Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

12 September 2025

Diary Dates

Monday 15 September

Non-uniform day—R-Year 6

Wednesday 17 September

School Council visit to London



Thursday 25 September

Reading at Home Workshops

Tuesday 30 September

Year 5 & 6 Bonfire Safety Talk



w/c 13 October

Key Stage 2 Bikeability

Tuesday 21 October

Whole School Photographs



Wednesday 22 October

Halloween Disco

Friday 24 October

School closes for October half term

Monday 3 November

School re-opens after October half term



Thursday 18 December

Christingle Service at St John's Church



Friday 19 December

School closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 5 January 2026

School re-opens after Christmas holidays



Wednesday 28 January

Year 4 music workshop

PE and Kickboxing

PE takes place every Monday and Friday and we love seeing the children enjoying these active sessions. To help them take part safely and confidently, it's really important that they bring their full PE kit on these days. PE is a vital part of the curriculum, supporting children's health, fitness and wellbeing, and we want everyone to be able to join in.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to take part, please let us know by phone or in writing.

For children with pierced ears, only plain studs should be worn. These must be covered with a plaster during PE to make sure everyone stays safe. Thank you for your support.



Headteacher's Message



Last Thursday, all pupils from Reception to Year 6 had a very special experience, travelling by steam train to Oxenhope to enjoy a live performance of 'The Railway Children' as part of the Bradford 2025 celebrations. It really was a magical day. Watching the children's faces filled with wonder and excitement was an absolute joy, and I could not have been prouder of them all.

To make the day even more special, I received two wonderful emails from members of the public who took the time to write and share how impressed they were with our pupils and fantastic staff team. I wanted to share these with you:

"We were at the performance yesterday and felt the children deserved massive congratulations for how well they behaved throughout the afternoon! Their cheerful enthusiasm contributed greatly to the wonderful atmosphere during the play. We're retired teachers with a thorough understanding of the effort and commitment required of your staff and other adults to run such an event so successfully. Well done all! Hope that doesn't sound pompous, it just had to be said!"

and

"Dear Headteacher,

We enjoyed a wonderful performance of the Railway Children on Thursday, along with all the pupils from your school. The children were an absolute credit to you and your staff. The whole atmosphere was one of a happy and well organised school where children and staff had a friendly, respectful relationship. It was a mammoth task to take the whole school to this event but you all managed perfectly, making it an extremely pleasant experience for the whole audience. Well done to you all!"

As a way of celebrating this fantastic feedback, Monday 15th September will be a non-uniform day for all children and staff from Reception to Year 6 – a small 'thank you' for being so brilliant!

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Attendance

Attendance data for the last 2 weeks is as follows:

w/c 1.9.25	
Reception	95%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	90.7%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	90.8%
Butterfly Room	87.5%

w/c 8.9.25	
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	96.7%
Butterfly Room	92.8%

Well done to year 2 who achieved over 99% attendance in the first week back to school; earning an extra-long playtime, hot chocolate and biscuits.

What an excellent start to the year!

School Attendance and Common Minor Illnesses

Below is a useful guide containing advice on when children should stay off school and nursery, and when they can return.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox: Until all spots have crusted over	**Conjunctivitis**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Diarrhoea & Vomiting**: 48 hours from last episode	**Glandular Fever**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Hand, foot & mouth**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Impetigo**: Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles: 4 days from onset of rash	**Mumps**: 5 days from onset of swelling	**Scabies**: Until after first treatment	**Scarlet Fever**: 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	**Slapped Cheek**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Whooping Cough**: 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu: Until recovered	**Head Lice**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Threadworms**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	**Tonsillitis**: No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



Photos from The Railway Children Trip and the Year 6 residential to Nell Bank

Movie Night



Wednesday 8 October

'Spellbound'

Movie night will finish at 5.00pm approx.

Tickets cost £2 and are available on Parentpay.

Reading at Home Workshop

On **Thursday 25th September,** we are inviting parents and carers to join our Reading at Home workshops. The session will share helpful tips and strategies to support your child with reading. There are two times available: 9:00am and 2:45pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Refreshments will be served!

