



MAY 2026

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We find ourselves just one half term away from the end of the school year – where did the time go?!

This half term has been as busy as ever, and we have been lucky enough to have quite a bit of good weather to enjoy the activities. I have spent the majority of my time over at Stocklake Park, although it has been great to see Rhonda return after the Easter break. I continue to liaise with Marianne and the rest of the Booker team so am aware of life on the other side of town, and of the successes and challenges for both schools.

A regular topic in my meetings with those from outside of school is one of 'sufficiency' – this essentially is the issue being faced across the country in relation to the provision for all children and young people with SEND. Special schools are full to bursting and there are not 'sufficient' places within specialist settings. I am sure you will know about government proposals in relation to SEND and the direction of travel to create more specialist provision linked to mainstream schools. The simple equation from an Aylesbury learning difficulties perspective is that Booker currently supports 240 or so primary aged children, and almost all of these now require the type of provision at Stocklake or a similar type of school. Given that Stocklake's capacity is 108, or 124 once the Rebound building is completed around January 2027, it is obvious there is a very large differential in terms of the places required.



I am afraid that at the present moment the Local Authority does not have a clear solution to this challenge. This is a cause for concern, given that we are being asked to keep some year 6 children with us at the end of the academic year due to insufficient places elsewhere. Whilst the LA is clear this is a one off, the longer term solution has yet to be presented. Whilst I appreciate this is not good news for all, I do feel the problem is an important one for parents to understand. For some children, it may be that you consider another school to be suitable at secondary, and there are secondary special schools other than Stocklake that cater for similar needs in Chesham and Wycombe. However, many parents I know will want the continuity that the Federation offers, and so it is important to understand the landscape.

Can I highlight one other important wider issue for parents to be aware of – there was a problem with issuing bursaries for post 16 students this year, commonly used to fund transport for this age group. The bursary is something parents apply for, but the system changed this year with very few people knowing about it or understanding it. We will be running a parents' workshop in the coming half term to aid everyone's understanding. I do hope parents will be able to attend to prevent nasty surprises in the autumn term. This is especially relevant to those in years 11-13 currently, but may be relevant to a wider audience over time.

Wishing you a restful half term.

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 or office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk



Bradley Taylor
Principal



Booker Park

Message from the Head of School

Once again, it feels like a short half term that has flown by. Our topic this half term has been **“The Great Outdoors”**, which has provided lots of exciting opportunities for learning across the curriculum—even when the British weather hasn’t quite been on our side!

We are currently looking to develop our outdoor provision further and would be very grateful for any unused equipment you may have at home. Useful items include waterproofs, wellies, saucepans, bowls, colanders, cups and similar everyday objects that can support outdoor play and exploration.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mini Marathon - together we have raised a fantastic **£1,648.58**. This will be used to purchase resources that will directly support the children’s learning and experiences.

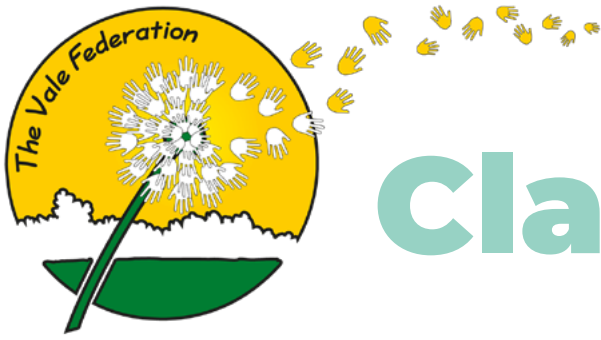
After the half term break, Sports Days will be taking place across the school, and we look forward to welcoming many of you to join us for these special events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a positive half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on 1st June.

Marianne



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Head of School

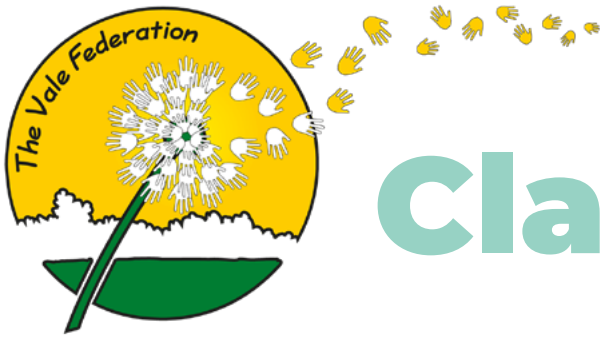


Class Updates

Dove Class

Dove class have enjoyed sharing the story **'The Flying Bath'** by Julia Donaldson. We have worked hard to use switches and enjoyed water and messy play activities!





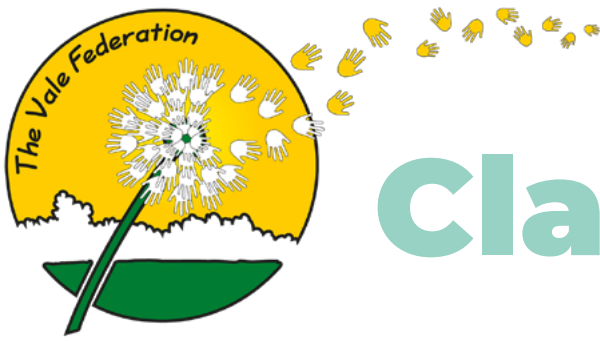
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Hummingbird Class

This half term Hummingbird Class enjoyed taking part in the Mini-Marathon. We walked and ran around our school and also took part in an obstacle course to end! We all had so much fun and we are very proud of the children for taking part in such a wonderful event.

Well done Hummingbird Class.





Class Updates

Penguin Class

Penguin Class have had a fantastic term exploring our topic, **"The Great Outdoors"**. We have enjoyed learning about how plants grow by planting our own cress seeds and carefully watching them develop over time. In Outdoor Learning, the children have been busy creating a bug hotel and making beautiful natural sculptures inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

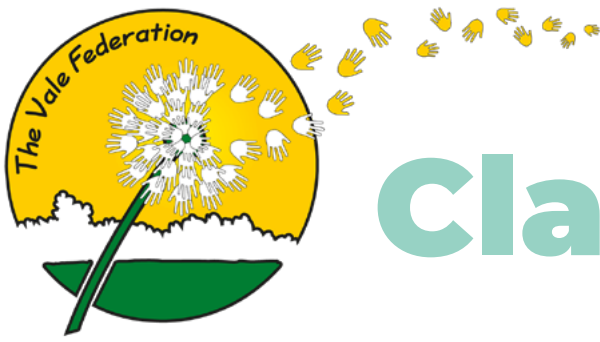
The class also rose brilliantly to the challenge of the Mini-Marathon, completing over 5km, including a walk around the community loop. As part of our road safety learning, we practised recognising safe places to cross the road and remembered to "stop, look and listen" before crossing safely.

In P.E., Penguin Class have been getting ready for Wimbledon by developing their tennis skills and showing excellent enthusiasm and teamwork. We are also very proud of how hard the children have continued to work in phonics and maths throughout the term.

In Learning Through Stories, we have loved sharing the story **'The Little Acorn'**, using it to talk about the changing seasons and the world around us.

Well done, Penguin Class, for all of your hard work and achievements this term!





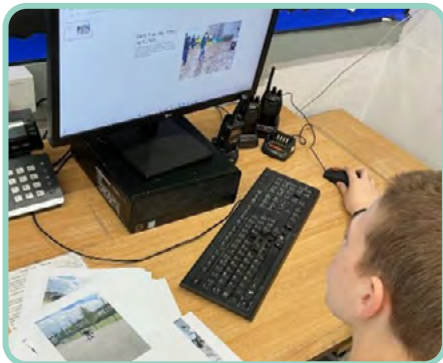
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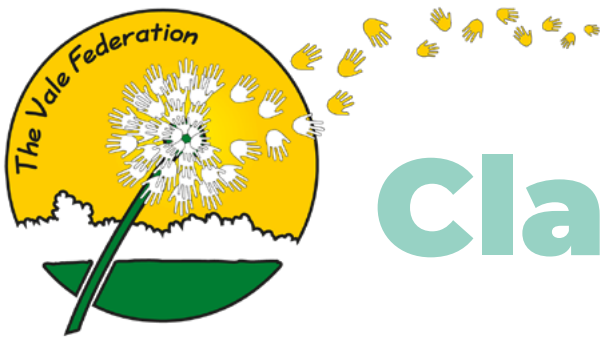
Davis Class

Davis Class have had a fantastic time exploring a range of exciting themes and activities across the curriculum. In English, we focused on non-fiction writing by creating our own summer diaries. We looked through photographs of activities we had completed throughout the week and worked hard to create a sentence using semantic dictionaries or by typing on the computer.

In PE, we have been practicing our athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day. We have enjoyed practising relay races by passing batons to one another, working on turn-taking and teamwork. We also explored a range of target activities such as throwing beanbags off cones and aiming at targets. Davis Class also had a wonderful opportunity to take part in cricket sessions with an external coach, where we practised batting, throwing, and engaging in team games.

Davis Class have also enjoyed exploring the local community through visits to public spaces including parks, shops, and cafés. These experiences supported our independence, and social interaction skills while allowing us to engage with the world in meaningful ways. It has been an enjoyable term, and we are all looking forward to the summer term ahead!





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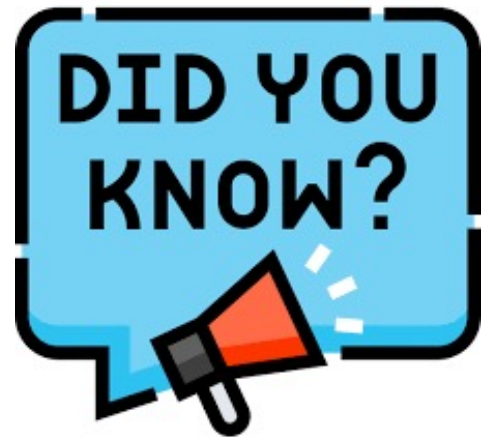
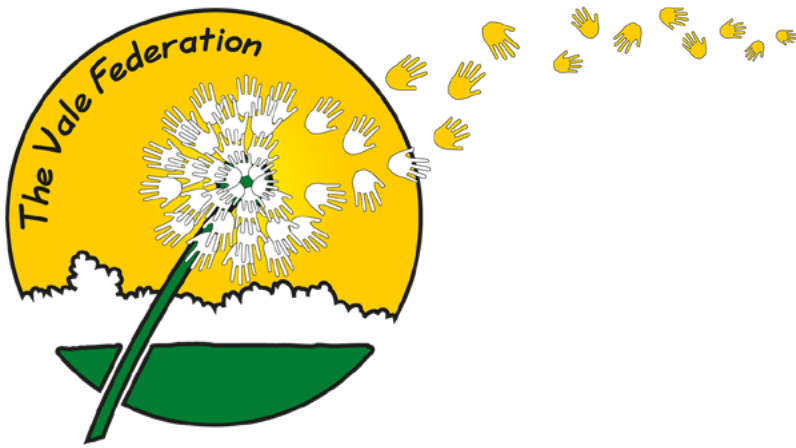
Hawking Class

This half term three pupils had the privilege of taking part in the Adaptive Cycling event which was held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on Monday 11th May. They had fun cycling around the track despite the cold weather. It was a valuable experience for them all as well as for the staff members who have not cycled for years.

As part of the 6th form group a class pupil attended the Sports Leaders sessions run by the Aylesbury High school. There they had the opportunity to learn some sports skills with their peer group and had fun - again another valuable experience.

These events are just some examples of how we are being included in our local community. The class continue to take walks out and around in the local community exploring the town centre and the local park, making the most of the beautiful weather that we have been having lately.





We offer exclusive hire of our soft play centre!

Soft Play - 3 hour hire time

Mon - Fri (school holidays only) £110 +VAT

Sat & Sun £122.50 +VAT

Additional hours on request

Capacity: up to 20, Maximum number of children on the equipment at one time is 5. No children over 8 years old

Includes: Exclusive Use/Toilets/Tables & Chairs

For further information please contact
facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays



Discounts

for young people with SEND



There are various schemes and charities which can help save money if your child has an additional or special need.

Max Card

[Max Card](#) is a national, local authority-commissioned discount initiative for looked after children and children with additional needs aged 0 to 19 years. The scheme enables families to visit hundreds of attractions across the UK at a free or discounted rate.

[Sign up](#) to the Disabled Children Register to receive a card for free.

Merlin's Magic Wand

[Merlin's Magic Wand](#) offers magical days out at Merlin Entertainments attractions such as Legoland, Sea Life Centres and Madame Tussauds. They welcome applications on behalf of children aged 2 to 18 years with a confirmed serious illness/long term illness, disability or disadvantage.

CEA Card

[CEA Card](#) enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.

Access Card

The [Access Card](#) translates your disability/impairment into symbols that highlight the barriers you face and the reasonable adjustments you might need. It then informs providers quickly and discreetly about the support you need and may gain you access to things like concessionary ticket prices and complex reasonable adjustments without having to go into loads of personal detail.

It costs £15 for three years.

For more local and national discount schemes visit the [Discounted sport, entertainment and travel page](#).



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.

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.

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 Holts spur 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.



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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.

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.

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.