



Coming Up

Next week we have our Family Christmas Dinners. This has become quite the tradition here at The Vale over the past couple of years, I even came back for it last year when I was working in another of our academies - it's that good! We will send a reminder of times and days as they differ from a usual class lunch time. Tickets needed to be purchased ahead of the event due to kitchen orders. If you were unable to purchase a ticket, we hope you can join us next year.

Update from Miss Cartwright

Happy Friday everyone,

Last Friday some very talented Year 5s and Year 6s took part in the Elite Dance Festival. The children showed such strength, skill and confidence. A huge well done to each and every one of them, you represented yourself, and the school so positively.

On Tuesday this week a very competitive groups of Year 6 children attended a Year 6 Maths event at Education Exchange. Our Year 6s were grilled with incredibly tricky maths questions but came out smiling. Well done, such amazing resilience.

It is with great sadness that Mrs Rowse will be leaving us at the end of this term. She is expecting baby number 3 and has secured a role working in a local authority to support SEND- some very exciting times ahead! We wish her the absolute best and I know the last day will be very hard for us all to say goodbye. We will be welcoming a new SENDCo in the Spring Term and I will update you accordingly. SEND will be overseen by myself and the senior leadership team in the interim. We thank her for all the amazing work she has done over a number of years with so many children. She really has changed lives and she will be greatly missed.

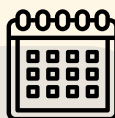
I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Cartwright



Diary Dates

Dates For Your Calendar



Autumn

Every Wednesday 14:50 Reading afternoon

17.12.24 Reception and Y1 family Christmas Dinners

18.12.24 Y2 and Y3 family Christmas Dinners

19.12.24 Y4, Y5 and Y6 Family Christmas Dinners

Spring Term

06.01.25 First day of Spring Term

10.01.25 Inset Day- school closed to children.

30.01.25 Bag 2 School collection day

05.02.25 Athlete/Olympian visit to school

11.02.25 Year 6 Samba performance

12.02.25 Sheffield Young Voices

wc 10.03.25 Science Week

wc 10.03.25 Book Fair

27.03.25 Year 5 Magna educational visit

31.03.25 Year 3 and 4 Spring singing performance

More dates and events will be added in due course.

Early Years

Thank you to all the grown ups who came to watch our Nativity this week. We are so proud of all the children for their hard work and resilience! They have all been working incredibly hard to learn the songs, actions and lines.

As well as our nativity, children were also very busy this week making reindeer food and hot chocolate stirrers for our Christmas fayre! They did a fantastic job.

In between all our exciting Christmas events, reception children have been writing up their owl fact files and have impressed me with how many facts they have remembered. In maths we have revisited the composition of 4 and 5 using five frames and counters. In addition to this, we have also learned our new nursery rhyme 'This old man' children have enjoyed singing along and discussing all of the rhyming words.

Nursery have been revisiting colours in maths and have created their class story map of 'Dear Santa'. Next week nursery will be writing their letters to Santa.

Mrs Pearson & Mrs Richardson



R
POTW
Henryk

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POTW
All of Nursery!

Year 1

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

In Year 1, we have had a very busy week of learning. The children were incredible during their Christmas carol performance. We were so impressed with the children's singing and we hope our carols made you feel festive!

We finished our digital painting unit in computing and discussed if we preferred painting on the laptop or on paper.

In maths, we have explored making doubles and near doubles using a range of concrete resources.

Excitingly, in our DT lessons, we designed, made and evaluated our carts to transport our toy Dogger. We used wheels, axle and a chassis to make our vehicle.

Miss Roberts

POTW
Odin-Bleu



Year 2

Year 2 have PE is on Monday. On a Thursday, we have our last forest school session. Please ensure your child has warm and waterproof clothing that can get muddy.

In Year 2 this week, children have continued to learn about The Great Fire of London. We have discussed how the fire spread and how this impacted changes within the city.

We have also continued our design work in design technology, making nets and thinking about different joining materials.

Mr Bosanquet

POTW
Everly

Design Brief

Who is the design for?

The intended user is you as the architect and designer.
You want your house to look the most realistic!

Your design must...

- be stable - not collapse
- be free standing— stand
- look like houses from the London



Your joining materials must be...

- Strong and one you have tested
- Look neat



Year 3

Year 3 have PE on a Tuesday.

This week in Year 3 we put together 30 bags of build your own baubles for the Christmas Fair. We had so much fun choosing the sparkly glitter and the shiny gems to go inside the bags.

Year 3 have absolutely smashed it working on division with an exchange and a remainder - in which we used rekenreks to help us understand groups of.

Year 3 will be taking part in forest school after Christmas.

Miss Goodall



POTW
Alicia

Year 4

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

This week, in reading, we have been practicing our inference and retrieval skills using familiar Christmas adverts and the transcripts of these. We have really enjoyed discussing the writer's choice of language and their intentions behind this. It has made us feel very christmassy and festive!

We also enjoyed applying Modroc to the wire armatures of our sculptures using the soaking and wrapping technique. They are beginning to look great and once we add the paint next week, we will have some amazing Viking God sculptures!

Year 4 will be taking part in forest school after Christmas.

Miss Capper

POTW
Connor



Year 5

Year 5 have PE on Tuesday and swimming on Friday.

This week, Year 5 enjoyed preparing their tasty Christmas Pud biscuits for the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many parents and children enjoying the festivities together.

In our music lessons, we have enjoyed performing as a group, using our awareness of the space around us to help us. We can't wait to share our Christmas medley mash up at the parents and children Christmas lunch next week!

Miss Prout

POTW
Maddison



Year 6

POTW
Harri

This term Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday.

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this week completing their practise SATS. I am very proud of their amazing resilience and enthusiasm. Keep up your hard work Y6!

In Geography, the children were discovering 'What are the features of Antarctica's biome? How do these pose challenges?'. Year 6 learnt about mountains of land under mountains of ice and they enjoyed completing their own research on their tablets.

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 Rowse, 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	93%
Y1	99%
Y2	93%
Y3	96%
Y4	98%
Y5	94%
Y6	95%

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.

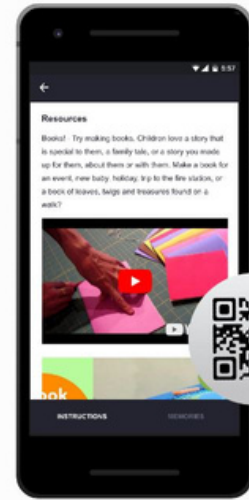
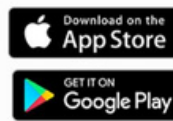
Mrs S Rowse
Thrive Practitioner



50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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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

