



Summer Term 1, Week 6 News

Friday 22nd May 2026

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Dear Families,

What a half term!

The last 6 weeks have been filled with fun, friendship and fantastic learning.

SATs

Last week, Year 6 undertook their SATs. The children conducted themselves with positivity, enthusiasm and were so well prepared. Well done Year 6 and thank you to everyone in Team 6 for their support throughout this year.

CHET

Last week, Year 4 ventured off to CHET and had the best time ever! They demonstrated perseverance, beautiful manners and were so supportive of each other. It was a privilege to spend time with all our Year 4 team. Thank you to Mrs Salzano, Mrs Petrou, Miss Murthwaite, Mrs Fielden, Mrs Robinson and Ms Owen for ensuring this residential was such a positive experience for all.

Deva

On Monday 18th May Team 3 travelled back in time to Chester in Roman times. The children had so much fun and loved marching through the town chanting their battle songs.

Valefest

This week has been filled with the most incredible enrichment opportunities for all our children.

Monday was a visit from the Rock Pools where the children handled crabs, starfish and anemones whilst finding out about how we need to care for our oceans.

Rock Kidz visited us on Tuesday and the hall was turned into a rock concert! The children even learnt a new song about the importance of not giving up!

Our dance teacher, Laura, paid us an extra visit on Wednesday with a secret challenge. Valefest watch out!

Thursday saw a visit from "Bring the Fire" who challenged the children with their circus skills. They will be joining us tonight at the Valefest BBQ too!

Friday was a busy day with the children having a session using VR headsets taking them to Aboriginal lands and Teach Rex with Jam the T-rex and the baby dinos paying the children a visit.

Tonight is our Valefest BBQ (5pm -7pm), please come along, enjoy the performances and support our amazing PTA who have made this very special week a reality.

Finally, I would like to announce that Hannah O'Hara has been successfully appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher of Valewood Primary School. Congratulations Hannah and we wish you 'all the best' as you start your maternity leave.

Best wishes,

Mrs Parr

Award Winners

On Friday 15th May our Infant awards assembly took place. Congratulations to all our Infants whose achievements were celebrated.

Receptions award winners:

Lottie, Lauranne, Sophie, Finley, Elsie, Oliver, Felix

Year 1 award winners:

Layne, Oliver, Caoimhe, George, Isla, Sophia, Beatrix

Year 2 award winners:

Finley, Lachlan, Sarenika, Kathryn, Cecile, Pauly, Alice

On Thursday 21st May our Junior awards assembly was hosted by me. It was lovely to see so many children being celebrated and wonderful to see the acknowledgement so many children showing pride in their friend's achievements.

Well done!

Year 3 award winners:

Alberta, guy, Bobbie, Sonny, Rex, Molly, Cassia

Year 4 award winners:

Edie, Audrey, Edgar, mason, Bobby, Kayla, Tilley

Year 5 award winners:

Thomas, Nathan, Ollie, Skylar, Zayd, Henry D, Henry B

Year 6 award winners:

George, Louis, Ethan, Tyler, Kian, Connie, Teddy

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

	Attendance	No. of late marks
Reception	89.7	3
Team 1	95.2	4
Team 2	91.7	2
Team 3	92.3	2
Team 4	96.8	2
Team 5	95.3	1(least lates)
Team 6	96.7	5

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 6
 Summer Term 1, Week 6: Team 4

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...

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

INSET Days: Monday 1st September 2025
 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Monday 1st June 2026
 Tuesday 2nd June 2026
 Friday 17th July 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026

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

Important Dates (*subject to change)

1 st June	Inset Day
2 nd June	Inset Day
3 rd June	Return for Summer 2
4 th June	Soccer Boccia Aid
5 th June	Year 3 Forest School
8 th June	Class photographs and Y6 Aspirations
12 th June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring bottle donations for the Summer Fair
19 th June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring tombola and gift donations for the Summer Fair
22 nd June	Sports Day - Infants @9am
22 nd June	Sports Day - Juniors @10am
25 th June	Y6 and VPS Transition Day
26 th June	Y6 Transition Day Two
26 th June	Own Clothes Day – Please bring cake Donations for the Summer Fair
27 th June	Proms in the Playground and PTA Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm
29 th June	Sports Day Reserve
30 th June	Summer Book and Brew (session 1) 9am – 9.40am
30 th June	Summer Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
2 nd July	Y5 & Y6 Performance 2pm & 6pm
9 th July	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
10 th July	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
13 th July	Y6 Grand Day Out
14 th July	Celebration of Work Day and EOY Reports: 8.45am & 2.45pm
15 th July	Last After School Club session
16 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am
16 th July	Finish for Summer Holidays
16 th July	After School Club is closed
17 th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
20 th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend