



## Diary Dates

### Friday 29 April

Earth Day

### Monday 2 May

May Day Bank Holiday

### Tuesday 3 May

Reception and Year 6 school photos

### Thursday 5 May

Year 4 parents meeting 2.30pm re  
Multiplication Tables Check

### Week commencing Monday 9 May

Year 6 SATs week

### Tuesday 17 May

Open morning 9-10am

### Wednesday 18 May

Movie Night—Raya and the Last Dragon

### Wednesday 25 May

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

School closes for Spring Bank holiday



### Thursday 9 June

School reopens after Spring Bank

### Tuesday 14 June

Year 4 visit to Gurdwara



### Wednesday 15 June

Y1, Y2 & Y3 water safety talks

### Thursday 16 June

Year 5 visit to Murton Park

### Thursday 30 June

Year 3 visit to Cliffe Castle

### Monday 18 July

Sports Day (am)

### Wednesday 20 July

End of year disco

### Tuesday 26 July

School closes for  
Summer holidays



### Wednesday 18 May—Raya & the Last Dragon

Movie night will finish at 4.45pm.

Tickets cost £2 and are available from  
the school office.



We are absolutely delighted with how popular Movie Night has been; well over half the school have attended the latest two events!

Thank you for your patience whilst we find the quickest and safest way to release the children afterwards.

Moving forward, the playground gates will remain locked until the children are lined up on the playground.



## Headteacher's Message



I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Easter holiday! It was great to see all our children back in school on Monday; ready to squeeze as much learning as possible into this short half term!

Worth Valley Primary School is committed to ensuring pupils attend school on time every day in order to maximise their progress and attainment. As part of this, effective immediately, we will be implementing the strategy for improving poor attendance launched recently by Bradford Local Authority.

This guidance provides schools with a framework within which to work, in the form of a staged intervention model for poor attendance. This is to help ensure consistency across the city, making sure that all parents receive a similar message from all schools and academies, regardless of where they live, or which school their child attends.

As part of our commitment to improving the attainment of our pupils we monitor pupil attendance on a regular basis. This week the senior leadership team and attendance lead have identified pupils whose attendance is currently a concern. In the first instance, this includes pupils who have been late to school on more than 5 occasions this academic year and also those pupils whose attendance is currently below 90%.

We will be writing to the parents or carers of these children this week to share our concerns and inform our families of the impact poor attendance has on a child's development and learning. Our whole-school attendance target is 95%; in order to achieve this it is imperative that we work together on this and as always, your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

There also is a legislative expectation that schools notify the Local Authority of instances where poor attendance offences are being committed, and that the Local Authority investigates all offences, whether or not it involves the parents of pupils at academies, free schools or LA maintained schools.

**A reminder that Monday 2 May is a Bank Holiday and so we will re-open on Tuesday 3 May.**



## Attendance data for the last 3 weeks is as follows:

w/c 28 March 22		w/c 4 April 2022		w/c 25 April 22	
Reception	73.6%	Reception	95.4%	Reception	88.5%
Year 1	89.7%	Year 1	90.8%	Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	85.8%	Year 2	89.7%	Year 2	91.8%
Year 3	77.9%	Year 3	93.9%	Year 3	95%
Year 4	88.7%	Year 4	90.1%	Year 4	93.7%
Year 5	83.0%	Year 5	92.4%	Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	94.8%	Year 6	93.1%	Year 6	92.8%

### Open Morning

We are excited to be holding our first open morning in school for over two years! This will be held on **Tuesday 17 May from 9-10am** and is an opportunity for you to visit your child and spend time in their learning environment.

We look forward to seeing you!



### Rounders After-School Club

We have a very limited number of places available in our junior rounders club which is held on Wednesdays, 3-4pm. Please contact the school office on 01535 604240 for more information if your child is interested in joining.

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Year 4 pupils will be participating in the national multiplication tables check in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

We are inviting parents and carers of pupils in year 4 to attend a meeting in school on Thursday 5 May at 2.30pm to provide you with further information and discuss how best to support your child at home.



Last September, in the first newsletter of the year, I remember writing to tell you how happy we were to see everyone back in school but that we were missing one very special little girl. At the end of August last year, Bella in year 1 was diagnosed with leukemia and for the last eight months has been undergoing an intensive treatment programme. Except for the odd day, Bella has not been well enough to attend school and so we kept our fingers and toes crossed, sent her our best wishes and made sure she was always in our thoughts.

Every pupil in school made Bella a heart, which collectively formed a display outside the dining hall which we promised to keep up until Bella was well enough to return to school.



I am beyond delighted to tell you that Bella has now begun what is known as the maintenance phase of her treatment and this means she is able to re-join us in school! It is no exaggeration to say she has absolutely smashed her first week and we are all so incredibly proud of her!

I do, however, have some extremely important information to pass on to all our families from Leeds Children's Hospital as part of Bella's Care Plan:

### Re: Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask for your cooperation in a vitally important matter? One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for leukemia. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. Please let school know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil with leukemia may be at serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all parents and know we can rely on your help.

Many thanks.