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Holidays

Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 2nd Jan 2026

Half Term - 23rd - 27th February 2026

Easter Holidays - 3rd - 17th April 2026

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2026

****We finish for summer on Friday 17th July 2026****

Star of the Week

Wynter - Nursery

Halle - Reception

Reuben-James - Year 2

Sol - Year 3

Alfie - Year 4

Maddox - Year 5

Scarlett - Year 6

PD Days for 2025/26

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Save the Date!! - KS1 Nativity

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Nativity play will take place Wednesday 10th December at 2pm. More details to follow in upcoming weeks .

Lockdown Practice

On Monday, we carried out a lockdown practice as part of our updated safety procedures. Staff guided the children through the process calmly and in a reassuring, age-appropriate way. The children were made aware that it was a practice, and we talked about what a "safe place" in class so they knew where they could go. This approach helped ensure that the children remained comfortable, calm, and at ease throughout the practice.

We are incredibly proud to say that the children responded with real maturity, followed instructions sensibly, and remained focused throughout. Although it was different from their usual routine, they approached it with confidence and handled it exceptionally well.

This is a new procedure in Village Primary and it is a good practice to ensure we keep children safe in a range of situations eg calmly guiding children into school if there were bees on the playground. Advance notice of lockdown practice will not be given but in the future we will inform parents when this has taken place. Our priority is to keep children safe, and advance notice can sometimes create unnecessary worry beforehand. Conducting the practice in a calm, routine way helps children feel secure and ensures everyone is familiar with what to do.

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Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about Remembrance Day as part of our *Understanding the World* topic. We talked about saying thank you to all the special people who help to keep us safe.

The children have enjoyed making and wearing poppies, and learning about the amazing work the Army, Air Force, and Navy do. We have been honouring these brave people and thinking about why it's important to remember them.



Later Gators

Later Gators is our after school club that runs until 6.00pm. It costs £12 per day. Later Gators runs everyday after school, even the weeks when there are no other after school clubs on (the end and beginning of new terms). You can book your child onto Later Gators via your ParentMail app.



Packed Lunches

Just a reminder for parents/carers to cut any fruit and vegetables in your child's packed lunch. To avoid any choking hazards it is recommended to cut fruit such as grapes and cherry tomatoes in half.

Reception

It's been a wonderful week in Reception, full of meaningful learning. Here's a quick update on what we have been up to:

Poppy Day:

To mark Poppy Day, our class reflected on the significance of this day and why we wear poppies. We talked about remembering those who have fought for our country and the importance of peace.

The children showed real sensitivity as we created poppies to

display in our classroom. It was a lovely and thoughtful way to honour the occasion.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week:

Our Reception children had a fantastic time participating in Odd Socks Day, part of Anti-Bullying Week. This event is all about celebrating our differences and promoting kindness and respect for others. The children enjoyed discussing how we can be kind and inclusive in our classroom and beyond. It was a great way to reinforce the values of kindness and friendship.

As always, thank you to our wonderful parents for your continued support. It's a pleasure to see our Reception class grow and shine, and we're excited to share more updates with you soon!



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Year 3

Year 3 are continuing to work hard this term. Our new book, The Fox, has been a great success and the children have been producing some wonderful pieces of work after being inspired by the story and the characters. Their next step is to plan and write a fable of their own so I'm looking forward to seeing what they produce. Ukelele lessons

began again this week and the children approached this with their usual enthusiasm and



positivity. In Maths they have been learning about column multiplication and in Geography pollution and our rivers has been the focus. Another full and busy week with lots of determination and resilience shown by the class.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been extremely busy! On Monday, we had a visit from Preston Park museum, the lady brought in lots of old toys for us to explore during a workshop linked to our History topic. All the children were so enthusiastic and were asking lots of great, relevant questions. Then, on Tuesday afternoon we took part in a KS1 sports festival. We completed lots of different activities and sports all showing great resilience, hard work and determination. The children were a credit to our school and we are all so proud of them!



In Maths we have continued looking at part-whole models, which is helping us understand how numbers are partitioned. In English, we have been continuing with the story of Rapunzel, we're looking forward to retelling the story next week!



Year 2

This week, Year 2 have worked hard on using interesting adjectives and conjunctions to describe settings. In maths, the children have been adding and subtracting in multiples of 10 and have started to apply this to arithmetic style questions. To mark Remembrance Day, the children joined the school for a whole school assembly and they demonstrated wonderful behaviour, listening and understanding.



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Year 4

This week in Year 4 children have been exploring our new text called 'Egyptology' as part of our English work. The children have been designing traps that they may find in Ancient Egyptian tombs and then writing everything about them.



In Maths we have been exploring the perimeter of abstract shapes and have started



to create an e-book in our new Computing topic. All the children have worked extremely hard this week, and we are very proud of the work they are producing. Keep it up!

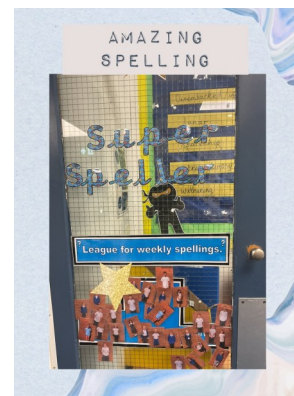
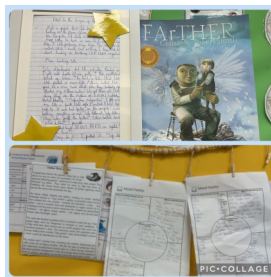
Year 6

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, carers and families to watch our class assembly on Wednesday. It was a brilliant celebration of all our learning in Year 6 so far and an opportunity to pay our respects for Remembrance Day. Some children loved being on the stage, but for some children it is a daunting experience, but everyone should be incredibly proud of their contribution and performance.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have impressed us all with their spellings- keep up the hard work. We have been exploring our new book in English and we are creating some fantastic pieces of writing. In maths we have been using our times tables to learn about factors of numbers.



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KS2 Dates for your calendar



Snappy Christmas (Year 3 and Year 5)	Wednesday 3 rd December Afternoon at Thornaby Pavillion (more details to follow)
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 3 rd December 3:00pm
Year 6 Bikeability	Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th December (Year 5 – 27 th April 2026)
Year 6 Residential meeting (Howtown)	Tuesday 9 th December 3:15 – 3:45
Year 6 Christmas crafts afternoon	Thursday 11 th December 2:00 – 3:00
Year 5 Residential meeting (Robinwood)	Thursday 11 th December 3:15 – 3:45
KS2 Christmas movie night	Monday 15 th December 3:15 – 4:45 (more details to follow)
KS2 Christmas carol singalong	Thursday 18 th December 2:30 – 3:00

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