Valley View Voice

Friday 22nd May 2026

This half term has been incredibly busy and enriching, with a wide range of experiences that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom. Our children have taken part in a variety of events including the Leeds Book Awards, Little Sing at Pudsey Civic Hall, visits to Skipton Castle, Armley Mills, and Sutcliffe's in Farsley, the Linking Schools visit, Girls Tag Rugby, the Brownlee Triathlon, as well as memorable residential and outdoor experiences such as Boggle Hole and visits to Rodley Nature Reserve. Each of these opportunities reflects our commitment to providing a rich and varied curriculum, where children can experience sporting, cultural and historical learning, while also developing their confidence, independence and personal resilience.

At our recent new Reception parents' evening, it was a real privilege to speak with families and thank them for choosing Valley View. We are proud to work in partnership with you to support your children to grow, thrive and develop a genuine love of learning. This partnership is at the heart of everything we do and is only possible because of the trust you place in us, the dedication and enthusiasm of our staff in offering new and exciting experiences—including outdoor learning and residential visits—and, most importantly, the resilience and positivity shown by our children as they step outside their comfort zones and embrace new challenges.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Reception 2026 Welcome Evening

It was lovely to meet lots of new (and some familiar) faces at our New Reception Welcome Evening last night. Thank you to all those families who attended. We will be in touch again over the next few weeks to let you know all the different ways we will be getting to know your child before they start 'big school' in September. Thanks go to the PTA who were there to welcome everyone with tea and coffee and who have also supplied all the children with a school book bag. Thank you!

Help is always at hand!

As a school we always pride ourselves on making key school staff visible at the start of a school day. One member of the team is Mrs Hudson. She is almost always found at the front of school by the Year 3/4 doors. Mrs Hudson is Valley View's Learning Mentor and her role is to support children who may need time to talk for a variety of reasons- from feeling anxious, to friendship issues to sharing good news such as a personal achievement outside or inside school. She is also a link to Cluster support and a listening ear to families and carers who may be worried about their little ones. If you are still unsure who Mrs Hudson is she almost always has a smile on her face!

Exciting News!

We are very excited that over the holidays, there will be some work going on to extend the Reception Outdoor Area. The Early Years Curriculum states that children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception in our school) should have daily access to quality indoor and outdoor learning and activities. We are very much looking forward to having a larger area to develop our outdoor learning for some of our youngest children in school. We may be looking for some more helping hands and objects and resources to provide the children with large loose parts, gardening and growing opportunities, and water activities over the coming weeks . . . So keep your eyes peeled!

Year 2 Go Shopping

As part of their DT topic, Derwent and Deepdale Classes visited Sutcliffe's in Farsley on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children have been planning to make a fruit salad, so they took their shopping lists, walked to Sutcliffe's, purchased their ingredients, and then returned to school to prepare (and most importantly eat) their salads. They practised using a range of utensils to wash, peel, grate, and chop their fruit safely and carefully. The children represented the school wonderfully and had a great time. Well done Year 2!

Diary Dates

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 Year 2 Skipping Festival
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 Bramley Olympics 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
Mon 20th	Training Day school closed to pupils
Tues 21st	Training Day school closed to pupils

Rugby News

On Wednesday two teams of girls from Year 6 played in a rugby event at Kirkstall. They played a lot of games and scored some fantastic tries. We are looking forward to the next round of the competition at Headingley Stadium after the holidays.

Lost Property

It is amazing the amount of uniform we have in our lost property boxes again this term! We encourage families to always name their child's clothing so that anything they lose can be returned to them! Anything left over the half term will be sent to charity. We hope that leaving it outside school for the last two days has helped families find anything they have lost.

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Ameemah Isa Ameemah has shown a fantastic understanding of number this week. We have been using the rekenreks to show number bonds to 10 in different ways and she has done this with ease and confidence. As well as this, she has been able to say which number is 1 more or 1 less than a given number and more importantly can explain why.

Aire Class: Isobel Smith Isobel is a joy to have in class. She is someone I can rely on to be working hard and challenging herself. What really stands out about Isobel though is her kind and caring side. She is always the first person to help out both her peers and the adults in class. She encourages others and always gives compliments to others. Well done!

Arram Class: Shyla Hunter Shyla is a Valley View 'Always' child. She comes into school with a happy and positive attitude which is shown throughout her learning. She is an enthusiastic learner who always gives 100 % effort in her work. Shyla is a kind and caring member of class and a great role model to her peers. Well done!

Calder Class: Theo Jones Theo is such a wonderful member of Calder Class! He is so sensible, polite and always makes the right choices, making him a brilliant role model for his friends. When learning, Theo perseveres, making sure to always have a go at every challenge. Well done for your amazing attitude, Theo! Keep it up superstar!

Crimple Class: Jax Chisem This week, Jax has contributed thoughtfully to carpet discussions and always puts his hand up to share his answers. He has applied his mathematical knowledge confidently and has shown great perseverance when solving challenging problem-solving questions. Jax always tries his best and is a wonderful role model in maths. Well done, Jax!

Deepdale Class: Tilly Todd Tilly has shown exceptional listening skills this week in all of her work but especially in writing and on our Year 2 trip to Farsley. Tilly demonstrated incredible behaviour throughout the trip and represented Valley View wonderfully. In writing, Tilly has implemented all the new writing skills we have taught to produce a fantastic piece of work. Well done, Tilly!

Derwent Class: Charlie Wilkins Charlie has really persevered this week with his writing. He understands the importance of planning, drafting and rewriting in order to make improvements. He has worked incredibly hard to be the best writer he can be.

Hebble Class: Harrison Jay Harrison has impressed us with his positive learning attitude this week. He has persevered through tricky geography work with a smile on his face, and has strived to do his best in everything all week. He has also shown great resilience when faced with difficulties and should be very proud of the progress he is making. We can't wait to see this continue! Well done, Harrison!

Humber Class: Isla-Grace Stevens Isla is a wonderfully kind and caring member of the class who always gives everything she does 100%. This week Isla has shown fantastic resilience in the face of challenging work in maths, writing and swimming. It is brilliant to see and a great trait to have. Well done Isla.

Limley Class: Ben Raistrick Ben has worked incredibly hard in maths and writing this week. He has pushed himself to attempt reasoning questions. His writing has been creative and very imaginative. Ben's behaviour continues to impress the adults in class. Well done Ben!

Loxley Class: Myah Rochester Myah has shown a fabulous attitude towards her writing this week. She has listened carefully to ensure that her story includes all of the relevant writers' knowledge and has chosen words carefully to fit the style of writing. As always the content of her writing is interesting to read and she has shown a high level of editing skills. Well done!

Ribble Class: Georgia Morris It is a pleasure to teach Georgia because she is always so enthusiastic about her learning. She always works hard and tries her best. She is working really hard on her handwriting and her maths. Georgia is also very kind and friendly, and very helpful. Keep up the good work!

Ryburn Class: Gracie Reason Gracie impressed all members of staff on our trip to All Saints C of E Primary School this week. She was great at interacting and including the other children in games and activities. She is a kind and smiley member of Ryburn Class and her positivity particularly shone this week. Well done Gracie!

Washburn Class: Lucas Smith Lucas has shown fantastic creativity and enthusiasm in his writing this week, earning a well-deserved Star of the Week award. His documentary narrative about wolves was engaging, informative, and clearly inspired by his own passion for the living world. Lucas should be very proud of the effort, skill, and maturity he has shown in his writing.

Wenning Class: Haydn Thomas Haydn is a pleasure to teach. He has a passion for learning and especially for maths. He has made excellent progress this year. He loves to be challenged and recently solved some extremely difficult maths problems which impressed all the adults in Year 6! He is more than ready to start his journey in Year 7! Well done Haydn.