

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

### Next Week

- ◆ Monday 13th November—VSA Committee meeting
- ◆ Friday 17th November—Key Stage 2 Disco @ 3:15pm to 4:30pm

## Looking ahead

- ◆ Friday 1st December—Christmas Family Bingo @6pm
- ◆ Friday 8th December—Christmas Lunch
- ◆ Monday 18th December—Flu Vaccination Walk In Clinic—Frome Community Hospital 10:00am to 14:00pm for children who missed or were unable to have a vaccination at school.

## Christmas Performances

- ◆ 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 TD Days for this academic year are 2nd January 2024, 15th April 2024 and Monday 3rd June 2024. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

## Message from our Headteacher

It has been great to see so many of you this week for our parent meetings - I hope feedback has been positive and you have been able to celebrate the progress your child is making. We trialed a new booking system - as with all new things, there can be glitches so if there is any feedback you would like to tell us about on how the system worked for you, please let the office know.

You all received recently a copy of our final Ofsted report. I know that many of you will be keen to know how we are addressing the improvements noted in the report - I will send out an update on this shortly.

During October, a group of parents you may remember were raising money for the school through running. I would like to say a big thank you and well done to all of them for not only rising to the challenge but also raising a large amount for the school - thank you.

In last Friday's assembly, we celebrated science learning throughout the school. Ali Plumridge, our science subject leader, led a brilliant assembly with the children showing off some amazing science learning including using our senses to investigate how sound works. As part of our curriculum, we use quiz boxes which have questions in them to challenge the children on what they have learnt; they have been really successful and I have been really impressed with how the children have remembered the knowledge they have been taught.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Nick

## EYFS Phonics

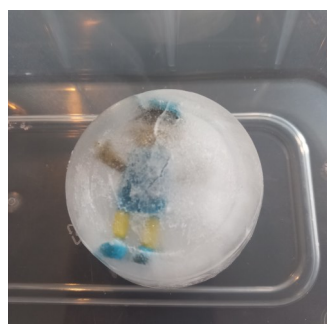
Thank you to all the EYFS parents who came along to the Phonics and Early Reading presentation last week. We hope you found it useful. Some of the children are bringing home their first reading book this week so keep an eye out in their book bag. This week's phonics email also explains more about the reading books. However please speak to your child's class teacher if you need anymore information.

## Super KS1 Scientists

As part of our work on exploring the story of The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson and our work on Antarctica, the children in KS1 are investigating ice.

There was great excitement in Skylark, Robin and Goldfinch classes this week. The children were challenged to find the quickest way to rescue a toy from ice. Some children found the warmest place in the classroom and others poured hot water over the ice. The children were surprised how quickly the ice melted using the warmth from their own hands.

The children made careful observations and confidently used their scientific vocabulary to describe and explain what they had seen.



## Anti-bullying week

Don't forget to wear your Odd Socks on Monday!!!

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

With the support of **Andy and the Odd Socks**

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

**Odd Socks Day**

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...  
...any of the adults in our school

**#OddSocksDay**  
**#AntiBullyingWeek**  
**#MakeANoise**

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ORGANISER

**MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING**  
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**Andy and the Odd Socks**  
PARTNER

## Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 8th December. Keep an eye on your emails next week for more information and how to book.

## Key Stage 2 Disco

On 17th November we will be holding a Disco from 3:15 to 4:30pm for our Year 3 & 4 children. Tickets will cost £3 and children should bring their party clothes in with them to change into at 3pm and they will then be taken to the hall. Parents should then pick up from the School Office entrance at 4:30pm. Pizza and drinks will be included in the price of the ticket. Tickets are still available from the school office.

## Feel Good Fridays

### Next Friday = Owl Class

This year the VSA will be running Feel Good Friday's instead of the class cake sales. Children are invited to wear their own clothes for a donation that will go into the class treat pot to buy extra toys and class treats. Each class has been designated a Friday as their Feel Good Friday as follows:

- 17th November—Owl Class
- 24th November—Skylark Class
- 1st December—Goldfinch Class
- 8th December—Buzzard Class
- 12th January—Eagle Class
- 19th January—Wren Class
- 26th January—Firecrest Class
- 2nd February—Robin Class





# CREATIVE MAKERS



Great news! Creative Makers is running a three-day art camp for children aged 5-10 during the Christmas holidays at Avanti park school. The sessions will be run by a qualified and experienced Art and Design teacher.



Over the four days, students will explore the work of various artists and create works that are inspired by them. They will also work in groups and use a range of materials to create paintings, prints, sculptures and large installations pieces. At the end of each day, all students will have creative work to take home. Each day is a fresh project, so you can attend one or all days and still have a unique experience.

All materials needed for the Art camp will be provided.

The camp will run from 9am -3pm each day



Places are limited, it is recommend that you sign up as soon as soon as possible at [creative-makers.co.uk](http://creative-makers.co.uk)

The art camp is a great opportunity for your child to explore their creative side and fun during the holidays



Dates: 19th, 21st December  
2nd, 3rd January

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