Valley View Voice

Friday 25th September 2026

This week, I had the pleasure of speaking with some of our new Reception parents and asking what made them choose Valley View. I was genuinely touched by their responses. Parents spoke about the honesty they experienced when visiting our school, the importance we place on relationships, and the way we value and support every child as an individual.

Hearing these reflections was a lovely reminder of why Valley View is such a special place to learn and belong. When we are immersed in the everyday routines of school life, it can sometimes be easy to overlook the many small things that make our community so unique. Hearing others recognise and appreciate these qualities is both heartwarming and reassuring.

As we begin welcoming prospective families to our upcoming open days and evenings, we would be grateful if you could help spread the word about our school. Personal recommendations are incredibly powerful, and with pupil numbers across Leeds continuing to fall, families from a wider area may have opportunities to secure places at schools that are the right fit for them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we make Valley View the special place that it is.

Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Reception 2027 Open Events

Is your child starting school in September 2027? We would love to welcome you to Valley View Community Primary School. Come and meet our staff, explore our school, and discover how we help children to **Enjoy, Achieve and Learn Together**.

Open Event Dates: Thursday 15 October, 5.00pm
Wednesday 21 October, 9.15am
Tuesday 3 November, 5.00pm
Friday 21 November, 9.15am

We look forward to meeting you and showing you what makes Valley View such a special place to learn and grow. **Please help us spread the word** to friends, family, neighbours and nursery families who may be looking for a Reception place for September 2027. Please contact the school office to express your interest.

Census Day

Next week, on Thursday, it is Census Day. This is one of three key days a year where the Department for Education gather information on children at Valley View. One important bit of information is how many children are having school dinners. In essence, the more children having a school dinner, the more funding we will receive. As Thursday is roast dinner - a favourite of all, we are hoping this will persuade children to have a school meal or try a little taster pot!

Please can you encourage your child to have a school meal on Thursday. Remember, you can pre-order this at home on SchoolGrid..

Netball News

On Tuesday two teams of children from year 6 played in a netball competition at Leeds West Academy. It was the first time any of the team had played a competitive game of netball with the correct rules! They had a great time and we are delighted one of our teams finished in 3rd place. Well done Year 6!

PTA Update

This week, members of our PTA and school staff came together to plan an exciting programme of events and fund-raising activities for the year ahead. We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm, ideas and support shown by everyone involved. While more details will be shared closer to each event, we are particularly excited that any funds raised this year will contribute towards new large-scale play equipment for our children. We hope to share our plans and ideas with parents in the near future, giving everyone the opportunity to see what we are working towards. Our aim is to make this investment in our children's play and development by the end of the academic year.

SEND Transition Meetings

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents and carers of children with SEND into school this week. These meetings have provided a valuable opportunity for families and class teachers to discuss progress, support successful transitions and plan the next steps for the year ahead.

Strong partnerships between home and school are at the heart of what we do, and we greatly value the opportunity to work together in supporting every child. We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our upcoming Parents' Evenings in the coming weeks, where there will be further opportunities to celebrate achievements and discuss learning and development. More details will follow soon.

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96% - keep it up!

Nursery - 95%
Reception - 93%
Year 1 - 94%
Year 2 - 96%
Year 3 - 96%
Year 4 - 96%
Year 5 - 97%
Year 6 - 98%

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

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Diary Dates

Oct

Thurs 1st	Sponsored Colour Run
Thurs 15th	Open Evening for Reception 2027 intake 5.00pm
Mon 19th	Training Day (school closed to all pupils)
Tues 20th	Individual school photos
Wed 21st	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake 9.15am
Thurs 22nd	Leeds Utd session (Y5 only) PE kit needed
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

Girlguiding Opportunities

We're always keen to share non-profit opportunities available to our families in the local community. The Girlguiding team who meet at Bramley St Peter's Church have been in touch to let us know that they currently have spaces in Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We know that in the past children from Valley View have attended sessions at Bramley St Peter's Church and the leaders would love to welcome some more! If your child might be interested, you can find more information here: Girlguiding Join Us

Star of the Week

Calder Class: Eden - *Eden has an amazing attitude to her learning and always works hard. This week we have been so impressed with her independent writing. She has thought carefully about what she wants to write and has applied new learning. Well done, Eden!*

Crimple Class: Jack - *Jack has impressed all the adults in Year 1 this week with his focus and positive attitude towards his learning. He has completed his work with such precision and care and has always strived to correct any mistakes independently. Jack is an absolute pleasure to teach, and we can't wait to see what he impresses us with next. Well done, Jack!*

Deepdale Class: Jasper - *Jasper has worked incredibly hard in writing this week and is always trying to be his best. All the adults in Deepdale have been impressed with his work across all areas of learning. He has shown great independence, challenged himself and always gives everything a go, even when it is tricky. Well done, Jasper!*

Derwent Class: Sofia - *This week Sofia has demonstrated our school values 'Be Your Best' and 'Be a Part of It', challenging herself and participating fully in carpet time. She has impressed us with her excellent focus and enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum, approaching every lesson with a positive attitude. Well done, Sofia!*

Hebble Class: Noah - *Noah has made the perfect start to Year 3. Everybody who works with him is impressed by his hardworking attitude and his great behaviour. He has a great general knowledge and he has shown a lot of interest in our Stone Age work. He tries his best in everything he does. What a brilliant start! Well done.*

Humber Class: Hallie - *Hallie is a kind and caring member of the class and has grown in confidence and resilience each week, since starting Year 3. It is wonderful to see Hallie work independently and use her knowledge, this has been particularly noticeable in her independent writing. Well done Hallie and keep up the hard work!*

Limley Class: Hettie - *Hettie is a little ray of sunshine! Her positive attitude, enthusiasm for learning and impeccable manners make her an absolute pleasure to teach. We are very happy to have her in our class!*

Loxley Class: Maisie - *Maisie has been a fantastic role model this week. She consistently makes positive choices, contributions and always does the right thing. She has been a true ambassador for our class and sets a wonderful example for others in school. Keep it up, Maisie!*

Ribble Class: Jake - *Jake has shown fantastic resilience this week, tackling tricky learning with a brilliant positive attitude and never giving up. He has also made wonderful contributions to our class discussions, always sharing imaginative, thoughtful and interesting ideas. Jake should be very proud of himself - well done, Jake!*

Ryburn Class: Kaiila - *Kaiila has shown great perseverance this week particularly in maths. She has understood that certain problems involve several steps in order to find the answer. She has applied a trial and error method of trying and making mistakes then adjusting. Well done!*

Washburn Class: Oliver - *Oliver has embraced the challenges of Year 6 with a brilliant attitude and a strong growth mindset. He consistently demonstrates focus, resilience, and a determination to achieve his very best. Oliver is also a valued member of the class, bringing positivity and enthusiasm every day. Well done, Oliver, on being an excellent role model.*

Wenning Class: Amelie - *Amelie has had a great start to Year 6. She gives her all in every lesson and is already making super progress. We have all been really impressed with her maths and writing; she listens carefully in lessons and her work is always beautifully presented. She is an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done Amelie!*