



PARENT BULLETIN | 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

Davis

Davis Class have had a wonderful start to Autumn Term 2! Our topic for this term is 'Let There Be Light', and we've been exploring light and darkness through our new story "The Darkest Dark" by Chris Hadfield. We have absolutely loved diving into this inspiring story about overcoming fears and dreaming big. To bring the story to life, we've used a variety of sensory props from shimmering starry lights to space sounds and even astronaut dress-up! In PE, the class have been enjoying their gymnastics and yoga sessions in the hall, practising balance and stretching. They've also had a blast with rebound sessions, where jumping and movement have brought lots of fun. It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we can't wait to see what other exciting adventures the rest of the term will bring!



Our students have been working incredibly hard in their classes. We've seen some fantastic handwriting, mark making and imaginative story writing across school and well done to those budding authors in Tajiri class!

Last half term, students learnt about Diwali and they thoroughly enjoyed making beautiful Diya lamps and creating vibrant patterns as part of their celebrations. We look forward to sharing these with Pratham Padakshep.

As we celebrate the end of the first half term, Years 7 to Sixth Form reminded us of how our students bring our school values to life—leading with heart, lifting others up, and showing the community what achievement really looks like.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I hope that you enjoyed the half-term break. It was lovely to see so many smiling students coming back on Monday morning.

On the last day of half term we took part in the Big Draw festival, which is an international event celebrating the act of drawing. Drawing is a somewhat underestimated tool for expressing communication and we wanted to provide an opportunity for students to come together and to explore their creative sides. You will see from this selection of photos, some of the different media that the students used in our Big Draw workshop to express their inner artists.

We are already starting to think about Christmas crafts in preparation for our Christmas Fayre – look out for information from your child's class as to what they will be making if you are interested in coming along and purchasing items either at the **MASKS Christmas Fayre on 29th November** and the **Stocklake Christmas Craft fayre on 5th December**.

Rhonda





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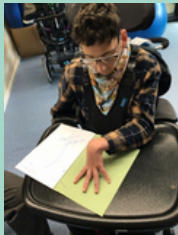
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Hawking

In Hawking class we have been exploring our 'Africa' topic through stories such as Handa's surprise, We went on Safari, Walking through the Jungle and A is for Africa. We have also been exploring sensory trays and lots of different fruits during our food tech sessions.



We have been working on our fine motor skills through daily mark making and the pupils are learning to recognise the first letter of their names.



We have also welcomed a new student to the class, Nahal and we all hope that she will enjoy getting to know us all over the coming weeks.

Audrey
Hawking Class Teacher

WEBSTER

Webster Class have been exploring the life and achievements of George Webster as part of their topic-based learning. George, a BAFTA-winning presenter, actor, and author who has Down's syndrome, has inspired the students with his message of inclusion, positivity, and perseverance. The class have been busy fact-finding about George's journey—from his work on CBeebies to his books This Is Me and Why Not?—and have created vibrant artwork celebrating his story and the idea that "we all have a glow inside each one of us." One of George's quotes that really resonated with the class was: "Some people say I'm special, but that's not what I think... My glow is what makes me who I am, and yours will make you who you are." The students have shown great enthusiasm and empathy, and their work reflects a deep understanding of what makes someone truly inspirational.



THE VALE FEDERATION SEEKS NEW SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The Vale Federation has a Governing Board, which has overall responsibility for the aim and direction of the school and is accountable to the Local Authority and parents for the way the school is run.

The Board consists of a team of School Governors, from a variety of different backgrounds, who work in partnership with Bradley, our Principal, the Senior Leadership team, and staff to do our best to help our children achieve their full potential in a caring, enjoyable and safe environment.

The Governors have a real part to play in the success of the Federation and our two schools. School Governors make a valuable contribution to children's education, opportunities, and futures. Being a Governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It provides a great opportunity to make a real difference to young people, give something back to the local community and use and develop skills in a Board level environment.

We do currently have a vacancy on the Governing Board and we are, therefore, now seeking to find and appoint a new Governor. We would very much like to hear from you if you're interested in finding out more about becoming a School Governor.

Supporting the Federation and our two schools by being a Governor is an immensely rewarding and enjoyable experience. We would encourage all members of the local community, regardless of age, experience and background, to consider becoming a Governor.

So, if you'd like to find out more, please do email Bradley at btaylor@thevalefederation.com or Dave Pearce, our Chair of Governors, at dpearce@thevalefederation.com

We'd love to hear from you.
Thank you.

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word





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ACTION4YOUTH BOOST PROGRAMME

The Boost Programme was a personal development course delivered by Action4Youth, focussing on building confidence, resilience, and essential life skills while preparing students for adulthood and the world of work.

The programme combined outdoor activities with practical workshops on topics like budgeting, cooking, mental resilience, enterprise and employability. Its aim is to empower young people to discover their strengths, develop independence, and thrive in life beyond school.

Angelou class' highlight was welcoming Jenny and Rohan as part of the Boost programme.

Students took part in a range of team building and wellbeing-focused activities:

Bushcraft: Bread making with flint and steel and a Kelly kettle.

Team Dynamics: Using a parachute and ball, the students worked together to move the ball across numbered sections without letting it fall through the holes – lots of teamwork and laughter!

Creative Thinking Activities: Each student had a turn to solve the Tower of Hanoi, excellent for critical thinking and discussion.

Emergency Shelter: Parachute fun game where children took turns to take shelter under the parachute.

Leisure Time: The day ended with free choice time where students relaxed and played games together.

MASKS CHRISTMAS FAYRE



We're excited to welcome you to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 29th November!

Join us for a joyful and inclusive day filled with festive fun for all the friends and families of the Vale Federation.

🎁 Help Make Our Christmas Fayre Sparkle! 🎁

We're kindly asking for donations of bottles, chocolates, sweets, gifts, and cakes to help make this year's event truly magical.

All donations must be received by Friday 21st November with the exception of cakes which is Friday 28th November. You can also support us by buying raffle tickets, or by selling them to your family and friends to spread the festive cheer even further!

If you have any questions, please contact masks@thevalefederation.com

🎁 Weekly Tuck Shop Fun! 🎁

Our tuck shop is open every Friday with snacks priced between 50p and £1.50, and each week has a different theme to keep things exciting!

This isn't just about tasty treats—it's a great way for students to practice work-related learning, develop social and communication skills, and use number skills when handling money.

Thank you for supporting this valuable learning opportunity!



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CALENDAR



Monday 10th November

World Science Day

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Wednesday 19th – Tuesday 25th November

Road Safety Week

Monday 24th – Sunday 30th November

UK Parliament Week

Saturday 29th November

MASKS Christmas Fayre at Booker Park School

Friday 5th December

Stocklake Park Christmas Craft Fair

Tuesday 9th December

Carol-fest

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term

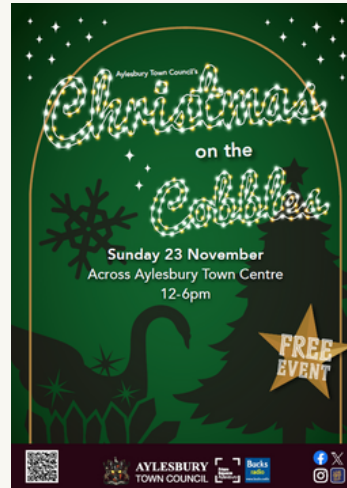
****Christmas Break: 22nd December to 2nd January****

Monday 5th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

Students return to school

CHRISTMAS ON THE COBBLES



SEND ACTIVITY CENTRES

To find out more information or locations of activity centres that are dedicated to children with SEND, please click here: <https://www.sendhelpuk.com/>



Childhood Anxiety	Monday 17 th of November 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/741a9c4f-0eb4-6a33-9694-d4f64b6a3a5a?759a-s89b-2aad-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	
Adolescent Anxiety	Monday 1 st of December 2025	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1feb1292-4a8c-44dc-843b-6a4980a5c729?759a-s89b-2aad-4973-b048-e6903b46a8b6	



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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