

Our final half term is well underway and it is the time of year when we announce who the teachers and teaching assistants will be in each class in September.

Classes for September are as follows:

Year	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Rec	Miss Metcalfe	Mrs Parry Mrs Robinson Mrs Rothwell
Y1	Mrs Rimmer	Mrs Brown Miss Scarborough
Y2	Mr Brown (Mrs O'Hara on return from maternity leave)	Mrs Cassidy
Y3	Mrs Wright Miss Murthwaite (Apprentice teacher)	Mrs Hall Mrs Stenhouse
Y4	Mr Burns Miss Murthwaite (Apprentice teacher)	Miss Sullivan Mrs Dawson
Y5	Mrs Salzano	Mrs Biddlecombe Mrs Petrou
Y6	Miss Eglin	Mrs Stoddart Miss Chapman (pms)

Our transition day takes place next Thursday 25th June 2026. The children will spend the day in their new classes, with their new team of adults. The children will be dropped off and collected from their new classrooms. If you are unsure of where this is, please ask a member of school staff.

Sports Day and Soccer/Boccia Aid

On Monday 22nd June (weather permitting) we will hold our annual sports day. Infants will start at 9:00am, followed by the juniors at 10:30am. We hope to see as many of you there. In the afternoon we will hold our Soccer/Boccia Aid charity sport event in aid of UNICEF. All the children have selected if they would like to play football or boccia. They will work across year groups to represent their house scoring points and having lots of fun! All the children need to do is come in their PE kits and bring a contribution for UNICEF, who not only support the work around Rights Respecting Schools but also help children all around the world.

Thank you to all the families who took the time to complete the parent/carer voice questionnaires. The links are still open if you would like to contribute. I will share the findings with you on the next newsletter.

Enjoy the weekend,
Mrs Parr

Girls' Football

On Friday 5th June Mr Hutson and Mr Keenan supported our girls' football team as they took on SWOY in the semi-final of the Girls' Cup. Unfortunately, they suffered a 2 – 1 defeat but Mr Hutson said they did themselves proud. Well done, such an achievement for a brand-new team. Here's to more success in the future.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding leaflet this week is linked to championing and challenging equality online however the messages are important for the "real" world too!

Every child has the right to no discrimination so let's work together to challenge any form of discrimination.



Valewood Football Team

Mr Hutson made a special announcement to the football team this week – they won the league! The children were over the moon and certainly celebrated in style. Well done everyone, what a fantastic achievement!

Attendance Data: Whole School Target 97%

Last Week- School:

	Attendance	No. of late marks
Reception	95.6%	3
Team 1	99.2%	1
Team 2	94.8%	3
Team 3	94.6%	4
Team 4	98.1%	1
Team 5	99.6%	2
Team 6	100%	1

Attendance Cup Goes to...

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

Attendance & Punctuality – WE CANNOT TEACH AN EMPTY SEAT!

It has been lovely meeting and greeting all our families on the gate these last few weeks. So many smiling faces and warm welcomes really do make a difference. A big thank you to everyone who takes the time to say “Good morning”.

Our school attendance is currently 96.2% which is above the national average but we can still improve this! I found this banner at a school in Leeds – days and lessons missed really does have an impact. Please continue to prioritise your child’s attendance at school. Thank you.



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’.

Vacancy

As some of you may be aware, Mr Hutson has been promoted to be the Premises Manager across all the primary schools in our trust. Sadly, for us, this means we might not get to see him every day as he supports the premises officers across the other schools. As a result, we have a vacancy for a Premises Officer. This is a full time, permanent position. If you know of anyone who would be interested in applying for this post, and joining the amazing team at Valewood, please encourage them to check out the advert on the Mersey View website.

<https://www.merseyview.com/Vacancies/>

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
<u>Term commences</u>	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
<u>Term Ends</u>	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

Important Dates (*subject to change)

22nd June Sports Day - Infants @9am
 22nd June Sports Day - Juniors @10am
 22nd June Soccer Boccia Aid pm
 25th June Y6 and VPS Transition Day
 26th June Y6 Transition Day Two
 26th June Own Clothes Day – Please bring cake Donations for the Summer Fair
 26th June Year 6 Forest School
 27th June Proms in the Playground and PTA Summer Fair 2pm – 5pm
 29th June Sports Day Reserve
 30th June Summer Book and Brew (session 1) 9am – 9.40am
 30th June Summer Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
 2nd July Y5 & Y6 Performance 2pm & 6pm
 3rd July Year 6 Forest School
 7th July Junior Awards Assembly 9am
 9th July Infant Awards Assembly 9am
 10th July Year 6 Forest School
 13th July Y6 Grand Day Out
 14th July Celebration of Work Day and EOY Reports: 8.45am & 2.45pm
 15th 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