Valley View Voice

Friday 3rd July 2026

I hope that families have received the information sent out this week about our transition arrangements for next year. We have worked hard to create a range of opportunities that help children feel excited and prepared for September without overwhelming them. Every child approaches change differently and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to transition. However, we hope that the variety of activities and opportunities on offer this year will help make the move into a new class as smooth as possible.

I should say that I started this paragraph by saying that I hoped families had received the information. Unfortunately, I became aware last week that some families are not receiving our electronic communications. In last week's *Voice*, we suggested downloading the app to help with this. However, I completely appreciate that many parents already have multiple school-related apps on their phones. We have therefore been looking closely at how we communicate with families and have decided to move to a new system over the summer holidays. Our aim is to reduce the number of apps families need and improve the way information is delivered. More details will follow shortly. While many of you are thinking about the transition into a new school year, the office team and I are also preparing for a transition of our own over the coming weeks! Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

A Welcome Return

We are delighted that Mrs McMurrough is beginning her return to work and will be spending more time in school over the coming weeks. She has been greatly missed by staff and children alike, and we are all looking forward to seeing her become a more regular part of school life again. I know many members of our school community will join me in giving her a very warm welcome back.

Sports Day

Some of you maybe aware that another heat wave has been forecast next week. It seems that although we always keep a close eye on the weather - normally this is due to rain. However, this year we will need to make a decision based on the heat! We will try to give families as much notice as possible should we need to postpone. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Robin Hole - Year 3 trip

Yesterday Year 3 went to Robin Hole. Here are a few words from William and Olivia from Hebble Class about the trip.

'At Robin Hole we did den building with Mr Major. We also did something called The Night Line. You get a partner and one of you is blind folded and the other person guides the person that can't see through obstacles.

In the morning we did some orienteering to try and find letters with numbers on using a map.

Our favourite activity was grass sledging because it was so fast! You had to pull the handles up to brake'.

September Nursery Places

We have been hosting our Stay and Play sessions for our new Nursery children who are due to start in September. It has been lovely to meet some of our new Nursery children and their families. Some of them didn't want to leave! We think that is a good sign for after the holidays!

We take children from their third birthday, and hours are available between 7.30am and 5.30pm (5.00pm on Fridays). You can 'spend' your 15 or 30 hours to suit your family's needs. If you would like to look around our teacher-led School Nursery, please contact the school office.

Filey - Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday the whole of Year 2 got up very early and travelled all the way to Filey. They walked down through the woods and straight onto the beach via the ice cream shop. On the beach, the children had the best time digging in the sand, making sandcastles, paddling in the sea and even making rock monsters. They had a packed lunch on the beach, more playing and then home where the coach ride back was very quiet! A great day out. Thanks to all the children for their fun, playful attitude and thanks to all staff who made the trip possible.

Changes to FSM Eligibility

This is just a polite reminder for families receiving universal credit. Next year the government has widened the criteria for FSM eligibility, which means more children are likely to qualify for free schools. If you have not already done so please read the letter by clicking the link below and complete the online form, thank you. FSM Eligibility

Diary Dates

July

Wed 8th	School Transition Day Year 6 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
Thurs 9th	Sports Day
Nursery	8.45am-9.30am
Year 5&6	9.40am-10.50am
Rec - Y2	11.00am-12.10am
Year 3&4	1.30pm-2.40pm
Tues 14th	Meeting the Teacher 3.30 - 4.00pm or 4.00 - 4.30pm
Wed 15th	Sharing Our Learning 1.30pm
Thurs 16th	Star of the Year Assembly Year 6 BBQ 3.15pm
Fri 17th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
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

Letters sent out this week Just in case anyone has missed them, these letters were sent to families this week.

Transition

SATs results delay (Yr6 only)

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Heidi Kershaw Heidi always impresses us with her positive attitude towards learning. She gives everything her all and goes out of her way to make sure that everyone is happy. She is also very helpful around the classroom! Well done Heidi.

Arram Class: Hattie Gathercole Hattie is a Valley View 'Always' child. She is a great independent worker and a good role model to her peers. She is also a kind friend. This week Hattie has amazed us with her writing. She has been thinking about her sentence structure, using capital letters and finger spaces. She has also written some independent sentences. Great work Hattie!

Calder Class: Aria Stubbs We are so proud of Aria this week, specifically for her amazing effort in maths. For the past couple of weeks, Year 1 have been learning all about money in their maths lessons, which has been quite tricky! Aria has really persevered with her learning and when tackling questions on her own, has shown a secure understanding. A really big well done, Aria!

Crimple Class: Ezra Dickinson Ezra has shown fantastic creativity and hard work this week. In computing, we have been learning how to compose digital music, and Ezra blew us away with the wonderful piece he created. He has also been working incredibly hard in writing, where his independence and imagination have truly shone. Well done, Ezra!

Deepdale Class: Surayah-Rose Firth Surayah has been a fantastic addition to Deepdale Class. She has embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm, positivity, and a smile on her face. She has shown great perseverance when tackling tricky maths problems and has worked hard to develop her writing. Keep up the fantastic effort, Surayah - well done!

Derwent Class: Alice Demidova Alice has a wonderful attitude in lessons. Alice is always active in her learning and has wonderful presentation. She is always kind to others and never fails to put a smile on anyone's face. A worthy star of the week!

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Limley Class: Nathan Anthony Nathan has had a fabulous week. He has shown great enthusiasm and superb active learning in every aspect of the curriculum, which has made him a pleasure to teach. Nathan has also demonstrated a great use of persuasive language within our writing lessons. Well done Nathan!

Loxley Class: Harry Bickley Harry has been fabulous in PE this week. In our PE lessons, he has shown excellent skill and ability but also a wonderful sporting attitude, supporting and helping those around him. What an amazing attitude. Well done Harry!

Ribble Class: Esmee Firth Esmee has recently joined Valley View and she has fitted into our class perfectly! She has made friends and picked up all our school rules. She is working hard and joining in with everything. She had a great costume for our WW2 Day and help make some very tasty scones. Welcome to Valley View Esmee!

Ryburn Class: Alfie Malyon Alfie has made great contributions throughout our World War 2 topic, it has been great to hear the facts he has shared. Across the curriculum, Alfie has been demonstrating a good attitude to learning and has been consistently trying his best. Well done Alfie, keep it up!

Washburn Class: Layton Stead Layton always comes into school with a positive mindset and a willingness to give everything a go. His cheerful nature and wonderful sense of humour bring so much joy to the classroom, and he brightens everyone's day with his smile. Our class simply wouldn't be the same without him. Well done, Layton – keep being your amazing self!

Wenning Class: Jaheim Thompson Jaheim had a brilliant day yesterday! He listened carefully during our PSHE lessons and asked some thoughtful and sensible questions that showed great engagement. He was polite throughout the day and played kindly and cooperatively with his classmates. He also enjoyed his transition day at high school and is looking forward to starting this exciting new chapter.