

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

### Next week

- ◆ Monday 20th May—KS2 trip to Roman Baths
- ◆ Wednesday 22nd May—KS2 Chocolate Café—Family Learning Event

### Looking ahead

- ◆ 25th May to 2nd June—HALF TERM
- ◆ Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY
- ◆ Monday 17th June—Sports Day (planned for the morning)
- ◆ Tuesday 18th June—September 2024 New Intake evening @5:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June—Year 3 Taster Day at Selwood Academy
- ◆ Friday 28th June—Summer Fair 3pm—5pm
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd July — Frome Schools Transfer Day
- ◆ Thursday 4th July—KS1 trip to Stourhead (more info nearer the time)
- ◆ Friday 19th July—KS2 End of Year performance dress rehearsals
- ◆ Monday 22nd July—KS2 End of Year Performance @ 1:45pm
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd July—KS2 End of Year Performance @ 9:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd July—Year 4 Leavers Party

Our planned TD Day for the remainder of this academic year is Monday 3rd June 2024. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

## Message from our Headteacher

It's been a busy few weeks in school with lots going on. You will have probably noticed some VSA posters around the school advertising the School Fair which is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June this year. We are trying something different by having the fair on a Friday but there will be all the usual stalls, games and activities so please try and come along and let's see if we can raise as much money for the school as possible.

On Monday, the KS2 classes are going to the Roman Baths as an introduction to their topic for the last part of the Summer term. I know they will have a great day and hopefully it will spark their interest for learning more about the Romans next half term.

We seem to be accumulating large amounts of lost property again. Please label your child's clothing so we can return it easily to them if lost - thank you.

As the weather gets warmer, some of the classrooms do get quite hot; if you have any unwanted fans at home, please let the office know as I know staff and children would welcome them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nick

## Lunch bookings

Remember that all lunch bookings, even for children in EYFS and KS1 who have Universal Infant Free School Meals and children in KS2 who are entitled to Benefit Based Free School meals, must be booked using ParentPay now. It is really important that lunches are ordered 7 days before the start of the week you want to book for. For week commencing 3rd June, **you need to book these by next Tuesday evening please** so we can order before the half term. Some parents/carers have said that they can't book for Monday 3rd June onwards, but please click on Tuesday 4th June onwards as Monday 3rd June is an INSET day.

If you miss the deadline to book the week's meals please speak to the office to agree a way forward as Selwood Kitchen cannot accept late orders. After half term, if you miss the deadline to book meals you will need to supply a packed lunch for your child for that week.

If you still haven't activated your account please do so ASAP. If you need another copy of your activation letter please let the office team know.

## KS2 Roman Baths Trip

Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission slip giving their child permission to attend the trip on Monday. Just a few reminders:

- ◆ The coach will leave at 9:15am sharp;
- ◆ Children who qualify for a free school meal will have a packed lunch provided by Cleverchefs. For those that pay for meals and have already booked, we have converted the booking to a packed lunch for your child.
- ◆ The coach will leave Bath at 2pm with the aim of arriving back at school in plenty of time for 3pm.

## KS2 Chocolate Cafe

Don't forget that the KS2 Chocolate Cafe is taking place next Wednesday at 9-9:30am in the KS2 classes. The children are looking forward to welcoming you into school to see what they have been learning and making, and to eat the chocolate! Please go to the classroom of your child/ren when you arrive.

## Year 3 Taster Days at Selwood Academy

Selwood Academy are pleased to announce that they will be holding their taster days for pupils currently in Year 3, on 25 and 26 June. Any of our Year 3 children are invited to attend Selwood on one of these days so that they can experience a taste of Selwood life.

Pupils will have the opportunity to sample an array of activities and see the site. These activities may include:

- ◆ Creating music in the music studio
- ◆ Practical Science in one of the labs,
- ◆ Forest School,
- ◆ Working in the Design Technology workshops
- ◆ Using their artistic skills in the Art studio

You will need to drop your child/ren off for 9am and they will spend the day with Selwood until 2pm. Children will need to take a packed lunch with them.

Limited spaces are available. To book a place please email the school on [selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk](mailto:selwoodacademy@selwood-academy.co.uk) or click on the link below by 13 June.

<https://forms.gle/rsWPPg2SCEAbbaTU6>

## Sports Day 2024

This year's Sports Day will take place (weather permitting) on Monday 17th June 2024. Currently, we plan to be at the field by 9:30am and parents, carers and other family members are very welcome to come along and watch. After the events, we will all make our way back up the hill for a picnic in the school playground which again, you are very welcome to join us for. The VSA will be providing scones and jam to help us celebrate.

## VSA News



The fabulous Summer Fair is happening on **Friday 28th June 3 -5pm**, where there will be plenty of exciting stalls, food, drinks, music, games and activities. We can't wait to see you there! For up to date information please join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VallisVSA/> If any parents/carers would like to get involved you would be really welcome - please email Hannah/Kirsty [vallisvsa@gmail.com](mailto:vallisvsa@gmail.com) - it's a great opportunity to make new connections across the school community.

**Mufti Day** - Friday 7th June. At the Fair we will be running a Tombola stall. We would love each child to bring in an item in exchange for mufti such as wine, chocolates, unused toiletries, games, candles, gifts.

**Raffle tickets** will go on sale soon!



Key Stage 2



## Chocolate Café

Please come to hear our  
chocolate song, poem and  
to eat some chocolatey  
treats that we have  
designed and made.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9-9.30





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# Girls Football Camp



**Thursday  
30th May**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**

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