



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Nursery places

We are registering for September 2024, 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.....



2. 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....

3. Rights Respecting School

We are progressing well to Silver with 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.

4. 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.

5. SING!

After the huge success of parent/carer singing lessons at the Bonham Road site, we are now in a position to offer five weeks of funded singing lessons for parents/carers at the *St. George's Road* site, starting on Tuesday 23rd April from 1.55pm - 3.00pm. Sign up at the office.



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6. Celebrating liberty & peace

On Wednesday 8 May, we will be sharing *VE Day* with the pupils. 8 May 1945 – Victory in Europe Day (VE DAY) – is an important day etched in British and European history. After nearly six years of war, Germany officially surrendered on 7 May 1945 and the WWII conflict was finally over.



The pupils are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to celebrate peace coming to Britain and Europe.

7. 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 13 May to Thursday 16 May. Teachers will also be assessing the pupils' writing in the summer term.

8. The Roost

Nearly new school uniform is available at The Roost on both sites on the following days:

Bonham - Monday morning 9.00am - 9.30am

St. George's - Tuesday afternoon 3.20pm - 3.55pm

Welcome to come and have a look and take what you need.



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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