



2nd September 2026

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year and I hope you have had a restful, summer break. I very much look forward to welcoming our pupils in Years 1 to 6 back to school this week and our new Owls and Robins in Reception next Monday.

By way of a reminder on the staffing updates that were shared with you at the end of last term, once again our congratulations go to Miss Garrod who got married over the holidays and will now be known by her married name of Mrs Morris. We welcome Mrs Barnes to the Valley staff team who will be teaching in Year 5 alongside Miss Whittington who is returning from maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs Dellway who has been appointed as a practitioner in our Pre-School setting. We sadly bid farewell to Mrs Wallace and welcome back Mrs Sargent who will be teaching in Year 4 alongside Mrs Broadrick. We wish Mrs Crawford-Jones well as she begins her maternity leave on Friday 4th September. Mrs Kemal will be covering as SENCO on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after the October half term.

While there was no major structural works taking place at school this summer, our site team were kept busy with one or two projects that did take place. Two more toilet blocks have now been refurbished and the main entrance foyer has been painted and recarpeted.



Thanks to our ever-faithful PTA and the generous donations from parents, wider family members and friends, the new stage lighting has been installed in the Main Hall and staff received some initial training yesterday.



As we look to embed positive, daily routines over the coming days, parents are reminded of the importance of arriving punctually at school each day. The playground gates open at 8.50am and the children can then move straight to their classrooms to be seated by 8.55am for the morning register. Children arriving in class between 8.55 and 9.00am are marked with the present code. Children arriving between 9.00am and 9.10am are marked with the late code. Children who arrive in class after 9.10am after the morning register has closed are marked with the U code which contributes towards the overall unauthorised absence percentage. As we start the new academic year, I thank you in advance for ensuring your child arrives at school each morning on time.

On **Wednesday 16th September** we will hold our Meet the Teacher events where parents can learn more about their child's new year group. The first presentation will take place at **4pm** with a repeat of the presentation at **4.45pm**. The Meet the Teacher event is only for parents who have children in Years 1 to 6.

Finally, pupils in Years 1 to 6 in Saturn House can celebrate their win in collecting the most House Point tokens last half-term with an own clothes day on **Friday 11th September**. To maintain consistency for our new Reception pupils in their first full week of school, they should come to school in their uniform on this day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Jackson'.

Mr. S Jackson
Head Teacher