Friday 13th November 2026

Newsletter

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News from Headteacher

What a busy start to Autumn 2!

We have had visits from: Crosby Wombles, ex pupils Gabriella and Amelia about their Kenya adventure and Crosby library will celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge achievements next Friday.

A big thank you to all our families who attended Parents' Evening last week – your support is greatly appreciated.

This week (and next) is Switch off fortnight where we are looking at how we can be more sustainable and consider how we can care more for our environment. Mrs Salzano and I attended Sefton's Sustainability conference which has inspired us to think about how as a Valewood community we can do more. A big shout out also goes to our Eco reps who collated all your donations of coats.

Remember REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and SWITCH OFF!

Children's Learning Charter launch

One of this year's school improvement priorities is focused on teaching and learning. The teachers have created a Quality First Teaching charter, and the children have created a Learning charter. All classes have been involved in its creation and after a couple of drafts they have a final version. As educators we have such a privileged job, and we do not underestimate the power of a good education.



Up and coming events

20th November World Children's Day (children lead the learning day) and own clothes for bottles

27th November Own clothes gifts

4th December Own clothes

- Rec-Yr3 for cakes
- Y4-Y6 for Toys/Gifts

4th December Festive Fair

Pupil Voice – an update from the Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors (RRSAs)

The RRSA mascot competition started on Monday and we have already had a number of entries. Don't forget to add detail and colour to your characters. The RRSAs will be running the annual Needs and Wants campaign in December so look out for a dojo soon. World Children's Day takes place on Friday 20th November – the children will lead the learning that day! I wonder what will be taught this year!

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance is down on last year from 96.56 to 95.3. I am aware that there has been an outbreak of chicken pox and as the winter months draw in coughs and colds will become more common. If you are unsure if your child is allowed to attend school, please see the NHS guidance below. If your child is unwell at the beginning of the day but feels better later on, please bring them into school instead of keeping them off for the whole day, crucial learning from the morning can then be caught up. If your child is not 100% but does not have a temperature etc, please bring them in and staff will always call you if they are not well enough to be in school.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Achievements

Nomination – Someone in our school community has nominated **us** for the **Primary School of the Year** award in **Merseyside** with **My Local Awards**. Thank you to whoever nominated us! If you would like to support this nomination, please use the link below.

https://mylocalawards.co.uk/businesses/valewood-primary-school/?award=primary-school-of-the-year

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
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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)

17th November	School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
19th November	School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
20th November	Non-Uniform Day – Bottles for the Tombola PTA Festive Fair
20th November	Y5 Forest School
24th November	Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum
27th November	Non-Uniform Day – Gifts for the PTA Festive Fair
30th November	School Tour for Prospective Families 1.30pm
December 2026	
4th December	School Tour for Prospective Families 9am
4th December	Non-Uniform Day – Rec-Yr3 Cakes for the PTA Festive Fair
	Non-Uniform Day – Yr4-6 Toys/Gifts for the PTA Festive Fair
4th December	PTA Festive Fair 5pm – 7pm
10th December	Reception Nativity @9am
10th December	Junior Awards Assembly 2.45pm
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 @2pm
18th December	After School Club is closed

January 2027

5th January	Children return to School for Spring Term 1

February 2027

10th February	Infant Awards Assembly 9am
11th February	Junior 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
15th - 19th 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
20th May	Junior awards Assembly 9am
21st May	Infant 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

8th July	Junior awards Assembly 9am
9th July	Infant 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