Thursday 22nd October 2026

Newsletter

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News from Headteacher

Trust Council

Over the last 2 weeks pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 have completed letters of application to represent Valewood as a member of the MVLT Trust Council. The letters received were of a very high standard and the final decisions were not easy to make. The following pupils have been chosen to be the voice of Valewood:

Original members	New members
Eoin Y6	Ellie Y6
Dougie Y5	Connie Y6
Tilley Y5	Maggie Y6
Molly Y4	Ernie Y6
Frankie S Y4	Sienna Y6
	Xander Y4
	Iris Y4

On Tuesday the trust council attended the first meeting of this year and have a plan working alongside Waterloo representatives to lead a series of enrichment activities across our trust.

Up and coming events

22nd October PTA AGM

23rd October INSET DAY

4th November closing date for parent governor applications

4th November Parents' Evening 1

5th November Parents' Evening 2

20th November Own clothes

27th November Own clothes

4th December Own clothes for cakes

4th December Fair

Attendance Matters

Year 6 were the winners of our attendance breakfast and enjoyed a delicious treat on Wednesday morning. But who will be next? The percentages will be reset for next half term so don't worry Y1, 2 and 3 who have had an influx of chicken pox this half term next half term is a new chance!

Class	Attendance
Whole school	95.9%
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	90.5%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	98.3%

Emails

In September we moved from our google emails to outlook. Every staff member now has a new email which starts with their initial and surname followed by @vps.mvlt.co.uk. For example, my email is now dparr@vps.mvlt.co.uk. If you need to email any school staff please use their new emails as their old ones will soon be disabled.

Achievements

Award winners Autumn 1

Congratulations to all our award winners

English award: George A, Lauranne, Mabel, Lachlan, Bobbie, Autumn & Sienna

Maths award: Mayank, Oliver C, Oliver J, Daisy, Archie, George Mc & Nathan

Subject award: Annie, Callum, George O, Finley, Ted, Lucas & Oliver

RRS award: Winifred, Cecilia, Caoimhe, George S, Molly, Kayden & Jos

5 ways to wellbeing award: Ted S, Lottie B, Alfie, Maggie, Sadie, Ellie & Louis

Yellow star achievement award: Wren, Lugas G, Theodora, Harriet, Finlay, Audrey & Zayd

Headteacher's award: Edie, Elijah, Arthur, Jack, Joshua, Edgar & Ollie

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2026 – 2027

OUR SCHOOL DAY IS FROM 8.45AM TO 3.15PM

	AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027
Term commences	Thursday 3 September	Tuesday 5 January	Monday 12 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Friday 23 October to Friday 30 November	Monday 15 February to Tuesday 19 February	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June
Term Ends	Friday 18 December	Thursday 25 March	Friday 16 July
	71	53	64

PLEASE NOTE – Request for holidays/leave during term time will not be authorised and you WILL BE ISSUED WITH A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE FINE.

INSET Days: **Tuesday 1 September 2026**
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 4 January 2027
Monday 19 July 2027
Tuesday 20 July 2027
Wednesday 21 July 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

IMPORTANT DATES 2026 – 2027 (subject to change)

October 2026

22nd October Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
23rd October INSET Day – staff only attend

November 2026

2nd November Return to School for Autumn Term 2
4th November Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm
5th November Parents Evening – 2.30pm – 5.30pm
6th November Y5 Forest School
10th November School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
11th November Whole School Flu Immunisations
13th November Y5 Forest School
20th November Non-Uniform Day – Bottles for the Tombola PTA Christmas Fair
20th November Y5 Forest School

24th November Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum
27th November Non-Uniform Day – Gifts for the PTA Christmas Fair

December 2026

4th December Non-Uniform Day – Cakes for the PTA Christmas Fair

4th December	PTA Christmas Fair 5pm – 7pm
10th December	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
11th December	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day/ Santa Dash
11th December	Carols by Candlelight
15th December	Whole School Panto Trip
17th December	Christmas Book & Brew (session 1) 9.00am – 9.40am
17th December	Christmas Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
17th December	Last After School Club session
18th December	Breakfast with Santa
18th December	Finish for Christmas Holidays
18th December	After School Club is closed

January 2027

5th January	Children return to School for Spring Term 1

February 2027

10th February	Junior Awards Assembly 9am
11th February	Infant awards Assembly 9am
12th February	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm
22nd February	Return for Spring 2
23rd February	Parents Evening 2.30pm – 5.30pm
24th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
24th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
25th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
26th February	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood

March 2027

4th March	World Book Day – Dress up optional
5th March	Bikeablity Y5 & Y6
8th - 11th March	Bikeablity Y5
18th March	Forest School Book & Brew (session 1) 9.00am – 9.40am
18th March	Forest School Book & Brew (session 2) 9.50am – 10.30am
24th March	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
24th March	Last After School Club session
25th March	Junior awards Assembly 9am
25th March	Finish for Easter Holidays
25th March	After School Club is closed

April 2027

12th April	Return for Summer 1

May 2027

3rd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
5th May	Y4 residential trip to CHET
10th May	SATS week
19th May	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
20th May	Junior awards Assembly 9am
21st May	Rock Kids Day – Come to school dressed as a Rock star!
	Valefest Launch

21st May	Valefest Family BBQ 5-7pm
27th May	Teach Rex – Animal Visit!
28th May	Finish for Half Term 3.15pm

June 2027

7th June	Return for Summer 2
7th June	Sports Day led by the Military School • Infants @9am - all morning • Juniors @1.30pm – all afternoon Parental participation encouraged!
7th June	Return for Summer 2
26th June	PTA Summer Fair - Proms on the Playground 2pm

July 2027

7th July	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
8th July	Junior awards Assembly 9am
15th July	Last After School Club session
16th July	Finish for Summer Holidays
16th July	After School Club is closed
19th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
20th July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend
21st July	INSET Day – Staff only to attend

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2027 – 2028

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	AUTUMN TERM 2027	SPRING TERM 2028	SUMMER TERM 2028
Term commences	Monday 6 September	Wednesday 5 January	Monday 24 April
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 25 October to Monday 1 November	Monday 14 February to Monday 21 February	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Term Ends	Friday 17 December	Thursday 6 April	Thursday 20 July
	69	61	58

INSET Days: **Wednesday 1 September 2027**
Thursday 2 September 2027
Friday 3 September 2027
Monday 1 November 2027
Tuesday 4 January 2028
Monday 21 February 2028
Friday 7 April 2028

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2028