

Dear Families,

There has been a buzz of excitement surrounding Valewood over the last few weeks. The sun has been shining and the children have been thriving in their learning. Forest School sessions are underway in our school forest, and at Ainsdale, and children have been representing Valewood in our community impeccably.

### Trust Council

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Valewood's pupil voice representatives, Miss Chapman and I ventured off to the Lake House for the next MVL Trust Council event. It was another wonderful experience. Our children were confident, articulate and enthusiastic. They shared their ideas with pupils across our MVL schools and demonstrated our Valewood values. Valewood have teamed up with Waterloo Primary School and will be working collaboratively over the next year on an enrichment project that all children from across our trust will participate in. It's going to be amazing!

### David Attenborough Day

Today we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough. The children worked together on a nature scavenger hunt and then used all the natural materials to create a whole school birthday card. Check out our Instagram to see our creation.

### SATs

Next week our Year 6s will embark on their assessments. They have been working so hard over the last year and we wish them the best of luck. Mr Burns, Mrs O'Hara, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Stoddart have had nothing but praise for their attitude to learning and are so proud of every member of Team 6.

Go Team 6! You've got this! 😊

### Football

Opportunities to represent Valewood in sporting events continues to be a strength of our school. Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 have attended football tournaments over the last two weeks and yesterday our girls' football team were victorious in their latest competition. A big shout out has to go to Mr Hutson who organises and attends all these events with our pupils.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and fingers crossed the sun continues to shine.

Best wishes,

Mrs Parr

### Safeguarding – Keeping safe online

This week is focusing on the Marvel Rivals game. See dojo for the parent guide.



### UNCRC Article 17: Every child has the right to reliable information.

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**Date for your diary...**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**Stay and Play at**  
**Valewood – Forest**  
**School theme**

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

	Attendance	No. of late marks
Reception	96.6	1
Team 1	96.8	1
Team 2	92.9	2
Team 3	97.2	4
Team 4	98.8	2
Team 5	99.2	0 (least lates)
Team 6	98.9	2

**Attendance Cup Goes to...**

Summer Term 1, Week 1: Team 4  
 Summer Term 1, Week 2: Team 1  
 Summer Term 1, Week 3: Team 3  
 Summer Term 1, Week 4: Team 5  
 Summer Term 1, Week 5: Team  
 Summer Term 1, Week 6: Team

**Attendance & Punctuality – WE CANNOT TEACH AN EMPTY SEAT!**

Attendance is an important part of all of our work and as Duty Bearers we all have a responsibility to ensure our children receive their right to their education. We have a designated attendance team (Mrs Harding, Miss Chapman and me (Mrs Parr) who undertake weekly analysis of attendance data, looking for trends, supporting where attendance is falling and celebrating improving attendance. Attendance is also a priority within our trust (MVL) and we are always looking for ways to support each other to improve attendance. Last week we received another positive email from Mr Lindley (Director of Education) celebrating all the successes we are having in improving attendance, so a big “Thank you” goes to our families too. Let’s keep working together to ensure our children make the best possible start in life.

**N.B. School gates open at 8.35am; children are expected in class at 8.40am and gates are locked at 8.45am. Please follow the one-way system.**

Please be aware that school staff can conduct a home visit if school is not able to contact parents/carers on a day when your child is absent from school/school has had no notification as to a child’s absence so please ensure your contact details are up to date on Arbor.

**Holidays in Term Time**

Holidays in term time will not be authorised. If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time a ‘Request for leave of absence’ form must be completed (the orange form) and returned to school so attendance processes can be followed. N.B. If staff suspect a holiday in term time is the reason for absence (and especially, when an international ring tone is heard, when calling) the Headteacher has the authority to change the reason of absence to ‘unauthorised’.

**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**

	AUTUMN TERM 2025	SPRING TERM 2026	SUMMER TERM 2026
<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

**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

**Important Dates (\*subject to change)**

11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 residential trip to CHET
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Forest School
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Valefest Week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Trip to Deva Roman Experience, Chester
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Rock Kids! Come to school dressed as a Rock Star!
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Valefest Family BBQ 5pm - 7pm
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return for Summer 2
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Soccer Boccia Aid
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Forest School
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs and Y6 Aspirations
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring bottle donations for the Summer Fair
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring tombola and gift donations for the Summer Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day - Infants @9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day - Juniors @10am
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 and VPS Transition Day
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition Day Two
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring cake Donations for the Summer Fair
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Proms in the Playground and PTA Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Reserve
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Book and Brew (session 1) 9am – 9.40am
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y5 & Y6 Performance 2pm & 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Grand Day Out
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration of Work Day and EOY Reports: 8.45am & 2.45pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Last After School Club session
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for Summer Holidays
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