

Friday 21st March 2025



Personal Development

Our wonderful Reception children are having their first ever visit to Education Exchange to take part in Concerteenies on 27th March. This is an interactive musical story telling event where lots of children from the trust will also be. I know they will have a fantastic time!

Year 4 have a Greek Workshop on 26th March. Last year our current Year 5s absolutely loved it and I know Year 4 will have a great time learning all about Athens and Sparta. At 2:30 p.m. we welcome parents in for a performance of their learning.

Year 5 will be visiting Magna on 27th March to help consolidate their Scientific understanding of space and forces. This is an educational visit that always excites and enthuses our Year 5s.

Update from Miss Cartwright

Good afternoon,

What a fantastic week for Maths here at The Vale. We saw our Year 1, 2 and 3s take on the Mathematics Challenge on Tuesday and our Year 4, 5 and 6s on Wednesday. It was a perfect event for our budding mathematicians and children who enjoy a real challenge. Well done to each and every child who took part, we are very proud of you. Our winning House Teams were Derwent and Aire on Tuesday, and _____ on Wednesday.

Today we learned about the importance of Red Nose Day and took part in fun and informative activities. Our children are so thoughtful, caring and supportive of causes like this and I am thankful to everyone who was able to donate. The money will mean a lot to so many.

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

Miss Cartwright



Diary Dates

Dates For The Calendar



Spring Term

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 9.40am

04.04.25 Break up for Easter

Year 6 Eden Camp Educational Visit - New date of 3/6/25
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.

This week, reception have enjoyed lots of outdoor provision and have begun talking about the signs of spring. In T4W we have been making changes to our story map and have been observing how our beanstalks have grown. In addition to this we have been naming the parts of a plant and talking about they need to grow. In Maths we have been consolidating one more and one less of numbers 6-10. We have also been focusing on our number formation.

Mrs Pearson

Nursery

In nursery this week, we have weighed everything to see what is heavy and lighter, we began our new T4W text- 'Maisy Grows a Garden' and cant wait to plant our beans next week. Thank you for all your donations for the bake sale and red nose day!



Mrs Richardson

Year 1

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

In English this week, we finished our information texts. For our hot task, we wrote and published information texts about the Gruffalo. We used subheadings to describe what the Gruffalo looks like, where he lives, what he likes to eat and an interesting fact!

The children have loved exploring our big question 'Whatever the weather: what changes do we see each season?' In science, after learning the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees, we labelled the parts of a flowering plant. We then learnt about wild and garden plants; we went for a walk around our environment to identify these.

In geography, we used globes to identify the North and South Pole. We learnt that hot places are close to the equator and cold places are far from the equator.

In our art lesson, inspired by our artist Axel Scheffler, we mixed primary colours to make the correct colour to paint the snake and fox from the Gruffalo. All our learning is definitely linking together!

Miss Roberts



Year 2

A reminder that Year 2 have PE on Tuesdays throughout the Spring term. Please ensure your child brings their full, labelled PE kit to school each week.

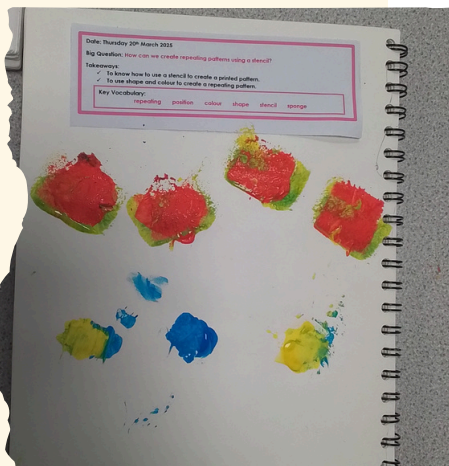
This week, we've had a fantastic time continuing our learning about Mexico! The children have been exploring where our food comes from, sorting it into categories of farmed, grown, and caught. We also took a closer look at Mexico City, comparing it to London, which we learned about before Christmas. The children had some brilliant discussions about the similarities and differences between the two capital cities!

In art, we've been inspired by Henri Matisse, exploring repeating patterns in preparation for designing our own bunting at the end of the unit.

In maths, we've started learning about telling the time, focusing on reading the clock to the nearest five minutes. This has been quite a tricky concept for many children. To support their learning, please encourage them to practise using an analogue clock at home, discussing times to the nearest five minutes as part of everyday routines.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr Bosanquet



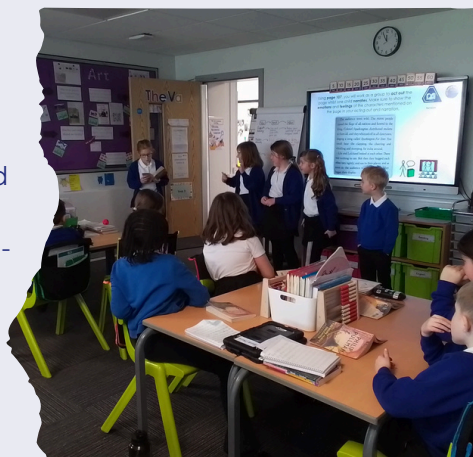
Year 3

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 performed an important event from our reading strategy text - The Firework makers daughter. The children performed with great enthusiasm and confidence. The Narrators used both projection and tone to create an engaging scene for the audience - we even had the audience getting involved.

Year 3 have had their MTC assessments this week for Spring 2 and they have absolutely smashed them. A lot of progress has been made - well done Year 3, you have really made me proud!!

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 continued to learn about what life was like in Ancient Greece. We were so interested to learn that the modern day Olympic games originated from Ancient Greece. We explored the different sports which took place in the Ancient Olympic games such as the Pentathlon and Chariot Racing as well as the changes which have happened to the games over time. We also learnt that Ancient Greece was a democracy and that people made decisions through a vote in an Assembly.

In Science, we explored the components of a simple circuit. We learnt that when the switch is closed, the current does not pass through the circuit. We also fixed some incomplete circuits.

Miss Capper



Year 5

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

This week Year 5 have enjoyed showing off their decimal addition and subtraction in maths. We have applied our skills to different reasoning questions and impressed our teachers with our super resilience!

In our PSHE lessons, our teachers were blown away by how sensible and mature we were when learning all about how to respond in an emergency situation. We all practised moving somebody into the recovery position and explained how we would keep ourselves calm to make sure we help the poorly person.

In music, we have been busy preparing for a concert that our parents will be invited to watch at the end of the year. You are in for a real treat parents and carers :)

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Prout



Year 6

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

This week Year 6 have been learning about speech in English. We have been looking at how to punctuate speech correctly and using a range of synonyms for said. Year 6 explored formal and informal speech and linked it to our war story. Next week, we will be taking part in Shakespeare week in English.

Year 6 have been learning about 'why did WWII begin?'. They learnt that Neville Chamberlain was a British Prime Minister who tried to prevent WWII and that Adolf Hitler built up the German armed forces to occupy land in Europe.



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	97%
Y2	98%
Y3	98%
Y4	98%
Y5	94%
Y6	97%

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

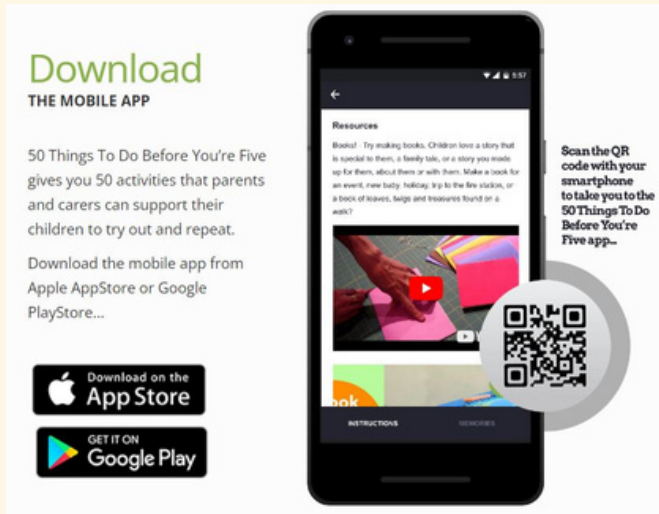
We use The Thrive Approach as a whole school strategy to promote positive mental health and wellbeing of which when this is present in children's lives it has been proven to improve their attendance, behaviour and attainment.

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



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

