



Vale School Newsfeed

10th September 2026

Welcome back!

What an incredible start to the new school year. We have had a fantastic week, and the children have all settled so well back into school life. The children have amazed us with their confidence and independence already, especially our Reception-aged children, who have enjoyed exploring their classrooms and getting to know their new teachers. Our new kitchen has also been a huge hit amongst the children and staff alike! It's been wonderful to see everyone come together at lunchtimes and enjoy delicious home-cooked meals.

Inter house Cross Country - Friday 25th September

On Friday 25th September, we are going to be holding our Inter-House Cross Country event on the Gallops. The children in Years 1 to 6 will take part in a race during the morning. Parents and Carers are very welcome to come along and cheer the children on. The children can come into school on this day in their PE kits and suitable footwear to run (trainers are best). We also ask that they wear a coloured T-shirt to represent their house colour.

Running order

Time	Year Group	Race
9.10am	Year 6	1 Small, 1 Long (Start from outdoor gym)
9.40am	Year 2	1 Small Lap (Start at top of path)
10.00am	Year 1	1 Small lap (Start at top of path)
10.10am	Year 3	1 Small lap (Start from outdoor gym)
10.30am	Year 4	1 Long Lap (Start from outdoor gym)
10.50am	Year 5	2 Small Laps (Start from outdoor gym)

Early Years children will be running on our AstroTurf on Thursday 24th September at 9:00am

Adopted One Way system

During pick-up and drop-off times, we have implemented an unofficial one-way system around the school to help improve the flow of traffic and make parking easier for everyone. The idea is to reduce congestion and avoid cars backing up in multiple directions. This will allow for safer and smoother movement for both vehicles and pedestrians.

The flow will go in one direction, one way up Vale Drive, around Vale Avenue and back down the hill. Only one way along Hillview where possible. If everyone follows the system, it should be quicker to park, and there will be fewer hold-ups, making things less stressful and more safe for everyone. We ask for your cooperation for this to work well. Please can we also remind parents/carers to be mindful of parking over our neighbours driveways. Unfortunately we have had a few complaints about this already at the start of term.

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Autumn Term Clubs 2026

Tomorrow you will receive an email confirming what club/s your child has been successful in gaining a place in. All clubs re-start next week w/c 14th September. On the day's your child is attending a sports club please make sure they bring in a change of clothes and trainers. They will be given time to change in their year groups. The green gates will be opened at 3:55pm for you to wait on the main playground where the club leader will hand your children over.

If for any reason your child **cannot attend** a club it is your responsibility to let the office know at your earliest convenience. If we have not been notified we will contact you to make sure they have collected safely. It is really important that we know where they are if they were due to attend a club.

Starting School In September 2027

We are now running tours for prospective parents of children who will start school in September 2027. Can I ask that you help us publicise these tours. We will be posting on Facebook & Instagram so if you can spread the word to friends and family, it will be much appreciated. You can book onto one of our tours on the link below.

[School Tours for Children starting school in September 2027](#)



Congratulations to our school dog

Minnie - who as part of her continuing professional development passed her Therapy Dogs UK assessment during the summer with flying colours.

Also Minnie would really appreciate it if you or your children see her on the gate if the children can avoid running at her to stroke her as this can worry her and although she reacts by moving away it does cause her stress. She loves to say hello to everyone and really appreciates it when they approach calmly and wait for their turn!

If your child is missing seeing Minnie at weekends and holiday periods you can follow her on facebook (Minnie@valeschool) and instagram (Minnie_Valeschool).

Polite reminders

Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut-free school. Please be mindful when packing snack bars that they do not contain nuts. Please can we also ask that any grapes, tomatoes or blueberries are cut due to choking hazards. Email enquiries - Please can we remind parents that, when emailing in regarding their child, they include their child's full name and class.

Cherrytree Childcare's Spooktacular Half Term Holiday Camp is back!

Bookings are OPENING for Cherry Trees Spooktacular October Holiday Camp and can be made via the booking link here: <https://bookings.cherrytreechildcare.org/>

After a fantastic Summer Holiday Camp they are already very busy at Cherrytree getting ready for a jam packed Half Term Camp full of arts, crafts & spooky fun!

With multiple SELL OUT days at their Holiday Camps, early booking is essential to ensure you don't miss out on your desired dates! Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

- Email: cherrytree@childcarebookings.co.uk
- Tel: 01444 523335

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Useful links:[PS Catering Menu](#)[Lancing Prep Worthing Scholarships](#)[Davison CE High School Open Morning](#)[St Andrews Open Events](#)[Parenting Mental Health Course](#)[Parenting Mental Health Support Services](#)[Parenting Peer Support Drop-ins](#)[Sussex Mind Parenting Mental Health Service](#)[Guitar Lessons - Bobby Harris](#)[Cherry Tree Spooktacular Half Term Camp](#)**2026/27 Academic - Important Dates to Remember**

Autumn Term	EY's Cross Country	Thursday 24th September
	Inter-house Cross Country	Friday 25th September
	Year 5 Harvest Assembly	Tuesday 29th September
	Flu Vaccines	Wednesday 30th September
	Half Term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
	INSET day	Monday 23rd November
	Last Day of Term	Friday 18th December

Term Dates and INSET Days for 2027

Spring Term 2027	First day of Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027
	Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027
	Last Day of Term	Wednesday 24th March 2027
	INSET Day	Thursday 25th March 2027
	March Bank Holiday	Friday 26th March 2027

Summer Term 2027	First day Summer Term	Monday 12th April 2027
	May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
	INSET Day	Friday 28th May 2027
	Half Term	Monday 31st - Friday 4th June 2027
	INSET Day	Friday 9th July 2027
	Last day of Term	Wednesday 21st July 2027

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