
Date: Friday 28th November 2025

The Valley Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter from The Valley School!

First, a huge **thank you** to all our parents, carers, taxi drivers, and staff who stepped up brilliantly during the unexpected power failure earlier this week. With heating and toilets out of action, your support in ensuring students got home safely was nothing short of amazing. We truly appreciate your flexibility and teamwork.

We also had our **Autumn Review** with our County Advisor, who scrutinised all our practices. We're delighted to share that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive across all areas—a real testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the **School Trip to the Stevenage Pantomime on Tuesday, 9th December**, followed by our **Seasonal Celebration on Thursday, 11th December**. These events promise to bring plenty of joy and festive spirit to our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more updates soon!

Autumn Reading Challenge Reminder

This term we have been challenging students to read a range of books and texts by different authors in a range of genres. Students can collect a bingo sheet from their form tutor or from Mrs Pomeroy. Students will need to write the name of the book or similar where appropriate to evidence their reading.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 5th December to Mrs Pomeroy so we can celebrate the students before the end of the Autumn term.

Have fun everyone!



2025 Parent Governor

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Governing Body of The Valley School as one of our Governors. In its strategic role, the Governing Body enjoys a close working relationship with the SLT in this warm and welcoming learning environment and is involved in all aspects of school life.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and are interested in finding out more about our friendly team and how you can support our school community, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

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Celebrating Scarlett's Achievement!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from our school community. Scarlett has been recognised at Letchworth Amateur Swim Club, winning the prestigious Chairperson's Female Swimmer of the Year Award!

This award is given to a swimmer who demonstrates outstanding effort and determination, and Scarlett truly embodies these qualities. Her commitment and perseverance in the pool have been inspiring, and we are so proud of her achievement.

Congratulations, Scarlett! Your hard work and positive attitude are a credit to you and to The Valley School.



Coral Science

Continuing our work on The Senses, students in Coral worked to understand that the nose is lined with nerves sensitive to chemicals in the air. This topic provided a fun exploration as students identified smells they liked and disliked.



Year 7 Trip to The Tring Museum

Year 7 visited Tring this week to explore the wonders of nature at the museum! We had a day filled with discovery, learning, and curiosity and came back to school linking what we have learnt to our science lessons on different habitats and the adaptations of the animals who live in them.



Miami's Outstanding Performance at The Herts Arts Award

On Tuesday evening at Nobel School, Miami delivered an *outstanding solo performance* of "I Know Where I Have Been" as part of the Herts Arts Award. Her talent and confidence on stage were truly remarkable.

Not only did Miami impress with her solo, but she also demonstrated incredible teamwork and support for her friends and peers throughout the show.

Well done, Miami – we are so proud of you!



Immy Triumphs at Regional Trampoline Competition!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news from the world of school sports. Last weekend, Immy represented The Valley School at the BSGA East Anglian Schools' Trampoline Competition and delivered an outstanding performance, securing first place in her category!

This incredible achievement means Immy has qualified for the next round of the competition, which will take place in Cardiff on 25th January 2026. We are immensely proud of her dedication, skill, and determination, and we know she will continue to shine as she moves forward to the national stage.

Please join us in congratulating Immy on this remarkable success and wishing her the very best of luck for the upcoming event in Cardiff!



KS4 Dodgeball

On 27th November, a selection of KS4 students represented The Valley School at an inter-school Dodgeball Competition hosted by St Luke's School. The tournament featured four schools: St Luke's, Brandles, Pinewood, and The Valley.

The format saw each team play one another twice, ensuring plenty of competitive action throughout the morning. Our students put in a series of strong and committed performances, showing excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship across all matches.

We recorded clear and convincing wins against St Luke's, and Pinewood, demonstrating great progress and consistency. However, despite some very close and hard-fought games, we were not quite strong enough to overcome Brandles in the decisive matches, which ultimately placed them 1st overall, with The Valley finishing a very respectable 2nd place.

The team should be extremely proud of their efforts, attitude and performance throughout the tournament. They represented the school brilliantly and showed real growth in skill and confidence.

Well done to all involved — an excellent morning of competitive sport!



Parent Support Workshops

The workshops have been progressing very well, and we have received highly positive feedback from parents and carers. Many have shared how valuable it is to connect with others who are experiencing similar situations, noting that it helps them feel less isolated.

These sessions are helping families feel more supported and understood, while also providing practical strategies they can confidently apply at home.

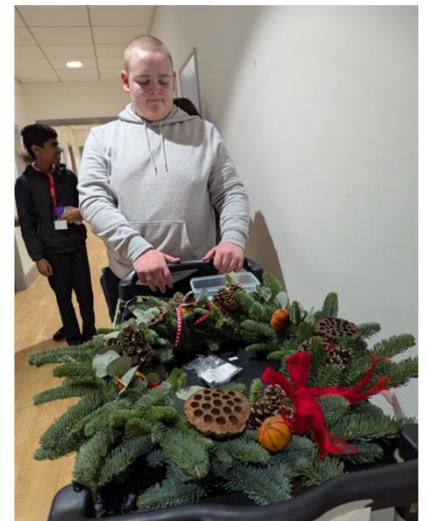
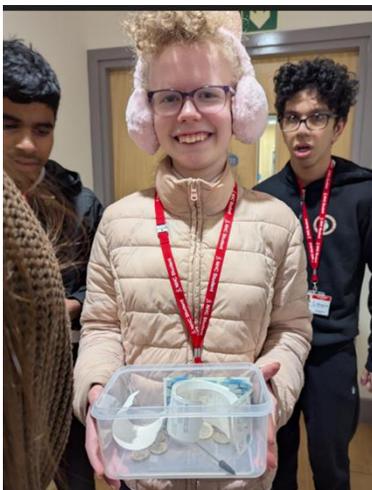
Next week's workshop will focus on *Behaviours of Concern*.

To reserve your place, please use the link below:

Date	Workshop	Link
Thursday 4 th December 2025	Behaviours of Concern Understand the reasons behind behaviours and learn strategies to support your child.	Click here to reserve a space on the SEND MHST: Behaviours of Concern Workshop Sign up by 3 rd Dec
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Understanding emotions Understand emotion regulation and learn strategies to support children's emotional wellbeing.	Click here to reserve a space on the SEND MHST: Understanding Emotions workshop Sign up by 10 th Dec
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Christmas holidays To help families prepare for the Christmas break and manage changes in routine positively.	Click here to reserve a space on the SEND MHST: Christmas Holidays workshop Sign up by 17 th Dec

Support For Charity

During this week's visit to North Herts College students began festive preparations selling raffle tickets for this stunning Christmas wreath. Each student had a role in this venture, and all together made a whopping £67. This money will go to the college's charity Motor Neuron Disease.



Year 9 Visits to Junction 7 Creatives

Over the last three weeks each Year 9 class has had the opportunity to visit Junction 7 Creatives in Stevenage town centre. Students were able to view the current exhibition by local artist Sinatra Ahmed-Zantout and then each class created their own pieces. Some of the students chose to leave their artwork with John at Junction 7 and it was fantastic to see some of this art on display when we returned. All the students were fantastic ambassadors for The Valley and really enjoyed the experience.

Please follow the link below to find out more about Junction 7 and what they offer:

[Home-Junction 7 Creatives C.I.C.](#)



Dick Whittington - Tuesday 9 December

We are delighted to inform you that we are offering all students the opportunity to see the pantomime 'Dick Whittington and His Cat' at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage on Tuesday 9 December. Students will be driven to the theatre after registration to see a mid-morning performance. This will take place during the normal school day and students will therefore be able to go home on their



transport at the usual time. If your child comes to and from school independently, i.e. **not** on county transport, we are asking that they **arrive at the Leisure Centre car park at 9:30am**, rather than at school. A letter has been sent out about this so please respond as requested to enable your child to attend this fantastic event!

Seasonal Celebration

Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to give permission for their child to participate in the above event. Please note that tickets in the hall are limited and must be applied for using the link within the letter. We are also planning to relay the performances to another space within the school so more people are able to experience the show.



If you would like your child to stay through from the end of school to the start of the concert please ensure you have emailed the admin team to request this and cancelled you child's transport for the journey home.

The students have been rehearsing hard, the audience are in for a real treat!

After School Clubs This Term

The activities start at 3.15pm and go on until 4.15pm. Parents will need to collect students at 4.15pm from reception.

The clubs on offer are as follows:

Tuesday

Sports Club (max. 14)

Performing Arts Club (max. 30)

Thursday

Art and Craft Club (max. 15)

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays is attached to this newsletter. If your child is on this list, then it means that we have received your permission and that arrangements regarding transport home for your child have been agreed with you. If this is not the case, you need to contact admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk so we can address any anomalies well before the evening.

Students will not be able to join a club after this list has been published until the following week as organising transport and supervision is too complex to do well with very short notice. Thank you for your support with this.