

Date: Friday 11th July 2025

The Valley Newsletter

What a fantastic week it's been at school! We kicked things off with two brilliant Sports Days on Monday and Tuesday, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding participation from all our students. It was a joy to see everyone getting involved and cheering each other on.

We were also delighted to welcome our new Year 6 parents during our Coffee Morning and Coffee Afternoon events. It was a lovely opportunity to connect and begin building those important relationships as we look ahead to the next academic year.

Year 9 had a blast on their bowling trip, followed by a well-earned McDonald's lunch. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout - an absolute credit to the school.

On Wednesday, Mrs Pomeroy led our "Drop Everything and Read" session, creating a calm and focused atmosphere across the school as everyone paused to enjoy a good book.

We also marked the Year 6 into 7 National Transfer Day with great success. All year groups moved up a year for the day, and we were thrilled to welcome our new Year 6s into the fold as they continue their transition journey.

To round off the week, our Enterprise Group hosted a vibrant Summer Fayre on Friday afternoon. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit.

End of term arrangements

Monday 21st July Whole School Trip to Gulliver's Land, Packed Lunch Provided (Uniform)

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term (Non-School Uniform Day)

Non-School Uniform	
Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Registration and Breakfast
9:20 - 9:50	Assembly
9:55 – 11:00	Lessons 2 & 3 as normal
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 – 11:45	Lesson 4
11:45 – 12:00	Form Time
12:00 – 12:30	Pick up lunch
12:30 – 12:35	Form time
12:35 – 12:50	Departure



The first day back in September

The first day back **for staff** will be **Monday 1st September** as it is an **Inset Day**.

The **Year 7 Students ONLY** Tuesday 2nd September at 9:00am

All students Wednesday 3rd September at 9:00am

🏆 Sports Day 2025 – A Spectacular Two-Day Celebration of Team Spirit and Determination! 🏆

This year's Sports Day was nothing short of incredible! Over two action-packed days, students from all year groups showcased their enthusiasm, teamwork, and competitive spirit in a wide range of events from hurdles and javelin to dodgeball and archery.



Each student competed as part of their house team, demonstrating resilience, respect, and a fantastic attitude throughout. The event was filled with cheering, high fives, and plenty of memorable moments as students rotated through skill-based stations, relays or team games representing their houses with pride.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff involved in supporting and organising the event, as well as to our wonderful students whose energy and effort made the days so special.



After tallying the scores from both days... **we are thrilled to announce that the winning team was the Emerald Team – Elm House!** 🌿 🏆

Congratulations to Elm House for their outstanding performance and to all students for making Sports Day 2025 such a huge success!

We are already looking forward to next year!



Year 7 Take to the Skies with Science and Creativity!

As part of their exploration of air resistance in Science, our Year 7 students have been hard at work designing and building their very own kites! This hands-on project brought learning to life, combining scientific principles with creativity and teamwork.

Before construction began, each student carefully designed their kite, thinking about shape, size, and materials to ensure it would fly effectively. With a little help from staff, they then brought their designs to life by measuring, cutting and assembling their creations with impressive precision.

But the learning didn't stop at Science! Students also applied their maths skills to measure materials and calculate string lengths, and drew on their outdoor learning and pioneering skills to tie knots and construct sturdy frames.

The result? A sky full of colourful, student-made kites and a classroom full of proud, accomplished young scientists.



Year 9 Bowling trip – A striking success!

Our Year 9 students recently enjoyed a fantastic day out, walking together to the local bowling alley for a fun-filled morning of friendly competition, followed by a well-earned lunch at McDonald's. From start to finish, the atmosphere was full of excitement, laughter, and team spirit.

The walk to the venue set the tone for the day – students chatting, enjoying the fresh air, and showing great enthusiasm.



Once at the bowling alley, the fun really began! Strikes, spares, and plenty of cheering filled the lanes as everyone got involved and supported one another. It was wonderful to see such positive energy and teamwork throughout.

After the games, the group headed to McDonald's where they tucked into their meals and continued to enjoy each other's company. The behaviour of our Year 9s was exemplary all day – polite, respectful, and a real credit to the school.



Staff were incredibly proud of how well everyone got along and how positively they represented the school. It was a fantastic day out, full of smiles and shared memories. Well done, Year 9 – you made us proud!



Year 10 BTEC Art

Some of the current Year 9 students who have opted for Art next year had a taster lesson on Thursday where they were set the challenge of creating a piece of Art in only 25 minutes linked to the theme of 'Dreams'. There were some very imaginative and creative responses.



Clubs

DUE TO MRS CROSBY HAVING INJURED HER LEG THERE WILL BE NO PERFORMING ARTS CLUB FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

The activities are from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Parents/carers will need to collect students at 4:15pm from reception.

The clubs on offer are as follows:

Tuesday

Mr. Gomes - (All year groups) Football (max. 14)

Thursday











Miss Barber – (Years 7 & 8) Fitness (max. 14)

Mrs. Duffy – (All year groups) Art and Craft Club (max. 14)

Please note that the clubs have a maximum number of students and therefore requests for after-school club will be on a first come first served basis.

We will send out a list of the students who are attending a club for the following week as an attachment every Friday in our Newsletter email. If your child is not on this list but wishes to attend a club, please contact the school office. If your child is listed to attend a club and for any reason cannot attend, please let us know by contacting us.

After School Club: 3:15 – 4:15

 Monday	 Tuesday	 Wednesday	 Thursday	 Friday	 Information
	 Football Club Year 9, 10, 11 with Mr Gomes		 Fitness Club Year 7, 8 with Miss Barber		Football Outside (Muga) Fitness Outside / Fitness Suite
	 Cancelled with Mrs Crosby		 Arts + Crafts Club All Year Groups with Miss Duffy		Performing Arts Drama / Hall Arts + Crafts Art Room