



## VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### April 2025 Newsletter 8

#### 1. Special days

Welcome back to the summer term. To all those who have been celebrating Easter with family and friends, we hope that you have had a wonderful and enjoyable time.



April 23<sup>rd</sup> is St. George's Day, and we will be holding a special assembly to help the pupils understand the significance of patron saints' days, national days and what it means to be patriotic.

We will also be commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory Europe (VE) Day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May with special activities.



#### 2. Nursery places

We are registering for September 2025, and at both sites, we offer **ALL-DAY provision** (8.30am - 3.30pm) to a limited number of pupils. Enquire at the offices about places and procedures. Don't miss out.....



#### 3. Polite reminder

Pupils are asked **not** to play football or basketball, ride scooters or bikes, etc in the playgrounds before and after school, due to the number of parents and other children on site....

#### 4. Rights Respecting School

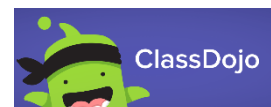
We are embedding our commitment to UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA).



At Valence, we are always striving to create the best possible learning environment for our children, and this achievement shows that we are committed to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging them to respect the rights of others in school. This month, we are focusing on Article 29 and our responsibility for the environment.

#### 5. Home-school communication

If you have a message for the class teacher, please pass it via the member of staff on duty by the entrance doors or use ClassDojo. It is not always convenient for the teacher to talk at 8.45am, as they are preparing the class and taking the register.



### UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 29

**Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.**



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### 6. Year 6 KS2 test week

Across England, year 6 pupils will be taking national tests in:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- Mathematics

These national tests will take place from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May. Teachers will also be assessing the pupils' writing in the summer term.

### 7. The Roost

Have you been to *The Roost*? At Bonham Road, the school house was refurbished as a fabulous facility that will help families engage more with their children, whilst at St. George's we have a room specifically set aside as *The Roost* (in the Y6/ARP building).

*The Roost* supports pupils with additional needs who need to access a wide range of services. Local organisations partner with the school to use the house for the benefit of the school community, ensuring that the pupils of Valence continue to have the best provision possible. Please talk to Vicky Goode, our Parent Support Advisor, for more details.

The Roost also is a source of quality used uniforms for distribution.

### 8. Want to get involved?

It is so encouraging to see parents and carers getting involved in the life of the school. If you have time, even for a couple of hours, why not volunteer at school? Give your name to the office. We need adults to:

- read with children
- help out at events such as parties, concerts, charity days
- join a painting working party to spruce up the Early Years playground
- share your skills with the pupils e.g. cooking, drawing, sewing, etc
- support the gardening clubs



### 9. Why is attending school every day so important?

Let's aim high – aim for **100%** attendance. This gives children the best chance to succeed. The government research says that in order for pupils to make the best progress, they should be in school at least 96.5% attendance. Do you know your child's attendance percentage? The class teacher can inform you.



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