

Friday 28th March 2025



Personal Development

Next week we will be holding our Easter Bonnet competition. A letter went home today explaining further.

We welcome bonnets created at home with family and children, however please make sure your child's creativity shines and it's not just adult work. For those children and families who are unable to make one at home (we understand you may be super busy and now always able to) classes will have an afternoon to create a bonnet in school.

Bonnets will be judged on Thursday after school and an Easter egg awarded to the winning bonnet in each class.

Diary Dates

Dates For The Calendar



Spring Term

31.03.25 Year 3 and 4 Spring singing performance 9.40am

04.04.25 Break up for Easter

22.04.25 Children back in school

23.04.25 Year 3 National Coal Mining Museum

24.04.25 Year 1 fieldtrip around the local area

06.05.25 Year 4 York Chocolate Story visit

12.05.25 - 15.05.25 year 6 SATs week

23.05.25 Year 5 and 6 first aid workshop

03.06.25 Year 6 Eden Camp

04.06.25 Year 3 Ancient Egyptian day

Sports Day and Summer Fair dates- to be announced

More dates and events will be added in due course.



Update from Miss Cartwright

Good afternoon,

We have had such a busy week with visits and visitors this week.

To start with we had a fantastic Greek Workshop for our wonderful Year 4 class. The children learned all about the Athenians and Spartans. At the end of the day they put on a fantastic performance for parents. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend.

Our superstar Reception class visited Delta Education Exchange or our first ever Concerteenies. The children learned songs and actions to an interactive play alongside other Delta reception classes.

Year 5 attended Magna on Thursday and, WOW, did they have a good time. The children consolidated learning from their science lessons and have fun exploring the museum. the class were so well-mannered and absolutely threw themselves into learning.

Finally, Mrs Keetley took some of our fab Year 6 children outside for a Thrive activity, with blankets and hot chocolate. Year 6 are working so hard at the minute with their SATs just around the corner- what a lovely session for a Friday.

Miss Cartwright



Early Years

Reception PE is now on a Tuesday.

This week, reception attended the Concerteenies concert at Education House. They have been working very hard to learn all the songs and actions and this shone through at the concert- well done everyone! The children have also been completing lots of activities linked to the book 'Blown Away'. We have made kites and boats and completed some focused writing linked to key events in the book. We are continuing to learn about the signs spring, and the different parts of a plant. We are looking forward to planting some sunflower seeds next and completing some Easter activities next week.

Mrs Pearson

Nursery

In nursery this week, we planted some beans in our garden. we innovated our text 'Maisy Grows a Garden' and came up with alliterated names- well done everyone! In Maths we looked at capacity and enjoyed experimenting with cereal in the home corner.

Mrs Richardson



Year 1

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

The children have fully immersed themselves during our Shakespeare Week for our next Talk 4 Writing unit. We learnt about why Shakespeare is famous, the new words he invented that we still use today and the different plays he wrote. Did you know Shakespeare made up blushing, gloomy and blushing? We then wrote our information texts about Shakespeare to share with the other year groups!

I have been so impressed with the children's learning in maths. We explored recognising and finding a quarter of a shape/object. We have then started to find a quarter of an amount. Whilst fractions can be a challenging unit, the whole class has been resilient mathematicians and have worked incredibly hard

In geography, we learnt about how the weather differs from the Arctic to the Desert areas. In our art lessons, we built upon our learning of mixing to paint thin and thick lines, in the style of Axel Scheffler. We then made a piece of art work with a 'secret message' using watercolour and wax crayons!

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.

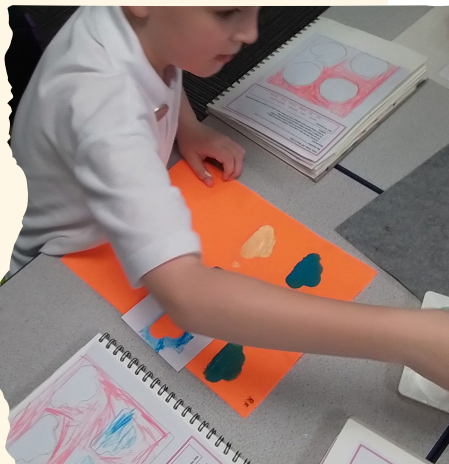
This week, Year 2 have been diving into the world of Romeo and Juliet as part of Shakespeare Week! The children have enjoyed exploring the story and learning about the famous characters.

In English, we've been busy writing our own information texts about animals, building on the magical creatures we met during our Fae Folk Talk4Writing unit.

In geography, we've wrapped up our learning about Mexico by becoming tour guides! The children created and presented guided tours of the country, making sure to describe both the physical and human features they've explored.

Over in art, we've begun creating colourful Mexican bunting. The children used stencils, sponges and paint to make beautiful repeating patterns, taking inspiration from Henri Matisse. Next week, we'll be adding sewing to the mix as we continue our creative journey! 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 continued learning about plants - we looked at the three different ways in which seeds can be dispersed - wind, water and animals. We then went outside to try and find a dandelion so that we could pretend to be wind and disperse the seeds.

Unfortunately we could not find a single dandelion, we looked so hard, however, I have set Year 3 the task to find one out of school to do the experiment we could not do. Fingers crossed we can find them outside of school. Let me know if you do Year 3!

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 has been a busy one for us in Year 4. We began the week by recreating the Ancient Greek Olympics in PE. We split into two teams: Athens and Sparta and we took part in some of the events which took place in the Ancient Olympics such as Javelin and running races.

Then, on Wednesday we consolidated our learning about the Ancient Greeks in a drama workshop with Altru Drama company. After a full day of drama activities and learning our lines, we performed our production to our parent audience, showcasing different elements of what life was like in Ancient Greece. Thank you to all the parents who could make it!

Miss Capper



Year 5

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

This week Year 5 were thrilled to visit Magna. It was an action-packed day that had us all falling asleep on the coach on the way home.

We started by exploring the Earth pavilion, where we learnt all about how pulleys work. Then, we watched the Big Melt show to learn how steel was made (back when Magna was a steel mill.) After that, we headed to our Forces workshop. We watched lots of demonstrations of how to make rockets and how forces cause objects to move. We had a quick lunch pit stop before more exploring of the Fire, Water and Air pavilions. We especially loved soaking each other in the water pavilion...Mrs Brain was the worst culprit!

The day was full of laughter and learning and we were exemplary in our behaviour.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Prout



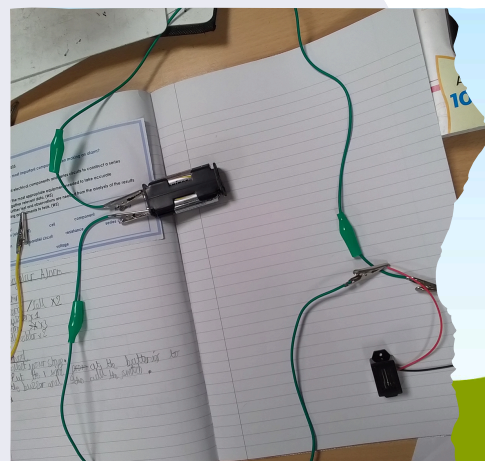
Year 6

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

This week the children have enjoyed planning and creating a burglar alarm in Science. The children have used knowledge of electrical components and series circuits to construct a series circuit. They evaluated their plan and identified when further test and observations are needed from the analysis of the results gathered, including amendments to tests.

It is Shakespeare Week this week and Year 6 have enjoyed learning the story, Macbeth. We have been learning about persuasive features to write our own persuasive letter in the perspective of Lady Macbeth. During our library time this week, Year 6 were eager to read more Shakespeare books.

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.

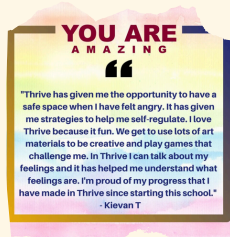
EYFS	96%
Y1	98%
Y2	96%
Y3	98%
Y4	97%
Y5	99%
Y6	95%

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.

Miss A Roberts

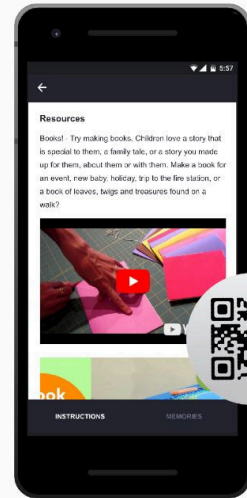
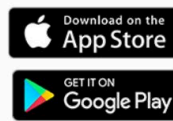


50 THINGS TO DO AT HOME

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.

Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore...



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

