



# Autumn Term 2, Week 7 News

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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Dear Families,

## **What a wonderful term!**

The autumn term has been filled with lots of learning, fantastic opportunities and lots of fun! As you all know, children's rights, our VPS values and the five ways to wellbeing underpin all aspects of school life at Valewood. Let's see how these have been exemplified this half term!

## **Keep Learning - First Aid**

Our Year 5s and 6s (thanks to the PTA) now know how to save lives! Check out our Instagram for action photos!

## **Valuing Personal Strength – Reception Nativity and Talent Show**

Our Reception class have shown what wonderful, singers, dancers and performers they are with their fantastic nativity production. It was a privilege to not only watch the children having so much fun, but a joy to watch a room full of proud faces (yes, mums, dads, and families I mean you!). A big thank you to Team Reception who have made the first term at Valewood for the youngest members of the VPS family such a special one.

VPS has certainly got talent! Our final day of the term was simply sensational the children's performances were outstanding. A huge congratulations to our winners and a big well done to everyone who showcased their talents and took to the stage!

## **Take Notice – Panto trip**

The children thoroughly enjoyed the panto and they represented Valewood by modelling the Valewood values impeccably. Staff at the Oak Theatre, Scarisbrick Hall commented on how well behaved and how friendly our pupils were. Thanks go (again) to our wonderful PTA for their contribution towards the trip and for organising all the children's treats.

## **Give - Needs and Wants**

Everyone has exceeded our expectations this month with their generosity for our local community through the Needs and Wants Campaign. Every child has the right to an adequate standard of living and supporting those in our community to are less fortunate than us is something we should all be very proud of.

## **Give - Christmas Fair**

Over £1000 has been raised through our Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone contributed and attended the fair, your support is greatly appreciated. A huge thank you goes to all the PTA and volunteers who make events like the fair such as success.

## **Connect – Carols concerts**

Our talented singers showcased their voices through two inspiring Christmas carol concerts. The first took place with our fellow MVLTS schools at Chesterfield where the final song was sung by every child in the room! It was lovely to take part in a MVLTS event and really feel part of our trust community, where every child's achievements were celebrated.

Our second event took place at Valewood where our Infant and Junior choirs joined forces for a celebration of everything Christmas! Community is so important and it was lovely to see so many friendly faces enjoying the children's beautiful singing.

## **Connect - Book and a Brew**

The autumn term's Book and a Brew was well attended and families enjoyed spending time reading with their children. Our next session is taking place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and booking will be available from 7:00pm on 26.01.26. If you attended the first event please do not book on this time so we can ensure all families have the opportunity to attend this school year. A further session will take place in the summer term too.

## **Keep active - Santa Dash**

Our annual Santa Dash took place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. It was lovely to see the whole school come together being active and bringing lots of festive cheer. Thank you, Santa for the chocolate treats!

**I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. I cannot wait to see what the children will achieve in 2026!**

Best wishes,  
Mrs Parr

**Attendance Data: Whole School Target 97%****Last Week- School:**

	Attendance	No. of late marks
Reception	93.3%	2
Team 1	95.6%	1
Team 2	91.1%	7
Team 3	92.9%	4
Team 4	93.7%	4
Team 5	93.7%	0 (least lates)
Team 6	88.9%	2

**Attendance Cup Goes to...**

Autumn Term 2, Week 1: Team 6  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 2: Team 3  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 3: Team 5  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 4: Team 3  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 5: Team 1  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 6: Team 2  
 Autumn Term 2, Week 7: Team 1

**Safeguarding - School security**

As I am sure you are all aware we have improved the security around our school premises. Our new gate is now up and running. During school hours all you need to do is press the buzzer on the outside panel and the office will grant you access. When the green light flashes just push the gate and it will open. To exit you will need to press the green button on the fence next to the Rights Respecting Schools banner.

For Breakfast Club or After School club you will need to press the relevant buzzer and again when the green light flashes, push the gate.

For pick up from clubs, the gate will be unlocked just before the end of the club so families can access the designated area for club collection. You will not need to buzz during this time.

**TERM DATES for 2025-2026 are on our website and below...**

***Please be advised that holidays in term time will not be authorised.***

**OUR SCHOOL DAY IS FROM 8.40am to 3.15pm**

**SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2025 – 2026**

**INSET Days:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

	<b>AUTUMN TERM 2025</b>	<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>
<b><u>Term commences</u></b>	Wednesday 3 September	Monday 5 January	Monday 13 April
<b>Mid-Term Holiday</b>	Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October	Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	Monday 25 May to Tuesday 2 June
<b><u>Term Ends</u></b>	Friday 19 December	Friday 27 March	Thursday 16 July

## Important Dates (\*subject to change)

19 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas Holidays – 1.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	After School Club is closed
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to School for Spring Term 1
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Book & Brew (session 1) 9 - 10am
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Book & Brew (session 2) 10 - 11am
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Return for Spring 2
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Walk & Wheel – 2 weeks
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Last After School Club session
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter Holidays 1.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> March	After School Club is closed
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return for Summer 1
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 residential trip to CHET
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return for Summer 2
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Forest School Book & Brew 9 - 10am
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Last After School Club session
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for Summer Holidays 1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	After School Club is closed
17 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend