

Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## The Valley Newsletter

# Important Dates Coming Up...

<b>Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>
<u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</u> Trip- World Sing up Day- Selected KS3 & KS4 Students
<u>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</u> Shopping Trip to Asda/Sainsbury's- Maroon Class Shopping trip to M&S- Yr7 Violet Police Cadets Workshop- Sky & Yellow Class
<u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u> KS3 Football at The Valley School Yr7,8,9,10 Electives in the afternoon Yr11 College KS3 Swimming
<u>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u> End of term- Finish at 12:35
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>
<u>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</u> Police Cadets Workshop- Sky & Yellow Class
<u>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</u> 5-6pm KS4 Curriculum Information Evening- Parents & Carers of Yr9 & Yr10 are warmly invited to attend

It has been another vibrant and enriching week at The Valley School, filled with hands-on learning and exciting opportunities for our students.

Our Year 8 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Cadbury World, where they brought their topic of *Chocolate* to life. From exploring the history of cocoa to seeing how chocolate is made, the visit added real-world depth and delicious fun to their classroom learning.

Orange, Maroon and Coral Classes also had a wonderful visit to the cinema to watch *Babe*. The experience sparked lots of discussion and smiles, and it was lovely to see the students enjoying the magic of film together.

In addition, all students have taken part in the Great British Clean Up, heading into the woods behind the school to help collect litter and take care of our local environment. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved and doing their bit for the community. A big thank you to Ms Flynn for organising and coordinating the event.

As we approach the end of term, please take a moment to review the arrangements for next Friday, which are detailed below. Your support helps ensure a smooth and positive end to a very busy term.

### End of term arrangements

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term

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



**Monday 13th April – Inset Day**

**Tuesday 14th April at 9:00am - The first day back for students and staff**

### **A Special Easter Thank You**

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. A very generous parent of one of our students has anonymously donated an Easter Egg for *every single student* at The Valley School. This is an incredibly thoughtful gesture.

On behalf of all staff and students, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for this act of kindness. It reflects the caring and supportive community spirit that makes our school such a special place.

If, for any reason, *you would prefer that your child does not receive an Easter Egg*, please let their form tutor know as soon as possible, and we will ensure your wishes are respected.

Thank you once again to our generous donor, and we wish all our families a happy and restful Easter season.



### **Senior Girls Basketball Success at St Luke's**

Our senior girls' basketball team recently represented The Valley School at a competitive tournament hosted by St Luke's School in St Albans, alongside teams from St Luke's, Collett, and Pinewood.

The girls delivered an outstanding performance throughout the competition, winning all their group games in a dominant and confident manner. Their success was built on excellent teamwork, with high-quality ball movement, strong rebounding, and effective marking making them a difficult team to play against.

Progressing to the final, the team maintained their high standards and composure to secure a well-deserved victory, finishing as tournament champions.

What made this achievement even more special was the way the girls conducted themselves off the court. They demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and respect, supporting referees during challenging decisions and engaging positively with students from other schools during downtime.

We are incredibly proud of their performance, attitude, and the way they represented The Valley School. A fantastic achievement—well done to all involved!



### **Key stage 4 Information evening**

Parents and carers of **Year 9 and Year 10** students are warmly invited to our Key Stage 4 Information Evening on **Wednesday 30th April**, from **5:00–6:00pm** at **The Valley School**.

This event will provide important information about the Key Stage 4 curriculum and how we can support students through this next stage of their learning. More information to follow.



### **Year 9 coffee morning**

The Year 9 coffee morning is currently being organised, and a survey has been sent this week to all Year 9 parents and carers. This event, which will take place after the Easter half term, is an important opportunity for the school to work in partnership with families, strengthening communication and supporting our students' success together.

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation and valuable input in helping us plan this event.



### **Visit to Cineworld**

Year 7 and Coral class enjoyed a wonderful visit to Cineworld in Stevenage this week. We made the most of the lovely sunshine by walking there and back, which added to the fun of the day. Everyone had a great time, and the trip was a fantastic experience for all involved.



### **Police Cadets**

We are pleased to share that this week's Year 9 workshop was a great success. The Police Cadet Programme, led by PCSO Neil, has now begun with a small group of Year 9 students taking part. Students were highly engaged and participated actively in the interactive session, which focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and awareness of key safety issues.

Throughout the programme, students will explore important topics such as online safety, bullying, road safety, anti-social behaviour, and the risks associated with harmful substances. Through group discussions and practical activities, they will develop their understanding, critical thinking, and ability to make positive, responsible choices.

Workshops will run for the rest of the academic year, with each form group taking part in turn, helping students make safe and informed decisions both in school and in the wider community.



## Year 10 and 11 BTEC Art

Year 10 and 11 BTEC Art students visited the local library, where they took part in an exciting abstract art workshop led by a professional artist. During the session, students explored different techniques and materials, including paint, pens, pencils, crayons, and paper.

Working together on a shared piece of paper, students moved around the workspace, building on each other's ideas and combining their work to create a truly collective piece of abstract art. The final artwork will be displayed on the library wall as part of the celebrations marking 100 years of library service, showcasing both the students' creativity and their contribution to the local community.



## Our trip to Cadbury World with Year 8

Cadbury World with Year 8 was truly one of the highlights of the year so far. The students were exceptionally well behaved throughout the day, listening carefully and representing the school brilliantly at all times. They approached every activity with enthusiasm and maturity, making them an absolute pleasure to take out. Even when our coach broke down at the end of the trip, they handled the situation calmly and sensibly, showing real resilience and patience. We were incredibly impressed with them all and couldn't have asked for a better group to share such a fantastic day with.



## Super Star Sport Holiday Camp – Easter 2026

We're delighted to share details of an exciting opportunity for children in our community this Easter.

Kerem Bektas and the Super Star Sport team will be running a **local holiday multi-activity sports camp** at **Roebuck Academy, Stevenage**. The camp is designed to give children a fun, active and engaging holiday experience, offering a wide range of sports, games, and team activities in a safe and supportive environment. The camp is open to **children aged 3–12**, with sessions focused on helping young people stay active, build confidence, make friends, and most importantly—have lots of fun!



## Camp Details

- **Location:** Roebuck Academy, Stevenage
- **Week 1:** 30th March – 2nd April
- **Week 2:** 7th – 10th April
- **Ages:** 3–12 years
- **Booking**

### Link:

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/super-star-sport-north-herts-bedford-roebuck-easter-multi-activity-sports-camp-2026-stevenage-fe3cd6f3-bf5b-4e91-9903-23eb8fdbd443>

A flyer with full information is attached for families who would like to learn more or secure a place.

## Immy Shines at National Schools Trampoline Finals

We are incredibly pleased to share that **Immy achieved an outstanding fourth place** at the *National Schools Trampoline Finals* held at the **Derby Arena** last weekend. This prestigious event brought together top young trampolinists from across the country, with this year's finals taking place on **Saturday 14th March 2026** at Derby Arena.

Finishing fourth at a national-level competition is a remarkable accomplishment and reflects both her talent and her commitment to the sport.

Everyone at The Valley School is immensely proud of Immy's performance and the way she represented our school on such a significant stage.

Well done Immy!



## 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 will change after Easter which means that students will have to sign up again. We will be trialing a new online system for signing up using the Arbor App.**



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](mailto: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.