

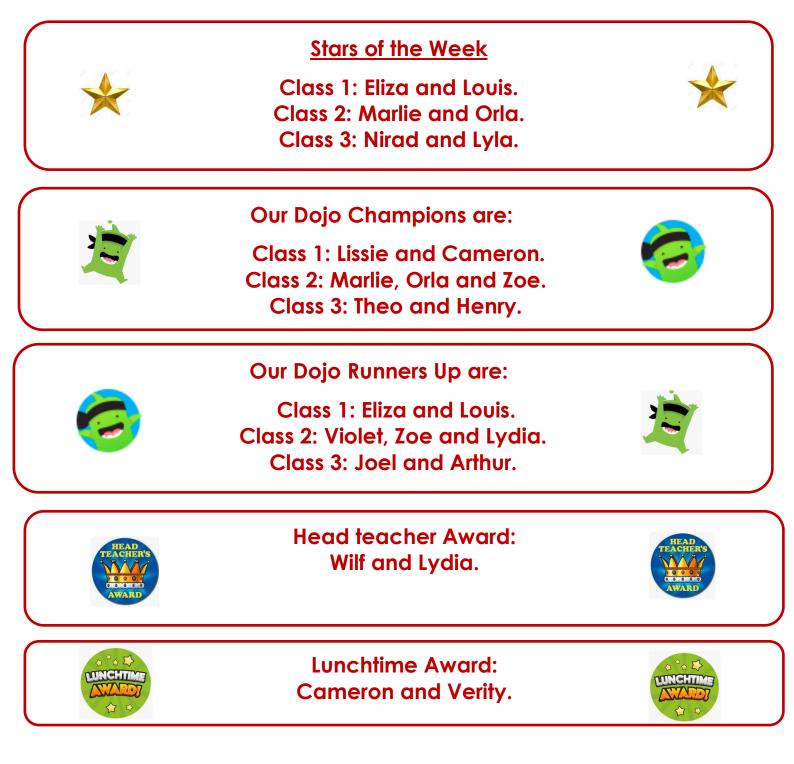


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Friday 22nd November 2024.

Our Weekly Winners!

Here are the names of our shiny stars, crowned winners in our celebration assembly before the half term break. Well done to you all!









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Attendance

Geraldine the Giraffe is always looking for a classroom to rest in. As an incentive towards our attendance in school, the class who has the highest percentage fortnightly will have Geraldine spend two weeks with them.

Our winning class this week is Class 2 - well done!

Our Children's Safety.

Unfortunately, we are getting a lot of families dropping off/picking up their children just outside the gates, at the start and end of the school day. As well as this, we are experiencing cars being left unattended, making it impossible for residents to access and drive down School Drive.

The safety of our children is paramount and this poses a danger to our children and families.

Please find a suitable parking space and walk your child up School Drive or use the access on Riverside to enter school through the bottom gate.



<u>Lateness.</u>

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.







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Keeping in touch.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact the class teacher directly using our class email address, we will aim to respond during school working hours; our class email addresses are:

valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Staffordshire Primary Admissions.

Please share that admissions for primary school starting in September 2025 is now open. Please share and the link below:

https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/.../Apply/Overview.aspx









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Children in Need 2024.

On Friday, we completed a 3km walk around school in aid of Children in Need. All of our children persevered and were determined to see it through. It was lovely to see the older children encourage the younger ones and to see them all work as a team. Thank you to our wonderful School Council for leading us in the challenge and many, many thanks to our amazing families for supporting with donations. We raised a **HUGE £1078.70**. How incredible is that! We cannot even put in to words how proud we are of our school. Thank you so much!!





Maths Parent Workshops.

A huge thank you to parents who were able to join Class 1 and Class 2 for the Maths Workshop this week. It is the turn of Class 3 on **Tuesday 26th November** between 9.30am-10.30am and we would really appreciate your attendance, if you are able.

Many thanks for your continued support.









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PTFA Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December 2024, 3pm.

May we remind you about our upcoming Christmas Fair and thank you in advance for the donations into school. We continue to ask for some donations over the next couple of weeks:

Friday 29th November – On this date, the PTFA are asking please for donations of jam jars filled with mini gifts (stationary, small toys, bouncy balls, anything you may have around the house that you no longer require). These will be then sold on as gifts at the fair.

Friday 6th December – Donations of cakes and biscuits.

We will of course require even just the smallest amount of support on the day and ask that if you are able to man a stall, please contact Mrs Bould.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 – 3.30pm at school. Please join us if you are able!









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Anti-Bullying Week.

Our children took part in sessions within school outlining the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect. As part of this, we invited children to wear their craziest, mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us unique! Well done to you all!











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Christmas Toy Run.

The Valley are supporting this year's Christmas Toy Run. Any donations are warmly received.

CHRISTMAS Done with the help of Cheadle Lions, EqualBase & St. Giles the Abbot Church , WHAT? Please donate NEW ONLY unwrapped presents for children of all ages so everyone gets something for Christmas. WHERE? Drop off points at these primary schools Bishop Rawle, St. Werburgh's, The Valley Great Wood, Dilhorne Primary, St. Thomas' Cheadle Primary Also St. Giles the Abbot Church WHEN? Donations needed before 6th December 2024 If you have donations after this date Please contact: Councillor Phillip Routledge: 07722 472233 Councillor Zenobia Routledge: 07853 918810







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Diary Dates

<u>Autumn 2</u>

November

26.11.24 - 9.30-10.30am Class 3 Maths Workshop for Parents - see information above.

29.11.24 – Non-uniform day – Donations of filled jam jars.

December

- 06.12.24 Non-uniform day Donations of cakes and biscuits.
- 06.12.24 PTFA Christmas Fair.
- 10.12.24 Cinderella Pantomime @ Derby Pride Arena.
- 11.12.24 Christmas Dinner Day.
- 12.12.24 Dog Trust Workshops.

13.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Themed Dress Down Day - Save the Children.

- 13.12.24 Christmas Service 9.30am in church.
- 13.12.24 Reports out.
- 13.12.24 All Nativity costumes in school.
- 16.12.24 Nativity Dress Rehearsal.
- 16.12.24 Choir singing at Oakamoor Village Hall.
- 18.12.24 Nativity 2pm and 6pm.
- 19.12.24 Christmas Party Day.
- 20.12.24 Break up for Christmas.

Spring Term 1

January

- 06.01.25 INSET Day for staff.
- 07.01.25 School opens for pupils.
- 15.01.25 Young Voices in Birmingham Choir Event.
- 22.01.25 Parent's Evening 3.30-5pm.
- 23.01.25 Y5/6 A League Netball.
- 27.01.25 Computing Day.
- 28.01.25 Year 1/2 Multi-Skills @ The Cheadle Academy.
- 30.01.25 Y5/6 A League Netball.

February

- 05.02.25 NSPCC Number Day TT Rockstars/Numberblocks Dress Up.
- 06.02.25 Y5/6 A League Netball.
- 07.02.25 Academy Photography.
- 10.02.25 Y3/4 Swimming Gala TBC
- 14.02.25 Launch Wider Curriculum Reading Challenge (Humanities).
- 14.02.25 Break up for half term.







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Spring 2

February

24.02.25 – Back to school.

27.02.25 - Y3/4 Netball Development @ South Moorlands Leisure Centre.

March

- 04.03.25 Y5/6 Cross Country.
- 10.03.25 14.03.25 British Science Week.
- 11.03.25 Y5/6 Cross Country.
- 12.03.25 Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition.
- 13.03.25 KS2 Dance Festival.
- 14.03.25 Comic Relief.
- 19.03.25 Y5/6 Football Tournament.
- 26.03.25 Y3/4 Football Tournament.
- 27.03.25 Y5 Maths Quiz @ The Cheadle Academy.

April

- 11.04.25 Archery Event.
- 11.04.25 Break up for Easter.

