! Mrs Fogarty who has taught at Valley View for several years in our Key Stage 2 classes is leaving to concentrate on her 'other' job! Thank you for bringing all your fabulous science knowledge to Valley View, Mrs Fogarty!

Mrs Murphy, has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Valley View since we opened in 2006, and has worked in schools for an amazing 33 years. Mrs Murphy, it won't be the same without your dry sense of humour, your sunglasses on for fair-weather trips, and hearing your laugh coming from classrooms down the corridors! However, you have well and truly earned your retirement and more time for you and your family. Valley View thanks you all for your service!

Diary Dates

July

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

Aussie Running

On Tuesday 2 teams of children from Year 6 ran in the final competitive event of the year at Leeds West. They all performed brilliantly to win the event! Well done Year 6.

Breeze in the Park

Breeze in the Park is heading to a park near you this summer! Run by the council, at just **£1 per child**, it's one of the best-value days out in the city. For information click here.

Awards Assembly

On Tuesday this week we celebrated our 'Stars of the Year' and 'Golden Achievers'. To receive one of these awards is an amazing achievement and we are extremely proud of all of them. Really well done!

Star of the Year

Aire Class: Mateo Puche Santos
Arram Class: Tairah Speight
Calder Class: Robin Giddens
Crimple Class: Sophie Ho
Deepdale Class: Tobias Harrison
Derwent Class: Noah Milson
Hebble Class: Hakeem Tawardou-Kandeh
Humber Class: Aoife Marsh
Limley Class: Ellaka Longshaw
Loxley Class: Ellie Norris
Ribble Class: Eva Benson
Ryburn Class: Dexter Berry
Washburn Class: Lorelle Walters
Wenning Class: Sofija Rozenfelde

Golden Achiever Award

Aire Class: Theodore Meek
Arram Class: Rosie Hornsby
Calder Class: Lyra Manton
Crimple Class: Jasper Forde
Deepdale Class: Matilda Todd
Derwent Class: Eula Blood
Hebble Class: Amelie Fowler
Humber Class: Timi Lewandowski
Limley Class: Annabelle Ventolini
Loxley Class: Iona
Ribble Class: Ava Higgins
Ryburn Class: Savannah Whincup
Washburn Class: Ted Maney
Wenning Class: Sofia Woolley

Special Awards

These children have been awarded Special Awards during our awards assembly yesterday:

Ben Rhodes Award - Kendel Hirst and Marcus Balogun
Noteworthy Award - Neve Wainwright
Triumph Award - Cara-Mai Laurie
Always Award - Nancy Wild
Growth Mindset Award - Edie Godfrey
Writing Award - Lucy High
Monaghan Award - Edith Greveson

100% Attendance

All these children achieved 100% attendance for this school year. What an amazing achievement! They all spent time having ice-cream with Mrs Griffiths today.

Dexter Berry, Imogen Collins, Max Howard, Eloise Palin, Isla Taylor, Ellis Ault, Lucy High, Rose Bailey-Wells, Eden Milson, Serena Armitage, Robin Giddens, Naomi Anthony, Alfie Charkin-Leung, Owen Palin, Grace Gathercole, William High, Elena Rowley, Benji Thomas, Sienna Armitage, Jessica Pearson.

Breakfast Club

We will not be increasing the charges for Breakfast Club in September. Your child's place will continue in Breakfast Club unless you let the office know you no longer need it. Please email breakfastclub@valleyviewschool.org.uk to cancel your child's place or amend any days you may need.

Year 6 Leavers

We say goodbye to Year 6 today, we hope your next steps in high school are trouble-free and that you enjoy every minute!

Bailey Allen, Ellis Ault, Hudson Cooper, Jasmine Cullen, Esmae Dagless, Sofia Dervish-Hay, Jayden Edomwonyi, Ella Goodwin, Harvey Gorman, Edith Greveson, Liam Gutsa, Lucy High, Charlie Hilton, Kendel Hirst, Jacob Kaminski, Eliza Lang, Cara-Mai Laurie, Ted Maney, Leon Nevskis, Harley O'Brien, Ralph Rahal, Genesis Reid, Lucas Smith, Layton Stead, Leo Swan, Martha Varley, Lorelle Walters, Oliver Wild-Line, Noah Woods, Oliver Ash, Marcus Balogun, Eliza Briscoe, Lucas Brock, Yaya Butt, Allana Carpenter, Evie Ellis, India Foran, Cecily Fuller, Joseph Gadsby, Edie Godfrey, George Goodall, Reneigh Goodwill, Alfie Hickling, Zen Holdsworth, Jacob Jakubowski, Harper Ledger, Eva Littlewood, Lucas McGill, Kayden Moore, Ralph Naylor, Leoni Reason, Sofija Rozenfelde, Ruby Stewart, Haydn Thomas, Jaheim Thompson, Neve Wainwright, Quinn Walshaw, Nancy Wild, Leighla Wild-Line, Sofia Woolley.

Welcomes

In September we welcome some new staff to Valley View. Mr Waters joins us as our Deputy Head from another local school, and will be teaching in Year 5 as well as carrying out his leadership duties. Mr Major has already been working in school this year, and is joining the teaching team officially as one of our Year 4 teachers. Mr Nyakubaya already works in our school, but is changing his role and will be a teacher in September, working in various year groups using his many years of experience in other schools, and Miss Joy will be staying with us, but will move to Year 2 to teaching alongside Mrs McMurrough.

Books from the Wishlist

Thank you to the many families who have donated books from our wish list to commemorate the end of their child's year in a certain year group. Our class libraries have been given a lovely boost at the end of the year - all ready for September. Thank you!

Training Day Reminder

Please don't forget children will be back to school on Thursday 3rd September as we have two training days at the beginning of the school year.

Year 7 Tea and Cake

We will welcome back our ex-Year 6 children on 10 September for tea and cake, so they can share how they have been getting on at high school. We look forward to seeing you all then in your new uniforms!

20th Birthday Sponsored Colour Run

In celebration of the school being open for 20 years we are holding a sponsored colour run event. This is a family event so anyone can sign up on ParentPay. Entry Fee is £6.00 per person. Sponsor forms for those that sign up will be coming home with children in September.