Valley View Voice

Friday 9th October 2026

This week's Parents' Evening provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the progress, achievements and successes of our children. It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school, hear about children's experiences and strengthen the partnership that sits at the heart of everything we do.

Alongside Parents' Evening, we invited families to complete our annual parent questionnaire. With 114 families responding, we were delighted by both the level of engagement and the positive feedback received. The results showed that 97% of parents feel their child is making good progress in their learning, 97% agree that teaching helps their child learn successfully.

However, I always believe that there is so much more to a school than just the teaching and learning. Particularly pleasing were the comments that reflected the values and community spirit we work so hard to create each day. Parents described Valley View as having: *"The strong sense of community and individual attention given to children are particularly appreciated."* Others highlighted the opportunities available beyond the classroom, noting that we: *"Offer lots of extra activities/clubs."*

As we prepare to open our doors to prospective families considering places for September 2027, the survey has also provided a welcome opportunity for reflection. Looking through the responses reminded us of why so many families choose Valley View and continue to recommend us to others. Families spoke positively about the relationships between staff and children, the support offered to pupils and the welcoming atmosphere that makes our school such a special place to belong.

We are incredibly proud of Valley View, proud of our children, proud of our staff and proud of the partnership we have built with our families. While we will always listen carefully to feedback and continue striving to improve, it is equally important to recognise and celebrate the many strengths that exist within our school community. Mrs Claire Griffiths, Headteacher

Show Racism the Red Card Day

On Friday 16 October, Valley View will be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card Day, helping to raise awareness of the importance of equality, respect and inclusion for all. Pupils and staff are invited to wear something red to show their support. We kindly ask for a £1 donation, with all proceeds going to the Show Racism the Red Card charity. Thank you for helping us promote a community where everyone feels valued, respected and welcome.

Attendance

Last week's attendance was 95.71%. We've noticed that attendance is often lower on Fridays. Learning continues right through to the end of the week, and every day counts. Please help your child make the most of every opportunity by ensuring they attend school every day unless they are unwell. Thank you for your support.

Nursery - 94.74%
Reception - 98.41%
Year 1 - 92.50%
Year 2 - 98.22%
Year 3 - 95.54%
Year 4 - 94.67%
Year 5 - 95.49%
Year 6 - 96.14%

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

Cross Country News

On Monday a team of boys and girls from Year 6 ran in the Leeds West cross country competition at Stanningley. Everybody gave their best to complete the long and tiring course! A special well done goes to Max and Amelie who were our highest finishers. We are waiting for the results to see if we go through to the next round. Well run Year 6!

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we are inviting families to donate any non-perishable food items on Monday. Donations might include tins, pasta, rice, cereal, tea, coffee or other long-life cupboard essentials.

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking responsibility for deciding which local charity or community organisation will receive the donations, helping them to consider how we can support others in our wider community. We will let you know next week which charity they have decided to support.

Autumn PTA Disco - Reminder

Tickets are now available on ParentPay for the PTA Autumn disco. 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, you can also pay cash at the school office.

Tuesday 20th	Year 3 & 4	3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 21st	Year 1 & 2	3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Year 5 & 6	3.30pm-4.30pm

Sponsored Colour Run

Thank you to everyone who has already paid in their sponsor money for last week's colour run event. It's not too late to pay in if you haven't already done so! The amount raised so far is £1,600! We hope to put the money raised towards a large climbing frame which will be situated on the school field. All children will have access to it and any money left over will be used to buy other play equipment.

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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 PTA Disco Y3 & 4
Wed 21st	Open Morning for Reception 2027 intake 9.15am PTA Disco Y1 & 2
Thurs 22nd	Leeds Utd session (Y5 only) PE kit needed PTA Disco Y5 & 6
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

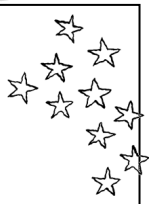
Football News

On Tuesday two teams of boys from Year 4 played in a friendly event at Leeds WestAcademy. They practised some skills and played some friendly matches. Well played boys!

Reminder - Year 6 Height & Weight Check

Can we remind Year 6 families that the school nursing team will be in school before half term to see children for the National Measurement Programme, all families should have received the information leaflet, however if you missed it you can find it here.

Star of the Week



Calder Class: Ethan - *This week, Ethan has tried hard in all lessons, showing a brilliant learning attitude. In particular, Ethan has impressed us with his reading. He's reading with so much more confidence and having a really good go at sounding out words. Well done, keep it up!*

Crimple Class: Hattie - *Hattie is an incredible role model not only for Year 1, but the whole of Valley View. She always strives to be the best version of herself in the classroom and consistently demonstrates our school values in everything she does. Her positivity and kindness radiate across the classroom every day. Keep shining, Hattie!*

Deepdale Class: Luca - *Luca has done some amazing work in writing and maths this week. He has been trying his very best, pushing himself and challenging himself to produce work he can be proud of. His hard work and determination have really shone through this week. Well done, Luca!*

Derwent Class: Ezra - *Ezra has had a brilliant week. He has worked hard, making great contributions to class discussions and being a great team player in PE. We are all really proud of you and the kindness you have shown this week. Well done.*

Hebble Class: Sofia - *Sofia is a very friendly, hardworking member of our class. She has impressed us with all her learning, especially her writing, maths and art. She is also very helpful and sensible. She is the perfect role model for the class. Well done Sofia!*

Humber Class: Nevaeh - *Nevaeh is a wonderful member of Humber Class and it was been lovely watching her confidence grow each week as she settles into Year 3. Well done Nevaeh and keep up the hard work!*

Limley Class: Sadie - *Sadie is always a pleasure to teach due to her caring, polite and helpful nature, which always makes adults smile. She's impressed all staff with how many ideas she's shared in lessons this week and we're very proud of her. Keep it up!*

Loxley Class: Hakeem - *Hakeem has made fantastic and valuable contributions throughout the entire week - especially on the Year 4 Roman Day. He really immersed himself in every aspect of the day and showed enthusiasm, effort and excellent participation which was wonderful to see. Well done, Hakeem.*

Ribble Class: William - *William has impressed all the adults this week with his fantastic attitude and progress in writing. It's brilliant to see him so excited when he spots writing on the timetable! His vocabulary choices have been brilliant, and we've really enjoyed reading all of his work. Keep it up, William!*

Ryburn Class: Charlie - *Charlie has really understood the meaning of hard work this week, particularly in maths. But he has also used his number facts and rounding to look at more efficient ways of solving problems.*

Washburn Class: Finlay - *Fin consistently tries his best in every lesson, demonstrating impressive resilience and determination when faced with challenges. He approaches tricky problems with a positive attitude and never gives up. Fin is a valued member of our class and a fantastic role model. Keep it up, Fin!*

Wenning Class: Gracie - *Gracie is such a polite, kind, helpful and hard-working girl. She constantly strives to improve and always listens carefully during lessons. She is an absolute pleasure to teach and we have all been impressed with her positive and 'can-do' attitude even when she finds something challenging. Keep it up Gracie - well done!*