



FEBRUARY 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Principal

A busy half term comes to a close once again with lots going on across the Federation. We started the term with an excellent day of training from Emily Rubin, co-founder of SCERTS, and much of our work in both schools has focused upon implementing key aspects of this advice. We had a theatre company come in to both schools with performances of Jack and the Beanstalk, Booker Park focused on 'Take One Picture' as a curriculum event, and Stocklake holding a Careers Carousel in the final week. It has been a short half term, as is typically the case in the spring term, with lots to fit in next half term too, with World Book Day and Sports Relief amongst the highlights. We're looking forward to some warmer weather to enjoy them in!



Bradley Taylor  
Principal

**Bradley**

Enjoy our newsletter offering this time around and please do give us feedback for how you might like to see it develop. Please send all feedback to either [office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk) or [office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk)



# Booker Park

## Message from the Head of School

There has been a lot of great learning taking place this half term. This week has been an exciting one with all classes participating in a whole school art project. The artwork will be displayed at school on the evening of parents' evening, which is on February 28th. I'm sure you will enjoy the opportunity to look at this, as well as meeting with your child's teacher.

In response to feedback from parents, we have increased the time of parents' evening slots from ten minute to fifteen minutes. Please do book in to meet with your child's teacher.

Have a safe half term.



Marianne  
Murphy  
Head of School



# Class Updates

## Wagtail class

Wagtail class thoroughly enjoy their weekly PE session which enables each pupil to explore various apparatus to develop their fine and gross motor skills and have fun while moving.



## Wren class

Wren class have been completing a sensory story about the rainbow fish. This is a story about making friends. They have enjoyed finding fish in pools of water, feeling the octopus and sharing the shiny scales with each other. The best bit of the story is when they all dance at the end to the music.

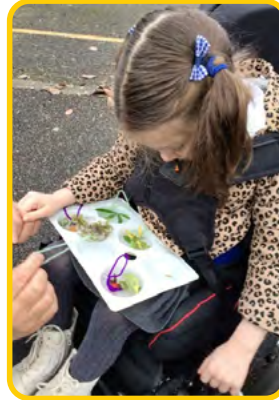




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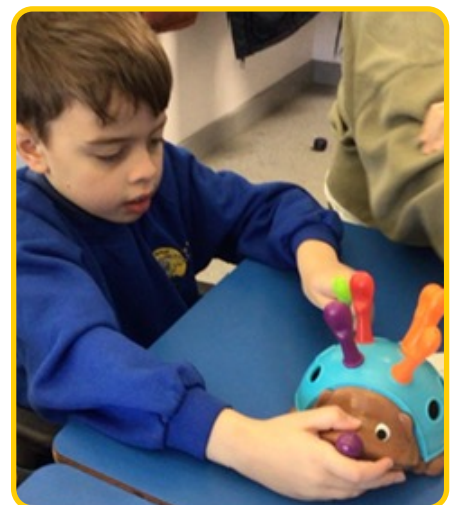
## Nightingale class

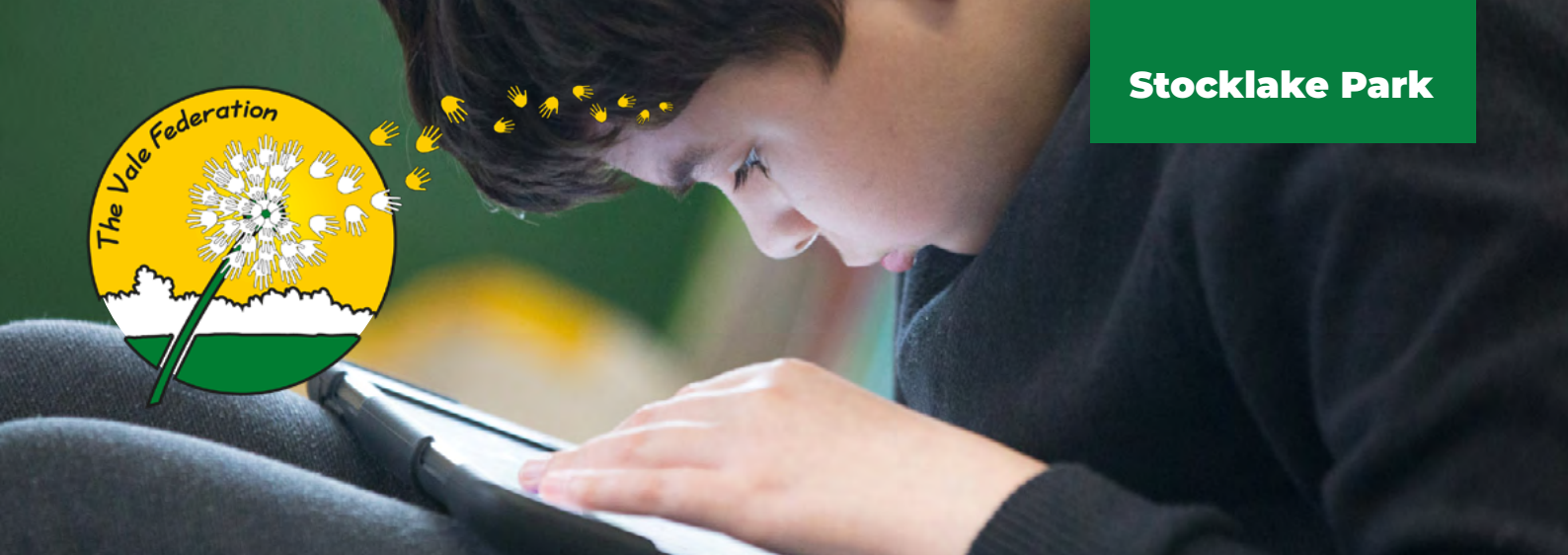
Nightingale class made the most of the cold weather and created some beautiful ice decorations as part of their outdoor learning. The children explored leaves and herbs using their senses and were helped to place them in trays before adding water and some wool to hang them. They were placed outside the classroom overnight and the following day the children got to hang up their frozen decorations outside the classroom. As it was so cold, the decorations lasted a couple of days.



## Dove class

Dove class have been enjoying exploring different materials during our Hands Sessions this half term. After warming up our hands by shaking hands with our friends to say hello and rubbing cream into our hands whilst singing Tommy Thumb, Dove class then worked hard practicing their fine motor skills.





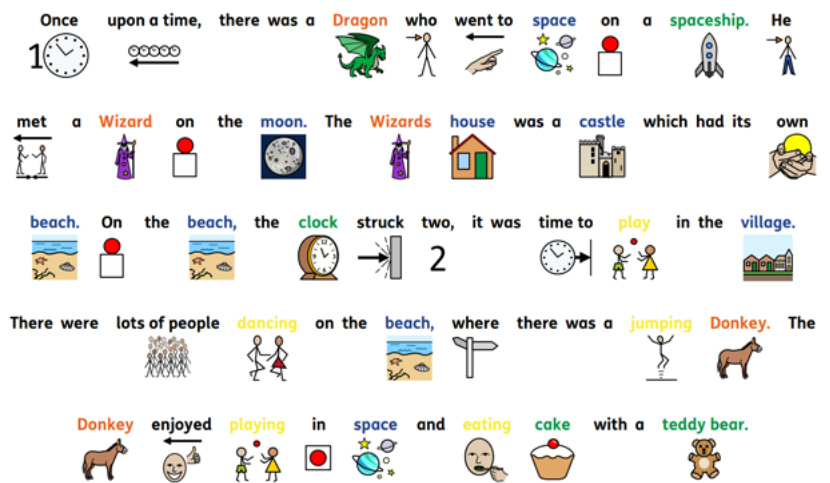
# Stocklake Park

## Head of School Update

This half term seems to have gone in a flash, but classes have packed in a lot.

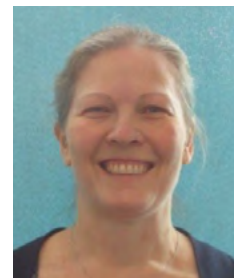
Teachers have been focussing on students working together: engaging in turn taking games within the classroom and team games in PE and on the playground.

On the first day of National Storytelling Week, Cedar, Oak and Willow class students collaborated to create a story during assembly. They used a prompt sheet based around colourful semantics (who, doing what, where and with what) to help them to structure their sentences. Similar collaborative story activities were carried out in the Friday assemblies. Thanks to Cedar class for sharing their final story with me.



I hope that you have managed to book your parent's evening slots for next half term. Please let the office know if you have had any issues with doing this so we can make sure that you can see your child's teacher next half term. We will have therapists in the hall again so that you can ask questions and advice.

Enjoy the half term break and please do send in any photos of things that your child has enjoyed during the holiday so we can use these as visual prompts to talk to them when they get back.



Rhonda  
Head of School

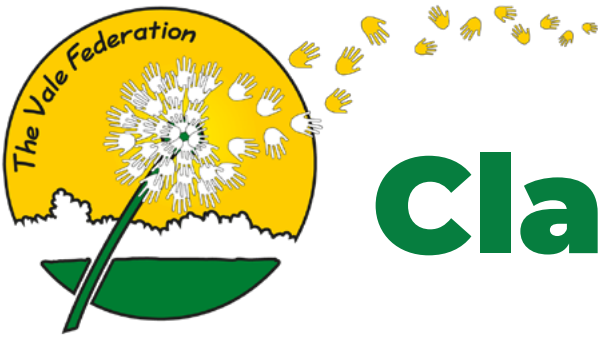


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## Cherry Class

Cherry Class enjoyed beginning to explore the topic of Australia for the Spring Term. The students have engaged in sensory activities exploring aspects of Australian life, including the smell of vegemite and the sound of the didgeridoo! They have also engaged in sensory drama with a focus on the Great Barrier Reef, moving through seaweed and touching 'jellyfish'. Movement and dance activities during PE sessions have included experiencing movements inspired by boomerangs, kangaroos and snakes as well as a dance routine to Waltzing Matilda. Our sixth form students have continued to enjoy joining enrichment activities, interacting, singing and dancing with the sixth form.





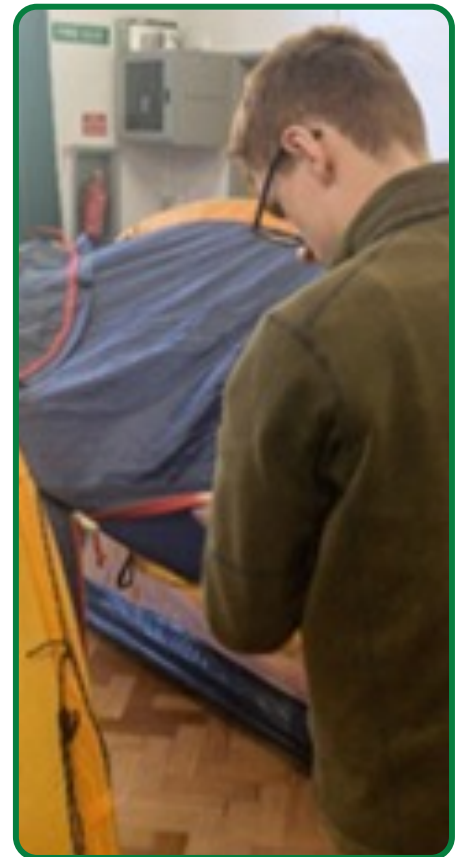
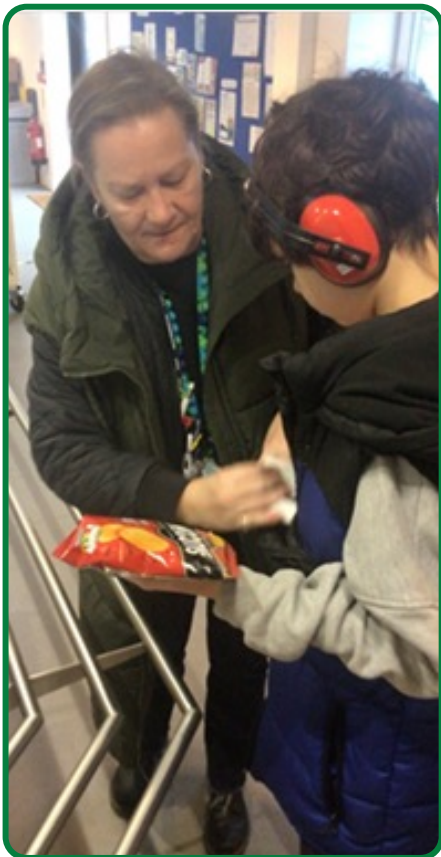
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## Kuumba class

This term we have got off to a flying start in Kuumba class. For our functional Numeracy and Literacy as well as life skills we have started to make our own lunches on a Tuesday. This involves a lot of skills including communication, budgeting and cooking. So far, the meals we have made have gone down very well. Garlic bread is definitely a firm favourite.

We have continued getting out and about in the community and really enjoy our weekly trips to local café's to put the life skills we have learnt into real life practice. For some of us we have had very successful work experience placements and we look to roll this out further for more of the students in the class in the near future.

As this is an expedition year, year 13 & 14 have been working on their DofE expedition skills in preparation of the expedition in July.





# Class Updates

## Sunflower class

It has been a very busy and fun filled few weeks in Sunflower class. In Art, we have been learning about primary and secondary colours, and exploring different shades, tones and patterns using paint. Within English reading, we have been reading Roald Dahl's "The Enormous Crocodile" and have had fun identifying characters and learning about crocodiles. In Maths we are busy learning all about money and practicing our counting skills using notes and coins. As a class, we were very sad to say goodbye to Megan but enjoyed a combined going away party with Willow class. Lots of pizza and tasty snacks were eaten!







# Family Support Worker Update

**Stocklake Park Parents/Carers if you are looking for a Free activity during half term please access the link below:**

**[School holiday activities for young people aged 11 to 19 years \(up to 25 with SEND\). | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)**

For updates on workshops, please keep checking the newsletters for relevant workshops.

We are finalising some dates and have some really useful information to share with you all.

Also, if you have any specific requests, information or support that you require please get in touch with Grace for Stocklake Park School on [gfitchet@thevalefederation.com](mailto:gfitchet@thevalefederation.com)

or Kerry for Booker Park School on [knicholson@thevalefederation.com](mailto:knicholson@thevalefederation.com)





**Family Fund**  
Helping disabled children

## Grants available for families with disabled children.



National charity Family Fund has grants available now, to ease winter pressures, for families in England raising a disabled or seriously ill child aged under 18, on a low income.

Grants range from clothing and bedding, white goods and furniture, to sensory and play equipment, digital devices and family breaks and days out.

Families are asked to please **[apply as soon as possible](#)** to gain support while funding is available.

Find out more about Family Fund by visiting the **[charity's grants page](#)**.



# What's On

## February 2024 Half Term

### Fun on the Farm

- Feb Half Term Animal Encounters Week at [Hogshaw Farm](#) (Hogshaw) 10th – 25th Feb  
From 10 – 25 February, we'll be hosting a super schedule of animal encounters every day. The spotlight will be on all of our farm favourites, as well as some of our more curious residents, with mini-experiences every half hour throughout the day.
- Meet the newborn lambs at [Thrift Farm](#) (near Milton Keynes)
- [Odds Farm](#) Love and Lambs February Half Term event (Wooburn Green) 10th – 18th Feb
- [Mead Open Farm](#) lambing is back starting Feb Half Term (Leighton Buzzard)
- [Bucks Goat Centre](#) animal interactions and handling (Stoke Mandeville)

### Family Theatre, Live Music and Puppets

- Milkshake Live at the [Wycombe Swan](#) (High Wycombe) 10th Feb
- Sing A Long Encanto at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre](#) (Aylesbury) 10th Feb
- Pop Princesses at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre](#) (Aylesbury) 15th Feb
- Alice in Wonderland at [Kenton Theatre](#) (Henley) 17th Feb
- Science Museum Live at [Milton Keynes Theatre](#) (Milton Keynes) 19th Feb
- Wonka at [Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre](#) (Great Missenden) 10th – 25th Feb  
Roald Dahl Museum will have wonderful Wonka themed storytelling, trails and workshops this Feb half term. (Great Missenden) 10th – 25th Feb
- Paddington at [Bucks Railway Centre](#) (Quainton) 11th Feb
- Steaming Days at [Bucks Railway Centre](#) (Quainton) 14th + 18th Feb
- Feb Half Term activities at [Bletchley Park](#) (nr Milton Keynes)
- Feb Half Term Crafts at [Discover Bucks Museum](#) (Aylesbury) 12th – 17th Feb



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- I Grew up in the 80s at [Discover Bucks Museum](#) (Aylesbury)
- tbc at [Hellfire Caves](#) (West Wycombe) tbc
- [Thomley](#) (Worminghall) tbc
- [Science Oxford](#) Family Days (Oxford) 10th + 17th Feb
- Make Your Own Love Bug at the [Cornerstone Arts Centre](#) (Didcot) 14th Feb
- Lego Masters Builders Club at [The Story Museum](#) (Oxford) 15th Feb
- Dance About Disco at [Millets Farm](#) Sprouts Playbarn (Frilford, near Abingdon) 15th – 16th Feb
- [Science Oxford](#) Amazing Anatomy Science Club (Oxford) 17th Feb

Mini-medics get hearts beating, lungs pumping and muscles moving at Science Oxford's fun anatomy themed Science Club. Run experiments to test lung capacity and test your own hot air and more!

## Arts & Crafts

- Theatrical stage make up master class workshop at [Milton Keynes Theatre](#) (Milton Keynes) 10th Feb 11+ years

## Outdoor Adventures

- [Land Of Lights](#) at Gulliver's Resort (Milton Keynes)  
Embark on a visual voyage across the Land of Lights at Gulliver's Resort, exploring 12 vivid dreamworlds of imagination and illumination.
- [Tumblestone Hollow](#) at Stonor Park reopens for Feb half term.
- The Great Chesham Pancake Run (Chesham)
- Snowdrop walk at [Stowe](#)



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## February 2024 Half Term



**Thursday 15 February, 11am - 3pm**

Join us for lots of free fun at our Love Science Day on Thursday 15 February from 11am, with three action-packed science shows from Sublime Science for families to enjoy.

A pair of aliens will also land with a mission to make friends with humans. There will be comedy from Miss Warp and Professor Weft, a pair of intrepid Victorian time travellers in their quirky time machine.

A stiltwalking scientist will bring her giant alien insect. Plus there will be a free science-themed make and take workshop too.





# Foodbanks and food sharing

Here is a list of Foodbanks in Buckinghamshire. To get a foodbank referral and vouchers speak to your Family Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or local Citizens Advice office.

You can also use the [Trussell Trust's website](#) to find its 400-strong network of Foodbanks.

## Aylesbury - Store House

**Storehouse** helps anyone in need by providing food and other items like furniture and clothing to people on low incomes, benefits or who are in temporary hardship.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury Vale area.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Aylesbury Foodbank

**Aylesbury Foodbank** provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## FoodCycle Aylesbury

**FoodCycle** Aylesbury welcomes anyone to attend as a guest and enjoy a FREE hot meal. No need to book. Just turn up on the day!

Come and enjoy company and conversation with others from your local area over a delicious meal, prepared with care by FoodCycle volunteers.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury and the surrounding areas..*

*No Referral or voucher needed.*



# Foodbanks and food sharing

## Berryfields Community Store

Berryfields Community Store is open each Thursday morning from 10.30am for anyone in a financial crisis. For a £5 donation, you can choose 25 items of food including fresh meat, vegetables and household items (depending on available stock).

The address is Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, HP18 0YT. For further information please contact [help@romanparktrust.org.uk](mailto:help@romanparktrust.org.uk).

*Areas covered: Aylesbury*

*No referral or voucher needed*

## Beaconsfield - Hope Community Drop-in

[Hope Community Drop-in](#) is a drop-in service where local people referred by doctors or social services can receive an emergency food package. The drop-in runs every Friday at the Holtspur Youth Club building from 8:45 am to midday.

*Areas covered: Beaconsfield and neighbouring villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Burnham - Care and Share Food Distribution Project

Burnham Health Promotion Trust (BHPT) [Care and Share food distribution project](#) is a collaborative community initiative which offers pre-filled food bags and a voucher to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

*Voucher needed.*

## Chiltern - Chiltern Foodbank

[Chiltern Foodbank](#) provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

*Areas covered: The Chiltern District and nearby surrounding areas such as Wendover.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*



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## Chesham Community Fridge

Chesham Community Fridge distributes free surplus food that is good to eat to anyone who comes to the Fridge. There is no referral or voucher needed. Chesham Community Fridge is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the yard behind Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham.

*Areas covered: Chesham.*

*No referral or voucher needed.*

## High Wycombe - One Can

One Can provide free, nutritious food parcels to those deemed 'in crisis' by their partner organisations.

*Areas served: High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Wycombe Community Fridge

Wycombe Community Fridge shares food locally with anyone and everyone regardless of income or means. No referrals are needed.

*No referral or voucher needed.*

## Wycombe Food Hub

Wycombe Food Hub collects crates of unsold food like bread, fruit, vegetables, chilled and frozen foods every week from supermarkets, farms and shops. The products are then made available to people unable to buy food.

*No referral or voucher needed but food is available for a small donation.*

## Milton Keynes - The MK Foodbank

The MK Foodbank provide food parcels that can be picked up from one of their serving sessions located around the city. Clients can receive a food parcel 5 times within a rolling 12-month period.

*Areas served: Milton Keynes.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*





# Foodbanks and food sharing

## Thame Food Bank

Thame foodbank provides emergency supplies of essential food items to those in the community who are struggling financially.

*Areas covered: Thame.*

*Referral needed.*

## Wendover - Wendover Free Church Foodbank

Wendover Free Church Foodbank provides food parcels for the local area.

*Areas served: Wendover and neighbouring villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Wing Foodbank

*Areas covered: Wing*

*No referral needed.*

## Not in Buckinghamshire but nearby

## Rickmansworth Foodbank

Rickmansworth Foodbank provides food parcels for the local area.

*Areas served: Rickmansworth and nearby towns and villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

## TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

## SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

## TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

## WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

## TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

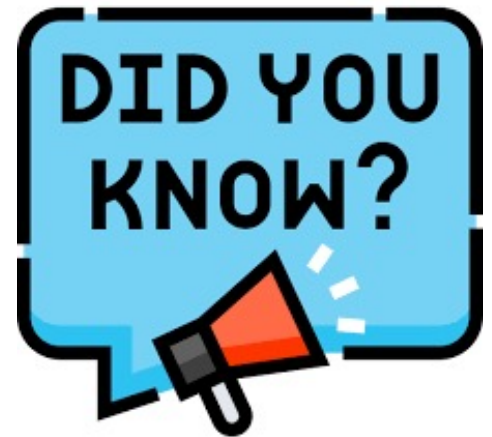
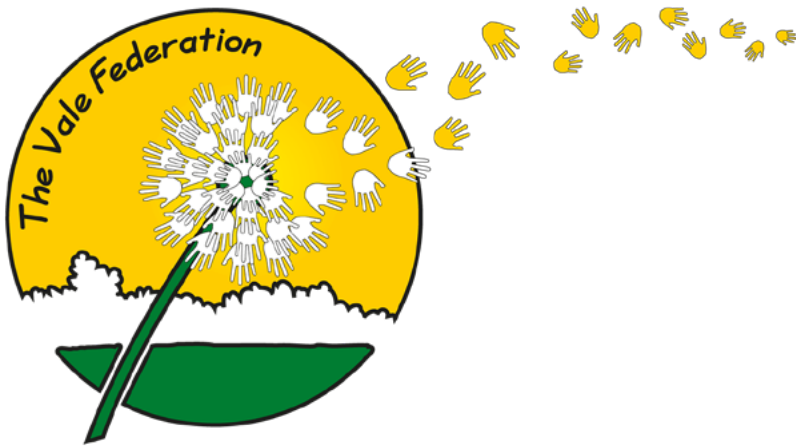
## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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# Facilities for hire



Meeting Room - SL33

Booker Park



Soft Play Centre

Booker Park



Main Hall

Booker Park



East Wing Hall (Linden)

Booker Park



Hydrotherapy Pool

Booker Park



East Wing Playing Field

Booker Park



MUGA BP

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Main Hall SLP

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