

Date: Friday 17th April 2026

The Valley Newsletter

Important Dates Coming Up...

Week: 20th – 24th April 2026
<p><u>Wednesday 22nd April</u> Police Cadets Workshop- Sky & Yellow Class</p> <p><u>Thursday 23rd April</u> KS3 Swimming Yr11 College</p> <p>Girls Tag Rugby Tournament at The Valley School Yr7 Reports sent out to Parents/Carers</p> <p><u>Friday 24th April</u> Services for Young People Pop Up at The Valley School</p>
UPCOMING EVENTS
<p><u>Monday 27th April</u> Police Cadets workshop Yr9</p> <p><u>Tuesday 28th April</u> Student MHST workshop at The Valley School</p> <p><u>Wednesday 29th April</u> Police Cadets Workshop Sky/Yellow Class</p> <p><u>Thursday 30th April</u> 5-6pm KS4 Curriculum Information Evening- Parents & Carers of Yr9 & Yr10 are warmly invited to attend</p> <p>Senior Football Tournament at The Valley School Yr9, 10 & 11</p>

Welcome back to the summer term and to the first newsletter since the Easter holidays. It has been a real pleasure to see students return refreshed and ready to learn, throwing themselves into their lessons with enthusiasm and focus from the very first day.

Our Year 11 students have already sat some of their examinations and have approached these with impressive maturity and determination — a credit to themselves and the staff who continue to support them so well. We are also very much looking forward to our whole-school production of *Annie*, which will take place towards the end of the term and promises to be a highlight of the year.

Alongside this, there is plenty to be excited about in sport, with both boys' and girls' tournaments taking place over the coming weeks. Please also keep an eye out for further details about our upcoming Sports Day, where we will hope to engage as many students as possible.

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 **Thursday 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. A letter will be sent to all families, which will include a link to confirm attendance.



Year 9 Coffee morning

Thank you to year 9 parents/carers for your responses regarding the coffee morning. We greatly value the feedback received, as it plays an important role in shaping opportunities that best support our school community. We are pleased to confirm that the Year 9 coffee morning will take place on Thursday 21st May at 9.30am-10.30am. A letter and sign-up form have been sent to year 9 parents/carers. Kindly confirm attendance by **8th May**. We appreciate your time and engagement and look forward to working collaboratively with you.



Spring clean

As we move further into the spring term, the changing season is evident, with flowers blooming and trees beginning to grow. Following the Easter break, we have also noticed that many of our students have had a growth spurt during this time.

Parents and carers may wish to consider donating any school uniform, shoes, or trainers that are no longer needed due to children outgrowing them. We recognise that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties, and access to spare uniform can support students' comfort, confidence, and overall presentation at school. Any contributions would be greatly valued and can make a meaningful difference within our school community.



Families may also find it helpful to visit the And Again Clothing charity shop in Stevenage, which offers a range of affordable second-hand school uniform.

And Again Clothing

19 Market Pl, Stevenage SG1 1DH

They are open 9.30-5, Wed-Sat and 11-3 on Sundays.

Swiss Ball Regulation Sessions

In Coral Class, we have introduced a dynamic new way to prepare for our afternoon learning: Swiss Ball Regulation Sessions.

Before the first afternoon lesson begins, students take part in a structured exercise sequence designed to help them regulate their energy. We start with high-impact "up-regulation" such as rhythmic bouncing and core-strengthening moves.

We then transition into calming "down-regulation" exercises, using slow movements and controlled breathing. This transition from high energy to quiet focus ensures that students are calm, alert, and ready to engage with their afternoon lessons.



Molly recently spent time at North Hertfordshire College where she explored a captivating new exhibition. It's wonderful to see our students engaging in local culture and higher education spaces. Well done Molly



Trampolining Success for Immy!

Congratulations go to Immy, who has achieved a Bronze Medal in the English Qualifier 1 for trampolining – a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to her hard work, commitment and resilience. Competing at this level is a significant achievement,

Well done Immy on this brilliant result – we look forward to seeing what you achieve next and wish you every success in future competitions!

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

KS3 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.

