Valley View Voice

Friday 2nd October 2026

Community is at the heart of everything we do at Valley View. It is about coming together, supporting one another and creating opportunities for our children to thrive. This week has been a wonderful example of that in action.

A group of children from Years 3 and 4 were proud to support Kevin Sinfield during his latest challenge, "7 in 7 Together", raising awareness and funds for people living with Motor Neurone Disease. The children showed great enthusiasm and learned about the power of determination, resilience and helping others.

Staying with the running theme, our 20th Birthday Colour Run was a huge success. It was fantastic to see so many children, families and staff taking part. The laughter, smiles and colourful faces perfectly captured the spirit of our school community. Events like this remind us that schools are about much more than learning in the classroom; they are about creating memories, building relationships and having fun together.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event, whether by taking part, volunteering or cheering from the sidelines. Your support makes a real difference.

We're also excited to share that funds raised through school events this year will be combined with monies raised by our PTA to help fund a significant investment in new play equipment for our children. Together, we can create even better opportunities for play, friendship and enjoyment at breaktimes. Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Music Lessons

After a number of parental enquiries we are delighted that Music for Schools will be offering instrument lessons to our pupils. This is in addition to instrument lessons as part of the curriculum. MfS is a UK-wide charity providing high-quality brass and woodwind lessons to small groups of primary-aged children during the school day. Their specialist tutors visited school this week to introduce pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 to some of the instruments they could learn, including the clarinet, flute, saxophone and trumpet. Further information about signing up for private lessons has gone out this week.

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 96.46%. It has been a really positive start to the year so far. As we move into the colder months, coughs and colds become more common. In most cases, children can continue to attend school if they have a mild cough, cold, or runny nose and are otherwise well enough to take part in their usual activities. Good attendance is vital for learning, so please help us by sending your child to school whenever possible. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend, please contact the school office for advice.

Nursery - 95.65%
Reception - 95.45%
Year 1 - 97.8%
Year 2 - 97.11%
Year 3 - 97.32%
Year 4 - 96.83%
Year 5 - 97.45%
Year 6 - 94.39%

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

Football News

On Tuesday two teams of girls from Year 4 played in a friendly football competition at Leeds West Academy. They practised some skills first and then played some games. Well done to all involved!

Autumn PTA Disco

On the last week before half term the PTA are holding their annual Autumn discos. The event will happen straight after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm, see below for year group dates. 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. Tickets are £3.50 each and are available on ParentPay or cash at the school office.

Tuesday 20th	Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 21st	Year 1 & 2
Thursday 22nd	Year 5 & 6

Sponsored Colour Run

It's fair to say that the Colour Run event was a huge success. The children, parents, carers and staff all had such fun! In fact it's hard to say who enjoyed it the most! Thank you to all the staff who gave up their spare time to help run the event and to The Friends of Valley View for running the refreshment stall. Please could we ask families to pay in the sponsorship money by Friday next week if possible, you can do this through ParentPay or cash at the school office. Thank you for your continued support! We hope you enjoyed it, we hope to do this again in the future!

Flu Immunisation

Families should have received further information today (though Arbor) about the next Flu vaccination session happening in school on 2nd December. Children who have already been registered will be vaccinated, however, families who missed the deadline for registering for their child to have the vaccine are also invited to sign up if you still want your child to have it. Further information can be found here. **The deadline for registering is Tuesday 24th November.**

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Diary Dates

Oct

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

Half Term Sports Camps

We have been asked to share sports camps information with families, if you are interested more information can be found here.

SEND Drop in

Please click the links below for more information about drop in sessions and support programmes to help families with children with special needs.

Cygnet Poster

Family Hub SEND Drop ins

Star of the Week

Calder Class: Isobel - *We've been so impressed with Isobel's reading this week. She's really persevered with sounding out and blending words, which has really improved her confidence. Isobel has also answered comprehension questions, showing a great understanding. Well done and keep up the fantastic reading!*

Crimple Class: Cooper - *Cooper has impressed all of the adults in Year 1 this week with his perseverance and determination to complete work to the best of his ability. He thought of some amazing adjectives to describe the main character in our writing, and worked hard to put those adjectives into a sentence. He even used his phonics to spell the words correctly! An amazing start to Year 1, Cooper!*

Deepdale Class: Sophie - *Sophie has had a fantastic start to Year 2 and has impressed us all with her positive attitude towards learning. Throughout the week, she has worked independently and confidently, always giving tasks her best effort. Even when something feels tricky, she never gives up and continues to persevere. Well done, Sophie!*

Derwent Class: Eve - *Eve has had a great week. She has participated more in class discussions, given things a go even when she is unsure of her answer and produced some excellent independent pieces of work. Well done Eve!*

Hebble Class: Harry - *Harry is a very enthusiastic member of our class who always works hard and tries his best. He has impressed us with his times tables and writing. We really enjoyed his narrative about the Iron Man. Harry is always cheerful and helpful. Keep up the good work Harry!*

Humber Class: Alex - *Alex has worked very hard in writing, applying everything he has learnt so far in Year 3 to produce a fantastic piece of work. We all really enjoyed reading his 'threat narrative' and didn't want the story to end. Well done Alex and keep up the hard work.*

Limley Class: Alfie - *Alfie is a real role model to all children in school. He is eager to learn, always joins in and demonstrates impeccable behaviour at all times. Alfie is also working very hard on his times tables where he is improving his accuracy and speed. Well done, Alfie!*

Loxley Class: William - *William has been challenging himself across all subjects, particularly in maths. He has demonstrated a positive attitude and approaches every problem-solving and reasoning question with determination. Well done, William - keep persevering with challenges!*

Ribble Class: Ellie - *All the adults in Ribble Class have noticed how much Ellie has been challenging herself and working super hard in maths this week. We have been particularly impressed by her fantastic determination and how much her confidence is growing. We are so proud of you, Ellie - keep up the amazing work!*

Ryburn Class: Harry - *Harry is a wonderful role model always thinking about how to be his best. He always chooses to do the right thing, is a kind, caring and fun friend and strives to do his best. Well done, Harry!*

Washburn Class: Tommy - *Tommy has demonstrated great perseverance in his maths this week. He approaches challenges with a systematic and methodical mindset, carefully working through problems with confidence and accuracy. He has impressed all the adults in Year 6 this week with his impressive mathematical reasoning. Well done, Tommy!*

Wenning Class: Charlie - *Charlie is a pleasure to teach. He has impressed all staff with his fantastic maths skills and he is always up for a challenge. During lessons, Charlie always has something interesting to say; he listens carefully for ways in which to improve his work and as a result, Charlie is making great progress. Keep it up Charlie!*