

Diary Dates

Friday 2 May

Under 11 dodgeball competition

Monday 5 May

Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 8 May

Parents open morning 9-10am

VE day celebrations

w/c Monday 12 May

KS2 SATs week

Tuesday 20 May

Year 3 Road Safety talks

Under 11 football tournament

Tuesday 10 June

Year 6 trip to the Yorkshire Dales

Wednesday 11 June

Movie Night—*Mufasa*

Plumber Drummer assembly

Thursday 12 June

Year 5 visit to Murton Park

Tuesday 17 June

Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle

Wednesday 18 June

Early Years Movie Night

Year 6 trip to Flamingo Land

Year 5 visit from Woodland Trust

Thursday 19 June

Whole School Art Day

Friday 27 June

Year 6 residential

Wednesday 2 July

Year 6 transition day



Friday 4 July

Wear it Blue Day

Year 3 visit to Harlow Carr

Wednesday 9 July



Magic Show 6pm

Wednesday 16 July

Year 6 leavers meal

Thursday 17 July

Year 6 production 6pm

Monday 21 July

School closes for summer holidays



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

2 May 2025

Headteacher's Message



I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. The weather was definitely on our side and it was fantastic to see the cherry and apple blossoms in full bloom when I drove down Bracken Bank Crescent on the first day back to school after the Easter holidays.

This half term is particularly short—we have just 22 days of learning before we close on Thursday 22nd May for Spring Bank. Every single day is incredibly important, which brings me on to the subject of attendance and punctuality.

Our high expectations and rigorous approach to attendance mean that the vast majority of pupils attend school on time, every day. However, there is still a small number of pupils who are persistently late for school and I wanted to draw your attention to the importance of children arriving to school on time.

The Power of Punctuality: Why Every Minute Matters
Helping your child succeed starts with being on time.

- **A prompt start means better learning**
  Children who arrive on time settle quickly and are ready to learn straight away.

- **Don't miss key instructions**
  The first part of the school day often includes vital elements of the curriculum, such as phonics, calculations and spellings.

- **Boosts focus and confidence**
  Being on time helps children feel prepared, calm and included—not rushed or left behind.

- **Encourages responsibility**
  Punctuality builds good habits for life and helps your child understand the value of time.

- **Strengthens home-school partnership**
  Arriving on time shows children that school is a priority and that families and teachers are working together.

- **Attendance and punctuality go hand in hand**
  Regular lateness can add up to hours, even days, of lost learning—every minute counts.

Breakfast club is open from 7.45am—8.15am each day, followed by our general arrival slot of 8.35am-8.50am. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time, ready to learn. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Attendance

Attendance data for the last 3 weeks is as follows:

w/c 31.3.25		w/c 21.4.25		w/c 28.4.25	
Reception	90.8%	Reception	91.0%	Reception	92.4%
Year 1	96.2%	Year 1	90.9%	Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	91.9%	Year 2	93.8%	Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	90.0%	Year 3	89.7%	Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	93.9%	Year 4	97.1%	Year 4	92.7%
Year 5	93.9%	Year 5	96.2%	Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	91.7%	Year 6	97.5%	Year 6	96.0%
Butterfly Room	88.6%	Butterfly Room	73.2%	Butterfly Room	91.4%

Parking



Please park carefully and considerately on Bracken Bank Crescent and avoid parking on the pavement—our children and families need to be able to travel to and from school safely.

We also have an increasing number of pupils cycling to and from school, which is great to see. Thank you for your understanding.

Breakfast club is offered free of charge to all pupils and is open from 7.45am-8.15am each day.

Please do not drop your children at school before this time: this week there have been instances of children running around in the staff car park when left unsupervised.

Could I also please ask that parents and carers leave their children promptly after dropping them off at Breakfast Club.

Children are actively encouraged to choose and prepare their own breakfast; after which they participate in a range of different activities.

Space is already limited in the dining hall due to breakfast club's popularity—so please leave them in our capable hands and enjoy your day!

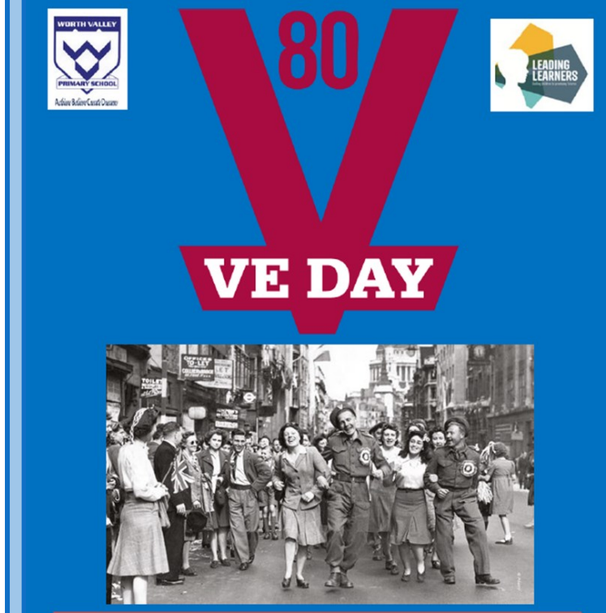


No Smoking or Vaping



To promote and protect the health and safety of our staff and pupils, smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds.

Thank you.



Thursday 8th May 2025

We will be celebrating VE day in school by having a 1940s style street party with a variety of VE themed activities for the children to take part in.

The children are invited to come to school wearing party clothes, 1940's clothing or red, white and blue.

Open Morning

On Thursday 9th May, as part of our VE day celebrations, we will be welcoming our parents and carers into school from 9-10am.

You are invited to join your child in participating in a range of VE-day related activities in their classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you!

Staffing update



A very warm welcome to Miss Natalie Jones; joining the office team as Office Administrator.

And congratulations to Mrs Spensley and her husband on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Frazer. The perfect baby brother for Erin, too!





Wednesday 11th June 2025

'Mufasa'

Movie night will finish at 5.00pm approx.

Tickets cost £2 and are available on ParentPay

Early Years Movie Night



Wednesday 18th June 2025

'The Highway Rat' & 'Zog and the Flying Doctor'

Movie night will finish at 5.00pm approx.

Tickets cost £2 and are available on ParentPay