

Friday 14th March 2025



Personal Development

On Friday 21 March, The Vale Primary Academy, will join thousands of schools up and down the country and do something funny for money for Red Nose Day. We will have a non-school uniform day on Friday 21st March and we are encouraging children to wear something red to support Red Nose Day. Donations of up to a £1 are welcomed, all donations will be given to Red Nose Day.

This year for fundraising we will be hosting a bake sale on our school playground on Friday after school at 3:15.

We would also kindly ask if you could donate buns, cakes or doughnuts, from Wednesday 19th March. Please check the donations to ensure they're nut free.

If you do purchase any sweet treats from our bake sale, please be vigilant of allergies as we cannot guarantee ingredients.

Thank you for your continued support.

Update from Miss Cartwright

Good afternoon,

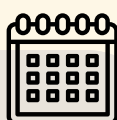
I want to start this week by celebrating Reception's educational visit to Cannon Hall Farm this week. The children had the most fantastic day on tractor rides, ferret racing and experiencing the sights, sounds and feel of being on a farm and around different and new animals. For many children it was their first time on a coach so it was all a new experiences as soon as they left school. The children were an absolute credit to the school with their behaviour, enthusiasm and intrigue. It was an incredibly long day for them but they were just super stars!

On Thursday Year 5 and 6 fire safety talk. This is something we do annually for our older children as it is so important we teach the children about the dangers, especially with a rise in fires starting from electricals. Thank you to West Yorkshire Fire Department for their delivery of this. Your child may have mentioned looking for a fire alarm in your house. West Yorkshire Fire have offered to fit fire alarms for houses that don't have them. Please call West Yorkshire Fire Department on 01977 702223 if you require assistance with this.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a restful and fun-filled weekend.

Diary Dates

Dates For The Calendar



Spring Term

18.03.25 Athletics Y1-3

19.03.25 - 21.03.25 Bring in any bake sale donations

19.3.25 Athletics Y4-Y6

21.03.25 Red Nose Day

26.03.25 Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop, in school.

27.03.25 Year 5 Magna educational visit

27.03.25 Reception Concerteenies visit

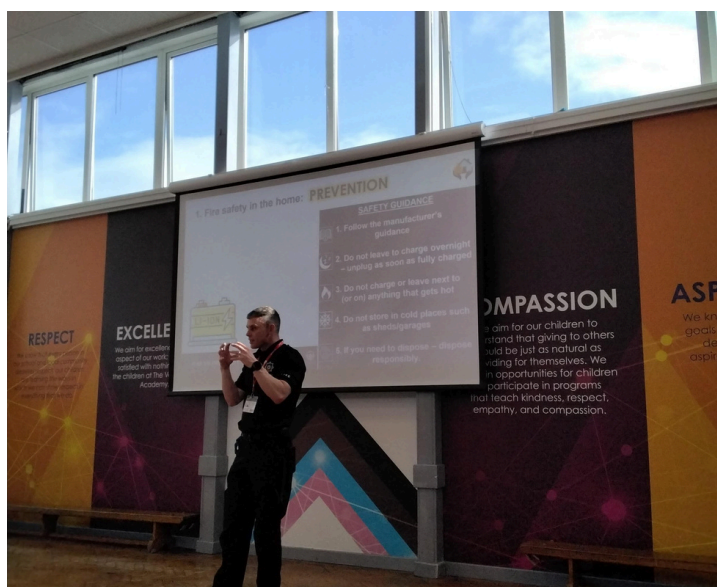
31.03.25 Year 3 and 4 Spring singing performance

04.04.25 Break up for Easter

Year 6 Eden Camp Educational Visit - Date TBC

First Aid Workshops Y5/Y6 - Date to be rearranged

More dates and events will be added in due course.



Early Years

Reception PE is now on a Tuesday.

Reception had the best time at Cannon Hall Farm this week! We learned lots of new facts about the animals from our guided tour and even went on a tractor ride and watched a ferret race.

We were very proud of all the children for their engagement and excellent behaviour on their very first school trip

In addition to this, we have been working hard in maths, as we have now introduced numbers 9 and 10. Children have been subitising, matching different representations to the numerals and comparing numbers up to 10. In PSHE this week, we have been discussing the word 'healthy', we have sorted foods into healthy and less healthy groups and talked about the effects of each of them on our bodies.

Nursery

In maths this week the children have really worked hard looking at height and length. We compared the length of our playdough caterpillars and the height of Jack's beanstalk.

In drawing club we had some wonderful banana men and houses!

In T4W we innovated our story and came up with some fabulous ideas to create a new story!



Year 1

Year 1 P.E. is now on a Tuesday. Please ensure the children bring the correct PE kit every week.

We have started our new maths unit of fractions. We have focused on recognising a half as one of two equal parts. We loved matching the halves to make the whole! We will move on to finding half of an amount next week.

In science, we began by labelling the different parts of a tree. We then took our learning outside to identify which trees in our environment are evergreen and which are deciduous. We used a 'leaf key' to identify which different types of leaves we saw.

In RE, we learnt about the special building which Muslims pray in (a mosque). We learnt the special practices Muslims take part in during their prayer.

In reading strategy, the children have absolutely loved reading our story 'Dogger.' We have just got to the part of the story where Dave realised he lost Dogger! The children made their own lost posters to share to help Dave find him.

Miss Roberts



Year 2

Year 2 have PE on a Tuesday in the Spring term, please ensure your child comes to school with their full, labelled PE kit.

Year 2 have had another amazing week. We have had a new set of visitors, in the form of our caterpillars, in science. In Geography we took a 'flight' to Mexico, looking at landmarks.

This week's highlight was in PE. We explored different balances, forming different patterns and being general all round amazing gymnasts. Myself and our Elite coach were very impressed.

In reading, we finished The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. We have compared the book to other stories we have read and even completed book reviews. The children have loved the story and I am sure they will enjoy telling you all about it.

Mr Bosanquet



Year 3

Year 3 have PE on Friday and Forest School on Thursday. Please ensure your child brings warm clothes and a spare pair of shoes for forest school.

This week Year 3 have been quite the abstract artists. We continued to look at Sam Francis and his art and developed our understanding of how colour can convey certain emotions such as, green is happy and blue is sad. We then developed our skills of changing the colour and tone of paint by overprinting two different colours.

In maths we have been working super hard on interpreting pictograms, making sure we check the key and read the questions thoroughly.

Miss Goodall



Year 4

This term Year 4 have P.E on Mondays and Forest School on a Thursday. Please ensure that children bring something warm to wear and a spare pair of shoes for Forest School.

This week we have been learning about life in Ancient Greece. We learnt what life was like in both Athens and Sparta (two very different states in Ancient Greece). We enjoyed exploring some Greek pottery in order to make predictions about what life was like.

In Maths we have been learning how to round decimals to the nearest whole number. At first, we used a number line to help us see which whole number the decimal was closest to before moving on to being able to solve abstract rounding problems.

Miss Capper



Year 5

Year 5 now have PE on Wednesdays and swimming on Friday.

This week Year 5 learnt all about keeping ourselves safe in a fire emergency. The West Yorkshire Fire Service taught us lots of top tips for making our homes fire safe!

In PSHE this week, we learnt all about our bodies and how we can keep them healthy from making sensible food choices to the effects that smoking, vaping and alcohol can have.

We also would like to say a big Happy Birthday to Mrs Brain and a warm welcome to another teacher, Miss Johnson, who is working with us in our class, alongside Miss Prout, until May.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Prout



Year 6

This week in PE, Year 6 have enjoyed their gymnastics lesson. The children have been working amazingly in pairs to perform counter tension using their weight to stay balanced by pulling away from them.

Year 6 have also enjoyed a visit from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service. They learnt about fire safety in the home and how to create an escape plan. The children asked lots of interesting questions and they were asked to check their own homes for fire alarms.

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday. Please ensure the children bring the correct PE kit every week.

Miss Burgess



Safeguarding



Ensuring our pupils are safe and well looked after is our key priority.

Miss H Prout :
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss S Cartwright:
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Mrs S Brain, Miss E Burgess, Mrs R Pearson:
Safeguarding officers

All staff have received Safeguarding training to ensure that they can recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and also how to report/act if a disclosure is made.

Concerns about the safety or welfare of a child? Contact us: 01977 722485

Out of hours contact number:
03458 503503

For more information:
<https://thevpacademy.org.uk/knowledge-base/safeguarding/>

Attendance



Attendance matters.

Coming to school on time, every day is vital to achieving the best possible outcomes as well as learning good habits which will benefit everyone in the future. Please see our updated attendance policy.

EYFS	99%
Y1	94%
Y2	99%
Y3	99.3%
Y4	94%
Y5	97%
Y6	97%

Providing children with positive experiences and strategies to embed emotional resilience.

We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

This allows our children to become confident, curious, creative and capable, therefore opens doors to a bright future for our children.

Miss A Roberts



50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

Download THE MOBILE APP

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat.

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GET IT ON Google Play

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to take you to the 50 Things To Do Before You're Five app.

For information regarding mental health support & advice, please visit the below links:

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/u13/home/>

<https://www.compass-uk.org/services/wakefield-children-and-young-peoples-emotional-health-and-wellbeing-service/>

Inclusion & SEND



At The Vale Primary Academy we are committed to providing an inclusive education for all our children. This means that any child who may have Special Educational Needs or a Disability (SEND) will have access to additional or specialist support throughout their life at our academy. All teachers are responsible for every child in their care, including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Did you know about the MAX Card?
The MAX entitles any family with a child who has SEND or is a looked after family, hundreds of discounts across the county. Its is completely FREE to sign up. Please use the link below to get yours ASAP!

https://mymaxcard.co.uk/local-distributors/?_council_type=2&_council_region=yorkshire-and-the-humber&_council_area=wakefield

To find out what services Wakefield provide for the SEND community, please visit the following link - <https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/>

For further support, please contact a member of the Inclusion team:

- The main office who can pass a message on
- Your child's class teacher
- Mrs S Hornby - SENDCo
- Miss H Prout - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Miss S Cartwright - Head of Academy & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

