



Coming Up

Children in Need will be celebrated on Friday 15th November. This will be a non-uniform day to show support for the charity. We ask children to wear pyjamas and odd socks to show support of Children in Need, as well as a show of support for anti-bullying week. Donations of £1 are welcomed.

On Tuesday 12th November we have West Yorkshire Police in to talk about anti-bullying with children in Years 1 to 6. Our children always engaged positively with West Yorkshire police and I know anti-bullying is a subject very close to our children's hearts.

We have been in contact with Holyrood House and a group of children will be visiting to sing some carols to the residents. Our previous visits here have been not just fun, but incredibly heart-warming to make a difference to the residents' day. This will happen on Monday 16th December.

Update from Miss Cartwright



Hi everyone,

We have had a great week here at The Vale. We have some brand new Money Managers in Year 5 and 6 who have a new and very important job. The children have organised and categorised prizes into prices.

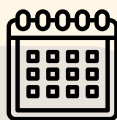
Over the next few weeks, children will have the opportunity to spend their dojos. They can buy some fun games, activities and items with the dojos they have earned. Our Money Managers will keep a record of this and support with reordering stock.

Although we have our certificates, badges and raffle for dojos already, our pupils tell us they would also love a little extra, so we have done this for them.

Well done and thank you Money Managers.

Miss Cartwright

Diary Dates



Dates For Your Calendar

Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

Every Monday 9:00 SEND clinic. Please contact the main office to book

12.11.24 Year 1 visit to St Botolph's Church

12.11.24 and 13.11.24 parents evening. Appointments are still available to book on MCAS

12.11.24 West Yorkshire Police anti-bullying talk Y1-6

15.11.24 Children in Need.

20.11.24 and 21.11.24 Year 2 parents evening.

Appointments are still available to book on MCAS

19.11.24 Year 2 visit linked to The Great Fire of London

21.11.24 West Yorkshire Police knife crime talks with Years 5 and 6

wc 25.11.24 Book fair

12.12.24 EYFS Nativity



Early Years

Wow, what a great first week back in EY! Reception started this week by finding a rocket in the classroom! The rocket had crash landed and inside was a teddy bear, picnic basket and letter. We used our detective skills to work out what had happened and where it was going. Following this, we introduced our new key text 'Whatever Next' and started to map out our class story. Throughout the week, we have also explored bonfire night including fire safety, and the festival of Diwali. In SMSC, we have been celebrating difference by identifying the things we are good at and understanding that everyone is good at different things

Mrs Pearson

Nursery have had an amazing first week back, we've started our new Talk for Writing text How to Catch a Star. On Monday we found a star on the roof, we thought that the fireworks may have knocked it out of the sky and tried to think of ways to get it down. In our maths we have had a numeral two hunt and they were absolutely amazing at this, well done nursery.

Mrs Richardson

R
POTW
Oliver

N
POTW
Leo & Jaxon



Year 1

P.E is on Wednesday for Year 1 and Forest School on Thursday.

Year 1 have had a very busy week of learning! In maths, we have taken on the challenge of making 8 fact families. We are so proud of the children's resilience when approaching this tricky concept.

In our RE lesson, we started our new unit focusing on Christianity and learnt who Christians worship. This is in preparation for our visit to St Botolph's church next week. In computing, we started looking at digital painting and explored using different freehand tools to create a self-portrait.

We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and why it is important. We made and painted our own poppies to show our respect.

Miss Roberts

POTW
Hallie



Year 2

Year 2 have PE is on Monday.

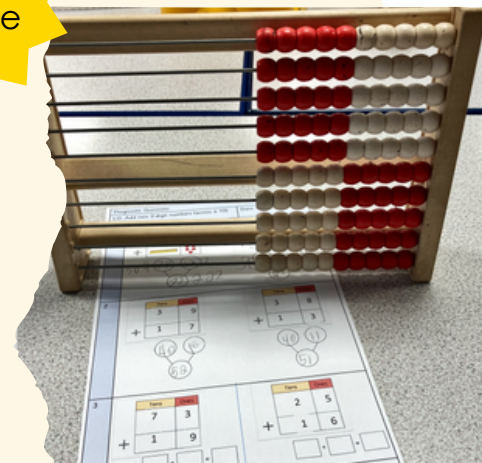
Forests School in on a Thursday, please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing that can get muddy.

In art this week, Year 2 have been looking at how we can use photographs to create photo collages, just like the artist David Hockney! We had lots of fun taking photos of real life things to use in our own photo collages.

The children have also been superstars in maths this week. They have enjoyed adding 2 digit numbers, using a range of different resources, including Rekenrek. Well done Year 2!

Miss Cartwright

POTW
Reggie



Year 3



POTW
Taya

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday.

This week we have started our new MFL topic on animals. We have learnt un leon, un pajarito, un conejo, un caballo, and un cerdo - Lion, duck, rabbit, horse, and pig.

In PE we have thoroughly enjoyed practicing our football skills. We started off learning how to change direction whilst walking, speed walking and running, then passing the ball to each other using the inside of our feet. We concentrated so hard and really focused on dribbling the ball to our partners.

Well done to all of Year 3 for being so welcoming to our new student in class!

Miss Goodall



Year 4



POTW
Noah

This term Year 4 have P.E on a Tuesday.

This week we started our Art unit all about sculpture. We learnt about George Segal, a famous sculptor, who used ordinary people as models to create sculptures in human form.

We also learnt about Jorvik (now known as York) this week. We learnt that the Vikings raided Anglo-Saxon York and it became a Viking trading hub and settlement. Archaeologists uncovered remains of Viking houses, workshops and found lots of interesting things in their dig, such as leather boots, coins and even human faeces! Thank you to Thomas for bringing in a Viking game for us to play, which he purchased from the Jorvik centre in York!

We took some time to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day. We made some wonderful cards as a tribute to those who have been affected by war and conflict.

Miss Capper



Year 5



POTW
Honey

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

This week Year 5 have been busy in our geography lessons learning all about the different capital cities across Europe. We have enjoyed singing a song and using atlases to find them and learn them.

In Maths, we have been excelling in our multiplying and dividing by powers of 10. Miss Prout was very impressed with how well we applied our strategies and challenged our resilience with some problem solving.

In writing, we are creating our own explanation texts about Victorian Workhouses. We have enjoyed using our Reading text 'Street Child' as inspiration!

Miss Prout



Year 6



POTW
Carson

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have continued with their geography topic about Antarctica. The children loved exploring a range of maps and they reflected on what they could deduce from the maps about the climate and human exploration.

This week, year 6 started their new unit in Spanish - What is the weather? They learnt different weather forecasts in Spanish and used their knowledge to sing a weather song.

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	95%
Y1	95%
Y2	92%
Y3	97%
Y4	99%
Y5	97%
Y6	89%

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.

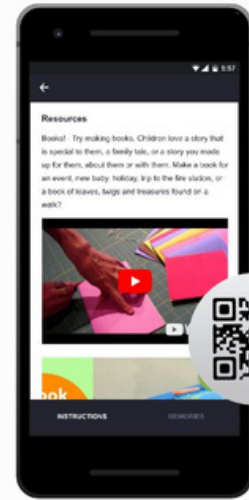
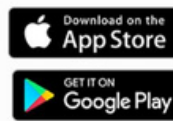
Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner



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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:

- Mrs S Rowse- SENDCo
- Mrs S Rowse - Lead Thrive Practitioner
- Miss H Prout - Designated Safeguarding Lead & Assistant Principal
- Miss S Cartwright - Head of Academy and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

