Diary Dates

Thursday 4 September

Railway Children Whole School Trip

Weds 10– Fri 12 September



Year 6 residential to Nell Bank

Tuesday 30 September



Year 5 & 6 Bonfire Safety Talk

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

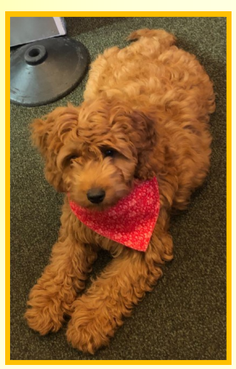
Wednesday 28 January

Year 4 music workshop

Winnie the Therapy Dog

I would like to introduce our new families and pupils to Winnie; our beloved therapy dog. She is very much a part of our wonderful team and is looking forward to meeting you in September! Therapy dogs have been active in schools for some time and the benefits of having them in school include:

- **Physical benefits**. Interaction with therapy dogs has been shown to reduce blood pressure, provide physical stimulation and assist with pain management
- **Social benefits.** A therapy dog promotes greater self-esteem and focused interaction with other pupils and teachers
- **Cognitive benefits.** It has been empirically proven that therapy dogs stimulate memory and problem-solving skills
- **Emotional and mental health benefits**. A therapy dog can lift moods in the classroom, often provoking laughter. Winnie is also here to offer friendship and a shoulder to lean on for pupils



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

1 September 2025

Headteacher's Message



I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer holiday.

This newsletter contains important information regarding the start of the new academic year on **Tuesday 2nd September*.**

However, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact a senior member of staff using their email address below:

**parents and carers of pupils in Early Years will have received a separate letter detailing your child's start date or first session.*

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Caroline Oram	Early Years Leader	c.oram@worthvalleyprimary.co.uk

Thank you so much for your lovely cards, notes, gifts and well wishes received by staff at the end of the year; I hope you know how much your kind words mean to us.

Overleaf you will find details of the start and end of day arrangements, as well as drop off and collection points for each class.

I would like to wish all our new starters a very warm welcome to Worth Valley Primary School and good luck to our Year 6 leavers who will be starting high school in September! We could not be prouder of the young adults you have become; you know you're always welcome to come back and visit us!

We look forward to seeing everyone on

Tuesday 2nd September.

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am-8.15am and is free of charge for all pupils.



Worth Valley Primary School

Start of day arrangements

Years 1-6

Our 8.35am-8.50am arrival slot will continue in September as we know that this enables children to arrive in school calmly and confidently, ready to get on with their learning straight away. Pupils in Years 1-6 will enter via the main gate.

Early Years and Butterfly Class

Pupils (and parents) of Reception, Nursery, Pre-School and Butterfly Class will enter via the small gate between 8.35am-8.50am. Please follow the path round to Early Years or the Butterfly Room and drop your child off at their classroom.

If you are new to school please don't panic —Early Years staff will be present at the gate and in the Early Years outdoor area to help!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open from 7.45am-8.15am and is free of charge for all pupils. Please enter the school grounds via the main gate, turn right and drop children off at the dining room door at the rear of school.

End of day arrangements

Gates will open at 3.20pm. The school day finishes at 3.20pm: please expect to collect your child from 3.20pm and not before.

Early Years and Butterfly Class: Parents will enter school via the small gate, follow the path round to the Early Years outdoor area and collect their children from classrooms.

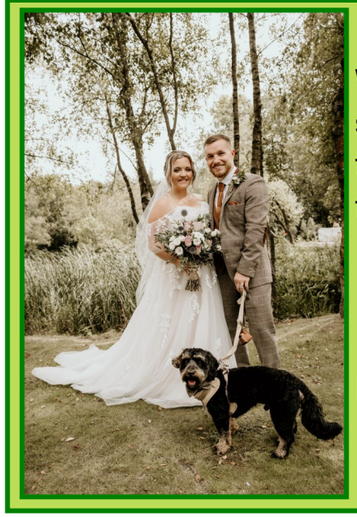
Year 1: Children will be collected from the cloakroom door to the right of the climbing frame.

Year 2 and Butterfly Class: Year 2 children will be collected from the Year 2 external classroom door - please follow the path round to the rear of school behind Early Years. Butterfly Class pupils will be collected from their external door.

Years 3 to 6: Children will be collected from their class line in the Key Stage 2 playground.

Pupils in years 5 and 6 may walk home independently providing we have a signed permission form. These letters will be sent out at the beginning of the week.

Please note that additional staff will be present at the start and end of the school day to help direct parents and carers.



Congratulations!

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that two members of our staff each tied the knot this summer.

We wish both Mrs Stevens (formerly Miss Holmes) and Mrs Sutcliffe (formerly Miss Butterfield) every happiness as they begin their exciting new chapters!



Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 swimming lessons will take place on Monday afternoons at Keighley Leisure Centre, starting on **Monday 8 September 2025**

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit every Monday. This should include:



- Swimming costume or shorts (no two-pieces and no knee-length Bermuda-style shorts)
- A towel
- Long hair should be tied up or plaited
- No jewellery is allowed other than small studs in ears

Swimming is not only an essential life skill, it is a statutory element of the national curriculum and therefore weekly attendance is mandatory.

Please can I ask parents and carers to NOT collect your child early from the school office unless in exceptional circumstances. Whilst I do appreciate that you may have a good reason to do this, it puts a huge strain on our staff. We are unable to let children walk to the office on their own and so we have to release a member of staff to accompany the child. As all staff are busy teaching or supporting children at this time, it does mean that this is interrupted, as well as the child's learning and education.

Parking

Please park carefully and considerately on Bracken Bank Crescent and avoid parking on the pavement. The two disabled parking spaces at the front of school are for the use of parents and carers of pupils with disabilities (or adults with disabilities) only. Thank you for your understanding.

School Holiday Dates 2025-2026

This year's school holiday dates are available to view on our school website.

Please visit **www.worthvalleyprimary.co.uk** and click on the '*Our School'* tab, then '*School Holidays*' and select '*School Holiday Schedule 2025-2026*