

Parent Newsletter

Thursday 8 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful week it's been, I've loved seeing everyone out enjoying our stunning site at social times. This week our new prefects have been running rounders competitions at break and lunch, which has really enhanced our sense of community spirit.

I'd like to welcome Mrs Vincent to our team, she joins our newly formed Pastoral Team. Mrs Vincent is our family support worker and lead for alternative provisions, she will also be leading on our Young Carers and Forest Schools programme. We are also very fortunate to have recruited a number of additional teachers who will join us in September.

Our Year 11 are ploughing through their GCSEs with determination and resilience, with only 6 days left of their GCSEs they are now on the home straight!

Congratulations to our Swimming and Rounders teams who competed in local events this week, they have been great ambassadors for our school and we're very proud of them.

As the warm weather continues, we have relaxed the rules around wearing blazers and ties, this rule will continue next week as it's set to get hotter. Please can I remind you that trainers are not permitted, we have purchased some black shoes which we will be loaning to students if they are in trainers without a medical reason. If there are financial issues in purchasing school shoes, please do get in contact with me and we will support you.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Warm wishes
Nicky Goodridge

Forthcoming Dates:

Friday 9 June – Year 8 Sparsholt College Futures Day
Tuesday 13 June – Year 11 BBQ & Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 14 June – Rounders Tournament (John Hanson School)
Monday 19 June – Year 7 & 8 Sports Trip (Charlton)
Tuesday 20 June – Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 20 & Thursday 22 June – Year 10 Non-core exams
Friday 23 June – INSET Day

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter Feed and Instagram Account. Reshares and likes are always appreciated!

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Vacancies

Please see our website for current vacancies: [Test Valley School - Vacancies](#)

Venue Hire

Do you require a room for a meeting or sports event? School facilities are available to hire outside of the school day. Please email leisure@testvalley.hants.sch.uk for all enquiries.

Remaining INSET Day

Friday 23 June

School Buses

We have been advised by Hampshire County Council that there are planned road resurfacing works between 19 June 2023 and 21 June 2023. Roads affected include A343 Andover Hill, A30 London Road, A3057 Romsey Road (Wherwell) and A3057 Romsey Road/Stockbridge Road (Leckford). School transport will be allowed to travel along these routes but may be delayed. Please be assured that the buses will be running, and your child will not be penalised if they are late to school due to the bus.

Year 10 Non-Core Exams Timetable

Information regarding the forthcoming year 10 non-core exams can be found on our website: [Test Valley School - Yr 10 Exam Information](#)

Year 10 English Literature

The English Department has asked if all Yr 10 Pupils could please have a copy of 'An Inspector Calls – J.B. Priestley' as they will now be studying it. The cheapest listed on Amazon is <https://amzn.eu/d/6rShHEo>.

PE Star of the Month

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May

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Benji M	Teddy L-C	Oliver L-C	James P	Toby H
Freya B	Sienna P	Sophia J	Ivalina K	Amy S

KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 22 May

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Victoria S	Alexis B	Bethany H	Milly PB
Jack W	Flora R	Ailsa S	Luna A
Liqi L	Julita C	Oliver LC	Sam J
Rosie C	Evie H	Lisia LCN	Eleanor V
Freddie P	Alfie A	Josh RO	Mollie S

Sports News

Swimming Gala

Some of our year 7 and 8 pupils took part in the Andover and District schools swimming gala on Tuesday 6th June held at Rookwood School. The pupils showed great effort in their races with some extremely strong performances. Team encouragement was second to none which made it a very enjoyable event for all involved.

The team were

Alice R
Victoria S
Zoe B
Taran J-D
Maison B
Grace B
Jack W
Freddie P
George G
Amelie H

Rounders Tournament

We had a lovely afternoon taking part in the Andover and District Schools year 8 rounders tournament on Wednesday 7th June. The event was held at Harrow way school and the sun was shining for us.

The girls started off the tournament with a very impressive win in their first match and all the games were played with great team spirit which continued throughout.

The games were played with great determination and the girls showed sportsmanship in every game played.

Very proud of the team, well done girls.



The players were:

Amelie H	Grace B
Amelie T	Flora R
Jaime H	Alice R
Taran J-D	Victoria S
Sienna P	Grace M

Library



A huge congratulations to Alfie W for becoming a **Test Valley Word Millionaire** after reading 1,057,093 words and taking 11 Accelerated Reader quizzes. Well done Alfie for all your hard work!

GCSE Art

Some wonderful examples of pupils' GCSE Art:



TEST VALLEY
PRIDE CELEBRATIONS
JUNE 2023

June is Pride Month and we invite you to celebrate your Pride and Support with us!!

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE – BREAK & LUNCH

Making Pride decorations to display around the school in Room 23 (Mr Langdown's Room)

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE – LUNCH

Pride flag quiz in the Hall!

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE – LUNCH

Singing performances of songs by LGBTQ+ Artists in the Hall

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE – PERIOD 5

'Colour Fun Run' On the Bottom Field.
There'll be a water slide. Dress in colourful clothing!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

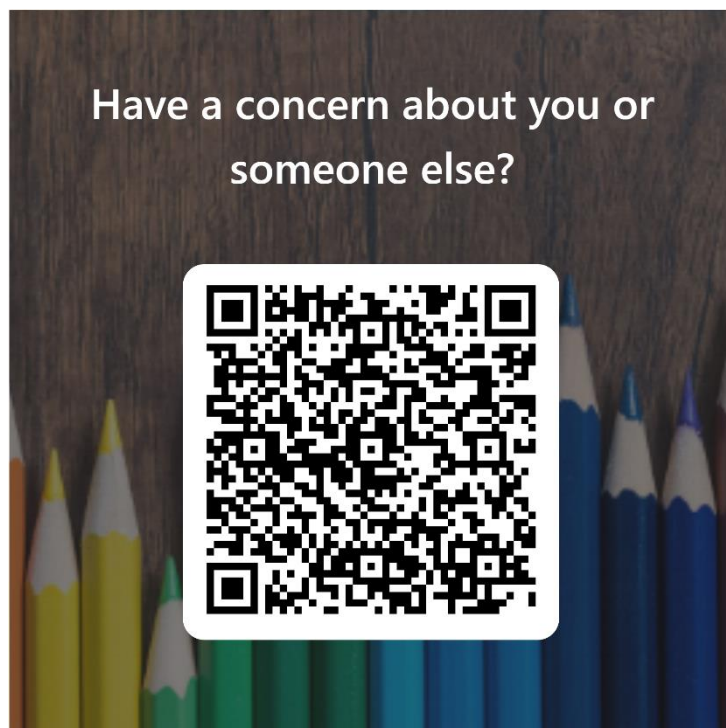
Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to sign up to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. To secure a place this year, complete the application form contained within the linked letter and send to Simon Mason at Andover Baptist church.

A parent and candidate information evening will be held at Andover Baptist Church on Thursday 15th June at 7.30.

The school supports the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Mr Langdown is the school's coordinator for this if you have any further enquiries.

[Test Valley School - Duke of Edinburgh's Awards](#)

Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



GCSE Summer Exam Timetable

Please use the below link to access timetable information for the summer GCSE exams

[Test Valley School – Yr 11 Exam Information](#)

SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

[Test Valley School – SETA Engineering Apprenticeships](#)

Health and Wellbeing

[Future in Mind Parent Peer Support – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please see our website for more useful information: [Test Valley School - Wellbeing](#)

College Open Events

Sparsholt College Open event: [Test Valley School - Sparsholt College](#)

Peter Symonds Open Event: [Test Valley School - Peter Symonds College](#)

Andover College Open Event: [Test Valley School - Andover College](#)

Please see our website for the latest information on College open events with information on how to book a place. [Test Valley School - College Open Events](#)



Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



Do your pupils love animals? Our RSPCA Young Photographer Awards provides the perfect opportunity to learn more about them, while developing their creative skills.

Here at the RSPCA, we want to inspire young people to connect with animals. Experiencing the natural world through photography is a great way to build this connection. So I'm writing to ask for your help in encouraging the children and young people at your school or college to give our competition a go!

The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards is a high-profile competition that's been running since 1990. It attracts thousands of entries each year and is endorsed by conservationists and professional photographers alike – including TV's Chris Packham, who sits on our judging panel.

Winning images often make the national press and many of our past finalists have gone on to careers in photography, animal welfare or conservation. This competition is a must for creative, ambitious young people who care about the natural world – and want to do something to help protect it.

Entrants don't need lots of photography experience or fancy equipment – just a camera or smartphone, a love of animals and an eye for a fantastic shot.

There are 10 listed categories young people can choose from:

- Age (under 12 years, 12–15 years, 16–18 years)
- Mobile phone and devices (under 12s, 12–15 Years and 16–18 Years)
- Pet personalities
- Pet portraits
- Small world
- Portfolio

This competition is **free to enter** and offers some amazing prizes, including a photography trip led by industry experts Natures Images, winners' trophies and certificates, and a share of £3,200 in Amazon vouchers.

Please display the enclosed poster on your noticeboards, add it to your newsletters and encourage your classes to give animal photography a go. As an extra incentive, the finalists are also invited to our prestigious Tower of London awards ceremony and exhibition, hosted by Chris Packham.

Pupils can visit: rspca.org.uk/ypa where they can read more about each category, find photography tips from past winners and pro photographers, and upload their entries.

Entries close on 15 August 2023.

Thank you for your support – we look forward to seeing their entries!

Best wishes

Christine Lunn

RSPCA Young Photographer Awards Organiser

P.S. To get this poster as a digital image please email me at: ypa@rspca.org.uk

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THE RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER AWARDS 2023



WIN

- ▶ TROPHIES
- ▶ AMAZON VOUCHERS
- ▶ AN EPIC TRIP!

If you're 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you! Send us your animal images by **15 August 2023**. Finalists are invited to our Tower of London awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.



Hope Skidmore - winner of 12-15 Mobile Phone and Devices category.

ENTER NOW!



FOR MORE INFO:
rspca.org.uk/ypa

Vision – To develop Test Valley as a small, rural, high achieving school

At Test Valley we are committed to building an engaging inclusive environment where success and excellence is experienced by all. We will achieve this by ensuring:

Kindness

We always show care, respect and consideration for each other. Test Valley is a warm, welcoming and safe place for all.

Excellence

We are relentlessly determined to strive for the best in all we do; developing excellent learning habits which help us to grow.

Resilience

We show courage by not giving in, challenging ourselves, stepping out of our comfort zones and not fearing failure.

Empowerment

We help pupils to evolve into happy, independent, knowledge rich citizens who have the skills to make a real difference in our ever changing world.



In pursuit of personal excellence you must dream big,
work hard and make it happen.