



PARENT BULLETIN | 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Jay Class

Sensory Exploration and Messy Play



Sensory play in a tuff tray is a wonderful way for children to explore and learn through hands-on experiences. By engaging their senses — touch, sight, sound, smell, and sometimes taste, children develop important skills such as problem-solving, creativity, and language. The tuff tray provides a safe, contained space for activities like pouring, scooping, mixing, and building, which help strengthen fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Sensory play also supports emotional regulation and social interaction as children experiment, share, and discover together. It's a fun, messy, and meaningful way to learn through play!



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the half-term break. We are all looking forward to the exciting learning and activities planned for this half term.

Next Friday, we'll be joining schools across the country in fundraising for Children in Need. This year's theme is "Challenge Yourself to 25", and our pupils will be on the lookout for 25 Pudsey Bears hidden around the school! Children are also very welcome to come dressed in yellow or spots to mark the occasion. If you're able to, we'd be grateful for any donations towards this fantastic cause.

We're delighted to share some joyful news — Sammi, one of our Deputy Department Leads, welcomed twin baby girls last week! Mum and babies are doing well, and we send our warmest congratulations to Sammi and her family.

On a more serious note, Jo B, our Deputy Head, is currently recovering from a foot injury following a road traffic accident. She is expected to be away from school until January. We're thinking of Jo and sending her our very best wishes for a smooth recovery.

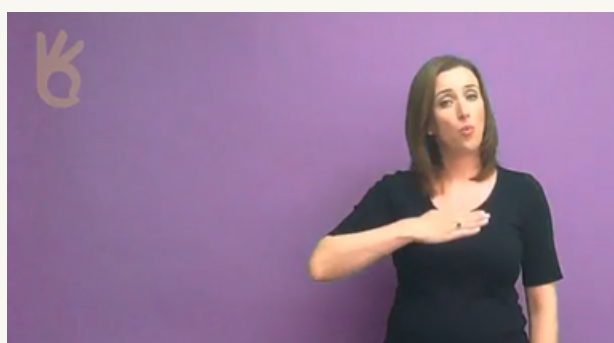
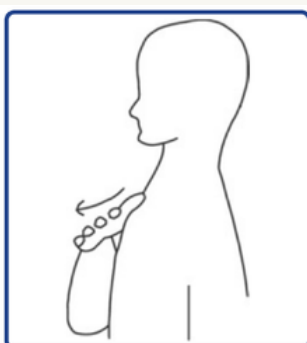
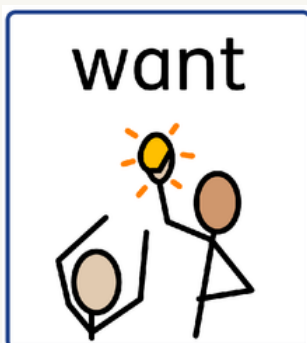
A gentle reminder that the entire school site, both buildings and grounds, is a no smoking and no vaping area. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our environment safe and healthy for everyone.

We're also pleased to invite you to our next Coffee Morning on **Thursday 13th November, from 9:30 to 10:30am**. A member of the Community Nursing Team will be joining us to offer practical guidance on toilet training. These mornings are a great chance to connect with other parents and carers, and we'd love to see you there.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Marianne

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word





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MASKS CHRISTMAS FAYRE



We're excited to welcome you to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 29th November!

Join us for a joyful and inclusive day filled with festive fun for all the friends and families of the Vale Federation.

🎁 Help Make Our Christmas Fayre Sparkle! 🎁

We're kindly asking for donations of bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts, and cakes to help make this year's event truly magical.

All donations must be received by Friday 21st November with the exception of cakes which is Friday 28th November.

You can also support us by buying raffle tickets, or by selling them to your family and friends to spread the festive cheer even further!

If you have any questions, please contact masks@thevalefederation.com

THE VALE FEDERATION SEEKS NEW SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Vale Federation has a Governing Board, which has overall responsibility for the aim and direction of the school and is accountable to the Local Authority and parents for the way the school is run.

The Board consists of a team of School Governors, from a variety of different backgrounds, who work in partnership with Bradley, our Principal, the Senior Leadership team, and staff to do our best to help our children achieve their full potential in a caring, enjoyable and safe environment.

The Governors have a real part to play in the success of the Federation and our two schools. School Governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities, and futures. Being a Governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It provides a great opportunity to make a real difference to young people, give something back to the local community and use and develop skills in a Board level environment.

We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Board and we are, therefore, now seeking to find and appoint a new Governor.

We would very much like to hear from you if you're interested in finding out more about becoming a School Governor.

Supporting the Federation and our two schools by being a Governor is an immensely rewarding and enjoyable experience.

We would encourage all members of the local community, regardless of age, experience and background, to consider becoming a Governor.

So, if you'd like to find out more, please do email Bradley at btaylor@thevalefederation.com or Dave Pearce, our Chair of Governors, at dpearce@thevalefederation.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you.



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A TASTE OF WHAT'S ON THE MENU – PARENTS' EVENING CATERING SUCCESS

We served up smiles and delicious samples at the recent Parents' Evenings, where our catering taster sessions were a big hit!

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and children to try the freshly prepared meals we serve every day, along with a selection of sweet treats, tea, and coffee.

The event gave us a great opportunity to connect with families and hear their thoughts on our menu. We had lots of helpful conversations about favourite dishes and ideas for future improvements.

One parent summed it up perfectly: "It's great to see what our children are eating – and even better to taste it ourselves!"

📢 Look out for our feedback survey coming soon – we'd love to hear from you!

Connect Catering Team



CHRISTMAS ON THE COBBLES



CALENDAR

Monday 10th November
SaLT Drop-In Clinic for Parents

Thursday 13th November
Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 14th November
Children In Need

Saturday 29th November
MASKS Christmas Fayre

Thursday 11th December
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th December
Christmas Production

Friday 19th December
Last day of Term

****Christmas Break: 22nd December to 2nd January**

Monday 5th January – INSET Day**

Tuesday 6th January
Pupils return to school



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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