

Mr Singh's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first term at The Vale Primary Academy. We have been extremely busy celebrating cultures, festivals, and key events. Our children have enjoyed their music lessons as well as all the visitors in school. I would also like to thank parents with their ongoing support, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KEY MESSAGES

WATER SAFETY REMINDER

Following the tragic events at the weekend in Solihull, we would just like to share a number of resources and key information in relation to water safety. On the WSCP website, there is a dedicated Water Safety page. Within this page, there are key water safety messages, what to do if you or someone else ends up in the water, along with a wide range of contacts and resources across the Wakefield District and West Yorkshire Region, as well as Nationally.

[Water Safety • Wakefield Safeguarding Children \(wakefieldscp.org.uk\)](https://www.wakefieldscop.org.uk)
[Yorkshire Water - Water Safety](#)

MRS CRAFT & MISS THROWER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Craft and Miss Thrower for all their amazing work here at The Vale Primary Academy. We will miss them both dearly and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

HOUSE GAMES WINNER (ART COMPETITION)

It has been another exciting round of House games with amazing artwork on show. Voting closed today and the winners are as follows:

Year1/2 competition winner: Aire

Year3/4 competition winner: Wharfe

Year5/6 competition winner: Wharfe

Overall places for House games round 2 are as follows:

1. Wharfe (20)
2. Aire (15)
3. Swale (10)
4. Derwent (5)

PTA & RAFFLE WINNER

Before announcing the winners of the Christmas hampers – I would like to personally thank the members of the PTA for their amazing work this term. The PTA have worked tirelessly to raise funds and put on events for our children. This term they have done an amazing job organising a Santa visit, Class parties and a present for each child. They have also began to plan for the rest of the year and will have some more exciting events coming up. Thank you!

The winners of the raffle are:

- 1st place hamper: 37 BLUE – LUCAS T (NURSERY)
2nd place hamper: 67 BLUE – ARCHIE P (Y3)

Well done and thank you all for taking part and supporting our PTA!

ATTENDANCE WEEKLY PRIZE AND THE 100 CLUB

From the start of next term we will be adding some exciting incentives to our attendance rewards.

Every week, every child who has 97% attendance (or above) will be placed into a draw for a £10 Amazon voucher.

Every time a child has a weekly attendance of 100% - they will receive a raffle ticket for a half termly draw known as **THE 100 CLUB**. Children placed in this draw will have the opportunity to win £100 worth of Amazon vouchers. This draw will take place each half term.



FOREST SCHOOLS

For the Spring term Y4 (Elephants) and Y6 (Snow Leopards) will be taking part in Forest Schools.

Elephants will have Y4 Forest School on Mondays and Y6 Snow Leopards will have it on Thursdays.

Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days with appropriate footwear (wellies/boots) and clothing (waterproofs and additional layers).

Forest Schools will start the week commencing 9th January.

PE DAYS

For the Spring term the PE timetable will have some slight amendments. Please see below:

Reception – Monday

Y1 – Wednesday

Y2 – Tuesday

Y3 – Thursday

Y4 – Thursday

Y5 – Friday

Y6 – Monday

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to all parents who joined us for Christmas dinners this year. We really appreciate your support and the children loved having you in!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

A very special visit today.....



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We look forward to seeing you in 2023!
Mr Singh

Attendance

CATERPILLARS	75.9%
BUTTERFLIES	81.3%
PANDAS	88.4%
TIGERS	92.9%
GAZELLES	94.2%
ELEPHANTS	93.8%
PENGUINS	84.8%
SNOW LEOPARDS	96.1%

Key dates for your diary

15.12.22: End of Autumn Term (School closes)
16.12.22: Staff INSET day
03.01.23: Staff INSET day
04.01.23: Start of Spring Term (School re-opens)

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