

Date: Friday 6th March 2026

The Valley Newsletter

Important Dates Coming Up...

Week: 9th – 13th March 2026
<u>Tuesday 10th March</u> Yr8 Coffee Morning 9:30-10:30
<u>Wednesday 11th March</u> Mill Green Museum Trip-Maroon Class
<u>Thursday 12th March</u> KS4 Football at The Valley Yr11 College KS3 Swimming
UPCOMING EVENTS
<u>Wednesday 18th March</u> Cadbury's World Trip- Yr8 Cinema Trip- Maroon & Coral Classes
<u>Thursday 19th March</u> Stevenage Library Centenary Celebration- Artist Workshop- BTEC Yr10 Yr11 Students

It has been another vibrant and engaging week here at The Valley School. Our students and staff embraced the joy of reading as we celebrated World Book Day, with a wonderful array of costumes representing much-loved characters and stories. A huge thank you to Mrs Holop for organising such a fantastic event and delivering an inspiring assembly that captured the spirit of the day.

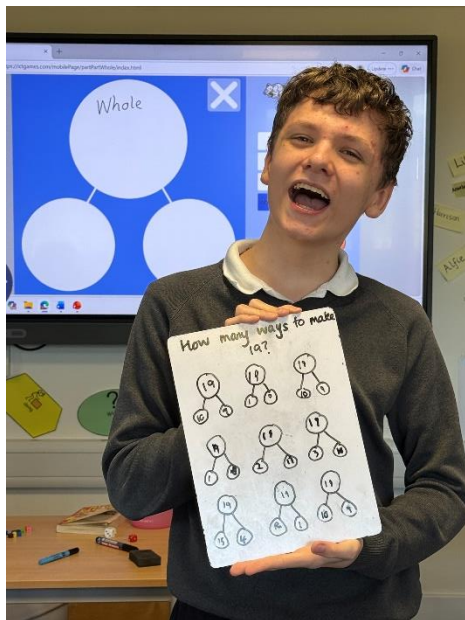
We have also welcomed several prospective parents into school this week. Each one commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere across our classrooms and the strong, positive relationships between staff and students—something we are always incredibly proud of.

On Monday, we were delighted to host our Local Authority School Effectiveness Advisor, who carried out Learning Walks across the school. His feedback was extremely positive, recognising that teaching and learning remain consistently strong throughout all areas and that our students are making excellent progress.

It has been a week a really good week! —thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Getting to know our numbers

Sky class worked on *really* getting to know all about how numbers work, by partitioning them. This meant we looked at the whole number in the big circle and thought of all the different ways we could make that target number, by breaking it into parts. The students could use blocks to visually support their calculations. This will help us when we start using these facts to solve our sums! Some students are beginning to use our 'Part-Whole' models to look more closely at the value of hundreds, tens and ones in numerals.





Maroon Class visited a local supermarket

This week, Maroon Class visited a local supermarket to use their World Book Day tokens to choose a new book. Students selected a title that interested them and then used the self-checkout to 'pay' for their book. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to practise real-life skills and build their independence.



Girls' Sporting Competition Cancellations

Unfortunately, the last two girls' sporting competitions have had to be cancelled as other SEN schools within Hertfordshire have been unable to provide teams.

As a school, we have remained in regular contact with these schools and are exploring alternative ways to work together so that we can reschedule these events and ensure they still take place.

At The Valley School, we strive to provide equal opportunities for all students. We are passionate about ensuring that our young female athletes are given the chance to participate in inter-school competitions and represent the school in sport.



After-School Clubs

After-school 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

KS4 Trampolining Club (max. 14)

Performing Arts Club (max. 30)

Thursday

Art and Craft Club (max. 14)

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be sent as a separate email 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.