

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Next Week

- ◆ Monday 2nd October —Open Classrooms @ 3:05pm
- ◆ Tuesday 3rd October—Headteacher Coffee Morning @ 9am in the Community Room
- ◆ Friday 6th October—School Photos
- ◆ Friday 6th October— VSA Fun Day@ 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the top playground

Looking ahead

- ◆ Tuesday 10th October—Harvest Celebration @ 9:30am at Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Thursday 12th October—SLT Drop in Session with Nick Firkins & Kirsten Malloy @ 9:00am—11:00am
- ◆ Friday 13th October—SLT Drop in Session with Nick Firkins & Adam Summers @9:00am—11:00am
- ◆ Tuesday 17th October—SEN Coffee Morning @ 9:00 in The Community Room
- ◆ Wednesday 18th October—KS1 Family Learning Event @ 9am—10am
- ◆ Friday 20th October—Mufti day in aid of Purple Elephant
- ◆ Friday 20th October— VSA Pumpkin Trail @ 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Vallis First School local area
- ◆ HALF TERM—Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Advance Notice

- ◆ Monday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS2 Carol Concert @ 5:30pm at Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Wednesday 13th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall

Our planned Inset Days for this academic year are 2nd January 2024 and 15th April 2024. One more date is still to be decided. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

Message from our Headteacher

As I'm sure you can imagine, it's been a very busy week with Ofsted visiting the school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Despite some of the negative press these inspections sometimes get, the experience this week has been a fair and positive one for the school. I should receive a provisional report in a few weeks and as soon as it is available to view for parents on the Ofsted website, I will let you know. We will also upload a copy onto the website and email you a copy. Thank you to those who filled in the parent questionnaire - the results gave a really positive picture of the school.

Apologies for having to cancel the open classroom event on Monday - we would like to reschedule it for this coming Monday, 2nd October at 3:05pm and look forward to welcoming you into the school.

I am also holding a Headteacher's Coffee Morning on Tuesday at 9am in The Community Room and I hope you will have time to stop by for a chat, especially if you are new to the school.

The children know what an avid reader I am and the board by the office has book recommendations from staff and children. The latest one comes from Amelia in Eagle class who has recommended the David Walliams books, particularly Gangsta Granny. Thank you Amelia and happy reading.

Last Friday, Robin Class shared some learning they had been doing in science and they then tested the rest of the school on their knowledge. It was really impressive to hear them explain about what living things need to survive and to explain the meaning of some difficult science vocabulary. Well done Robin class.

Enjoy the weekend and what looks like a nice Autumn day tomorrow.

Nick

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest celebration will take place on Tuesday 10th October at 9:30 am in Holy Trinity Church, everyone is welcome to attend and you do not need a ticket, simply turn up. Miss Plumridge is planning a really lovely morning for everyone to enjoy. As part of our celebration, we ask for any donations of tea bags, coffee, soup, tinned meat, pasta sauce and rice which we then give to the Fair Frome Food Bank after the event who are always very grateful for the donations. You can send in any donations with your child/ren from Monday onwards



Staff Profile: Io Fox, SENCO

Hello, my name is Io Fox and I am the new SENCO at Vallis First School. I have been a Teacher at the school for just over a year and have a background in teaching children with SEN. I am excited about my new role within the school and am keen to hear from all parents, new to me and already known.

All parents are welcome to join me at the SEN Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th October at 9am in the Community Room. If you can't be there then please know that my door is always open to talk through any concerns and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to working with you and your children.

Eco Council

Mrs Edwards is still looking for anyone interested in joining the Eco Council this academic year—please see below for how children in Year's 3 & 4 can apply.



Are you in Year 3 or Year 4?

Do you care about the World?

Are you interested in wildlife, recycling and saving energy?

If so, why not join the Vallis Eco Council this year?

To join, Mrs Edwards would love to hear from you about why you would like to join the council, your ideas to make Vallis a greener, more eco-friendly school and what you are interested in. Please write a few sentences and hand in to Mrs Edwards.

If you are a parent who might be interested in getting involved please contact the office or pop in to Goldfinch Class.



School Photos—Friday 6th October

Next Friday is school photo day! As usual there will be an opportunity for sibling photos from 8:30am—please enter via the Office entrance. There will be a queue so if you are bringing siblings from another school you may want to notify their school in advance that they may be late.



VSA News

Thank you for all your wonderful donations today, we really appreciate your support and are looking forward to seeing you all at our Fun Day next Friday. If anybody has some free time and could help us with face-painting at the fun day please get in touch via the office.

Don't forget there are three competitions you can take part in before the Fun Day— Guess the name of Teddy, Find the Pirate



Treasure and Guess how many sweets in the jar. Have a look at our VSA Facebook page for more information or to enter

the sweets in the jar competition stop by the office any time before next Friday afternoon.



We have also sent out invitations for this year's Hundred Club by email. If you would like a number please complete and return the form by next Friday (6th October).

We are still looking for families with houses within 1 mile radius of Vallis School to host a Pumpkin on their doorstep for the Pumpkin Trail. Pumpkins provided! Please email isherwoodhannah@gmail.com with your name, address & postcode.



Local Community News



KID HYENA

FAMILY HANGOUT PARADE

FREE FAMILY PARTY

BARCELONA STREET MUSIC


FREE ART & CRAFTS - WORLD MUSIC DJS
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SATURDAY SEPT 30TH
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23 BATH ST, FROME. 3PM TIL 7PM

TICKETS KIDHYENA.COM





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Age 1-5 years

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Tiddlers and Toddlers Market



Sunday 1st October
10:00-12:00

Mere Lecture Hall

Toddler play zone

Tea, coffee and cake

Quality pre-loved items from bump to 8 years old



Free entry
(donations to our playgroup welcome)