



Friday 25th
September 2026

Newsletter

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News from Mrs Parr

Our new clubs are up and running!

But what is Mindful Movers?

Mindful movers is a club for all pupils every Wednesday morning which encourages the children to be active in a calm but exciting way. The children will: Play games, complete challenges, work as part of a team and so much more.

Drama Club is for the juniors.

The children will:

undertake improvisation, develop communication and oracy skills and develop confidence and articulation. The plan is to work towards a performance!



The junior choir rocking out in the new choir hoodies at the Autumn Fete!

Up and coming events

14th October Readathon events and community reading relay

16th October PTA Disco

20th October Y1 Harvest Festival performance 2pm - Y1 parents invited to attend

Infants and Year 4 9am

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Juniors 9am Thursday 22nd October 2026.

3rd November Parents' Evening

4th November Parents' Evening

School Lottery

Check out dojo for information regarding the new School lottery. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!

https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/valewood-primary-school?utm_campaign=cause-page-social-share&utm_source=cause-page&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink

Attendance Matters

We cannot teach an empty seat! Absence from school is sometimes unavoidable, on these occasions please follow the school's absence procedures. Think of attendance as an episode of Stanger Things! If you missed even one episode it is tricky to understand what comes next and this is the same for your children when they miss a lesson at school. Every day really does count!

Office Hours

The school office will be closed between 12:30pm and 1:00pm every day.

Safeguarding

This week it was brought to our attention that there is an online chatbot application called Talkie AI. This is a virtual companion and chatbot application where users can create, customize, and talk to artificial intelligence characters or message other users. This is an unfiltered site recommended for user over the age of 13 so please be vigilant if your child has access to the internet. Check out the NSPCC link below for advice regarding AI applications.

[Talking to children about AI | NSPCC](#)

Achievements/Awards

Our **junior choir** were amazing at the Waterloo Autumn Fete. Thank you to all the families who came along to support.

Last Friday, our **Y6 footballers** came 2nd in their group, only losing one game to the finalists in what Mr Hutson described as, "A group of a very high standard." Well done Team 6!

Teachers' Corner: How to help your child at home

The Year of reading is well underway and as a school we are looking at how we can make every child a reader! Books are a wonderful thing so please enjoy them with your child. Check out the link to Michael Rosen's short clip about the benefits of reading for pleasure.

[Professor Michael Rosen on reading for pleasure](#)

Quote of the week!

"Do worms have ears?"

Mr Burns to Year 4!

This afternoon our **Y5 footballers** have taken to the pitches at CHS – can't wait to find out how they have got on!