Valley View Voice

Friday 5th June 2026

This week has been a fantastic return as we begin the final half term of the academic year. There has been a lovely sense of energy around school, with children quickly settling back into routines and making the most of their learning time.

We know, however, that this final half term is always a particularly busy one. It is a time of change and transition, and for some children (and indeed staff), the thought of moving to a new class or even a new school can bring feelings of uncertainty or worry. For others, there is a real sense of excitement about what lies ahead. Both responses are completely natural, and we are mindful that this period can bring a wide range of emotions for every child.

Alongside this, the calendar is full of events and opportunities — from visits and enrichment activities to Sports Day and celebrations of learning. Again, these experiences can be received very differently. Some children relish the chance to perform, compete or try something new, while others may approach them more cautiously. As always, we are committed to providing a wide range of opportunities so that every child has the chance to shine in their own way. Equally, we continue to carefully consider how best to support all children as they prepare for their next steps, ensuring transitions are as positive and smooth as possible.

At this time of year, we often reflect on the importance of embracing change while also taking time to appreciate where we are. There is a well-known idea that reminds us not to rush too quickly towards what comes next, but instead to pause and value the present moment. We will continue to support our children to look forward with confidence, while also celebrating everything they have achieved and experienced together this year.

Mrs Claire Griffiths,

Staff News

We are delighted to share that, in the Autumn Term, Valley View will welcome a new Deputy Headteacher. Mr Waters will be joining us on secondment, and we are very much looking forward to the experience and expertise he will bring to our school community. He will be visiting next Wednesday to begin getting to know our staff, families and children. We are also pleased that Mr Major will be joining us as a class teacher. Having successfully completed his training with us, he already knows Valley View well and will be a fantastic addition to the team. We very much look forward to our families meeting these new members of the Valley View family as we continue to grow and strengthen our team even more.

PTA Fathers' Day Sale

The PTA will be holding their annual Fathers' Day sale again this year. Gifts are £3.00 each and can be bought on ParentPay or cash at the school office. Children will come home with their gifts on Friday 19th June.

African Reborn

Yesterday, Year 5 had a fantastic story telling workshop. A storyteller came into school and told two stories from Africa, through drama games and acting. He even started by communicating without speaking, using only actions! The children had a fabulous time and joined in brilliantly. They said they had felt like they were part of the story and enjoyed the activities. Well done to everybody involved!

Training Days 2026/2027

Please see below for next year's training days, you can also view next year's full calendar by clicking the link.

Tuesday 1st Sept 2026
Wednesday 2nd Sept 2026
Monday 2nd Nov 2026
Friday 12th Feb 2027
Thursday 22nd Jul 2027

Valley View School Calendar 2026-2027

Valley View Community Primary School, Coal Hill Drive, Rodley, Leeds LS13 1DD
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Class Photographs

This week, all families should have received a link via text, which allows families to view and/or purchase their child's class photograph. If you haven't received the link please telephone the school office. Families can take advantage of free delivery to school if they purchase before 16th June.

Children's Commissioner's Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner has asked us to share information about the 'Big Future Survey'. The survey is an opportunity for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them, and tell us about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words. If your child would like to take part please click on the link below. The findings will be published next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come.

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Year 1 Hearing Check

The Audiology Team will be in school at the end of this month to do the Year 1 hearing check. Families should already have received a letter from audiology about this (see below). However, we have been asked to remind families, that if you do not wish for your child to have a hearing check, or your child has a VP shunt fitted, you should contact 07707-295576 as soon as possible. Audiology Letter

Pudsey Grammar Open Evening - Year 5 families only

Pudsey Grammar Open Evening is on Thursday 9th July. For more information and to find out how to book click the link below.

Open Evening

Athletics News!

On Tuesday two teams of girls from Year 4 competed in an athletics event at Leeds West Academy. They all ran their fastest and threw and jump as far as they could! They finished in 2nd place. Well done girls!

Thank you from EYFS!

Many thanks to Scarlett and Jasper's grandma for the artificial grass and pipes, to Hazel and Harris' mummy for some lovely tree stumps and to their daddy for the tyres, and to Luna's mummy and daddy for the carpet tiles. We are trying to spruce up both the Reception and Nursery Outdoor Learning Areas, and as school budgets become tighter, we really appreciate your donations. Thank you!

Truman Books

Our local partner bookshop - Truman Books on Farsley Town Street is celebrating their 5th birthday! At Valley View, we have been joining in with the celebrations by nominating our favourite books. If you would like to join in their community celebrations, you too can email them your TOP 5 BOOKS THAT YOU'VE READ IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. Include a photo (could be of a book, your favourite reading spot or of you - they'd love to see your face!) The deadline is Sunday 7th June.

Also if you're in the vicinity, there is a Special Promotion - 10% OFF & FREEBIES: Between 15th - 28th June, buy five books in store and you'll receive 10% off and a free tote bag. And on Saturday 20th June anyone who spends £20 or more in the shop will get a free BOOK LUCKY DIP and a £5 voucher towards a future purchase (whilst stocks last) and from 2pm, they'll be offering complimentary glasses of fizz and maybe a cake or two!

Diary Dates

June

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 Year 4 trip to Tropical World
Fri 19th	Scholastic Book Fair arrives!
Tues 23rd	Wenning Class Assembly 9.00am Bramley Olympics Reception Christian Wedding 1.45pm
Wed 24th	Reception Hindu Wedding 1.45pm
Thurs 25th	Washburn Class Assembly 9.00am Year 3 trip to Robin Hole
Fri 26th	Scholastic Book Fair leaves.

July

Wed 1st	Year 2 trip to Filey
Thurs 9th	Sports Day
Mon 20th	Training Day school closed to pupils
Tues 21st	Training Day school closed to pupils

Star of the Week

Aire Class: Remi Wilstrop Remi has had a brilliant week. He has been very helpful to both adults and children this week. Remi has also been focused in on his learning in class. Well done Remi. Keep up the hard work!

Arram Class: Rory McCroakam Rory always comes into school with a big smile on his face. He is always happy to join in with class activities. He tries hard in all areas of his work and takes on feedback which he showed this week in his writing, focusing on his letter formation. Well done, Rory, keep it up!

Calder Class: Lyla Speirs Lyla has an incredible attitude towards her learning! We have been so impressed by how focused and determined she is in every lesson. Lyla is always "on it" and ready to have a go at any challenge. She has also impressed us with her careful reading, where she is becoming more fluent. Well done and keep up the amazing work, Lyla!

Crimple Class: Lily Jackson Lily is such an independent and hard-working learner. We are so proud of how much she has grown this year. She is becoming more confident in thinking of her own ideas and having a go on her own, which is wonderful to see. Lily has also made fantastic progress in phonics and is showing just how ready she is becoming for Year 2. Well done, Lily!

Deepdale Class: Rory Davis Rory has had a brilliant week in maths. We have been working on some very tricky fractions, and Rory has impressed us with his hard work, determination, and excellent understanding. He has tackled every challenge with confidence and achieved some fantastic results. Well done, Rory!

Derwent Class: Liliana Siwak Liliana has shown a wonderful growth in confidence this week. Asking for help and sharing ideas is an important part of learning. Liliana is keen to improve and check her work, and confidence is key. Well done Liliana, keep up the amazing work!

Hebble Class: Ben Graham Ben has impressed us this week with his determination to do his best in all of his work. He has remained focused and engaged throughout his learning and has approached every challenge with a positive attitude. He should be very proud of the effort he has shown this week. We can't wait to see this continue! Well done, Ben!

Humber Class: Mason Dumbleton Mason is a cheerful member of the class who is very kind to his peers. He has worked really hard this week on his handwriting and adapting his work after being given feedback. This hard work has been noticed by all the staff members working in Year 3 and it is wonderful to see. Keep it up Mason and well done!

Limley Class: Niamh O'Donovan Niamh always works hard in lessons and makes brilliant choices around the classroom. This week, she impressed adults with her positive and focused attitude during our violin lesson, where she showed how much she had remembered from all our lessons this year!

Loxley Class: Kaiila Hattingh Kaiila is a pleasure to teach and has shown a fantastic attitude and effort in writing. She has impressed with her thoughtful predictions of a story combining evidence from text extracts, images, and other sources, linking them together to support her prediction. Well done, Kaiila!

Ribble Class: Maximus Murrell Maximus has been working hard on his reading and writing over the last few weeks. He has also impressed us in our science lessons and he has enjoyed our practical work. On our recent residential he also proved himself to be the champion fossil finder in Year 5! He found a fabulous fossil - well done Maximus.

Ryburn Class: Apollos Mabuza Apollos has been impressing adults in Ryburn Class throughout the week with his attitude to learning in maths. He has answered questions throughout the lesson, showing he is listening well and it is great to hear his contributions. He has been trying hard in his independent work in particular his times tables practice. Well done Apollos, keep it up!

Washburn Class: Harley O'Brien Harley has impressed all of the Year 6 adults this week with his fantastic attitude and effort. He has shown great determination and teamwork in maths, tackling challenges with confidence and resilience. Harley has also excelled in our show rehearsals, taking on stage direction brilliantly and stepping outside of his comfort zone. Well done Harley!

Wenning Class: Marcus Balogun This week, Marcus has thoroughly enjoyed working systematically in order to solve some extremely challenging maths problems. He has impressed all of the staff in Year 6 with his problem solving skills and he also helped others to get started when they found it tricky. Additionally, Marcus attended a triathlon with other Year 6 children; he was a pleasure to take as he listened carefully to instructions and acted as a positive role model.