



PARENT BULLETIN | 14TH 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!



Children in Need – Creative Celebration

We celebrated Children in Need with a joyful day of creativity and inclusion:

- *Students dressed in yellow or dot-themed outfits, inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama.
 - *Classes made eye patches and decorated their own Pudsey Bears, exploring colour, texture, and design.
 - *Every class contributed to a giant collaborative Pudsey, proudly displayed during assemblies.
 - *The "Guess the Bear's Name" activity brought lots of excitement and smiles across the school.
- These activities were not only fun but also supported communication, sensory engagement, and teamwork.

Stocklake Park Students Support British Legion Poppy Appeal Volunteering

As part of their work-related learning, students from Stocklake Park School proudly volunteered with the British Legion to help sell poppies to the public in support of Remembrance Day. This meaningful activity not only allowed students to engage with their local community, but also helped them develop valuable communication and social skills in a real-world setting. Their contribution to such an important cause was a powerful reminder of the impact young people can have, and the experience proved to be both enriching and deeply worthwhile.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week we have looked back on the importance of Remembrance. Whilst the details of Remembrance Day is not fully understood by all of our students, we have related this to people who have helped us. Some students created poppies while others joined in sensory activities exploring poppy related art. Those who were able, joined in observing a two-minute silence.

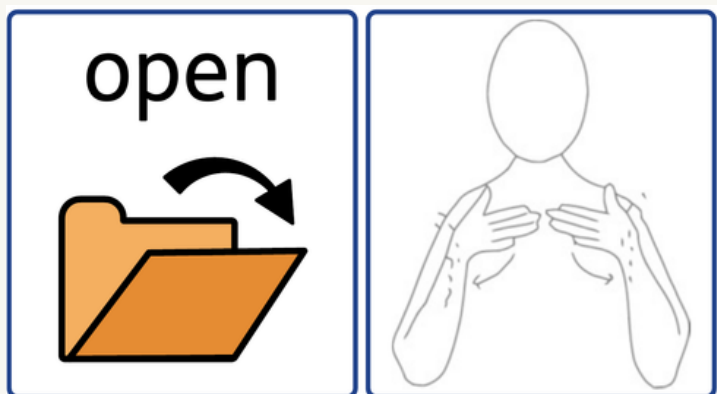
Coming up we have Vache Baroque visiting us on **Tuesday 18th November**, to bring their operatic musical performances to school. This will be a different experience for most of our students who may not have heard opera before.

Have a good weekend.

Rhonda

SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word



This is the generic sign for open, the sign will differ for book, drink etc.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR ANGELOU CLASS!

We're thrilled to announce that Angelou class will be taking part in the **Balfour Beatty Insights Programme** - a fantastic chance to explore the world of construction and infrastructure! Students will start with engaging online work experience, gaining real-world insights and skills, and then move on to the highlight of the programme: a visit to the Balfour Beatty depot.

This is a brilliant way to connect classroom learning with industry practice and inspire future pathways. Huge thanks to everyone supporting this initiative - it's going to be an amazing experience for our learners!



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USEFUL INFORMATION

MASKS
Christmas Fayre
 Saturday 29th November
 11am-2pm
 at Booker Park School
 Hot & Cold Food & Drink
 Tombolas & Raffle
 Find the Penguins, Name the Friends
 Gingerbread Man Decorating
 and of course... Santa!
 Quiet hour 2pm-3pm (Santa only)
 This is an inclusive day of fun
 for all the friends and families
 of the Vale Federation.
 We look forward to seeing you all
 on the day!
 The MASKS team

Autism Family Support Service
You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.

First Tuesday of every month
 7pm - 8.30pm
 Platform: Zoom

Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

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- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
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- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
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Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE
 you are the expert of your family

Dear Headteacher/SENCO,

I'm writing to let you know about a free online support opportunity for parents and carers that we run through the Autism Family Support Service.

The next drop-in takes place in December. Normally, we run the 'You Are Not Alone' drop-in on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in December we are doing something special.

Instead of 1 drop-in session we are going to run 5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December from 7pm - 8.30pm.

We'd love it if you could share this with families who may benefit from this free support service.

You can download our [leaflet](#) to pass it on to parents who would benefit from these drop-ins.

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These sessions are a chance for parents to talk openly, learn, and connect. They don't have to do this on their own.

If you have families who may be interested, please let them know they can email sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send them the Zoom link.

Thank you for helping us spread the word. Together we can make sure parents know they are not alone.

Kind regards,
 Erik & Sally Wagter

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CALENDAR



Wednesday 19th - Tuesday 25th November

Road Safety Week

Monday 24th - Sunday 30th November

UK Parliament Week

Saturday 29th November

MASKS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9th December

Carol-fest

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

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



Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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