

Parent Newsletter

Friday 24 November 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

I hope you're all well.

On Thursday we held a GCSE presentation evening to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2023, it was a wonderful evening and so lovely to hear how they are getting on at college and on Apprenticeships. Many thanks to Tina Griffiths for organising the events.

Also on Thursday we had a guest speaker from the Royal Navy who gave our pupils a brilliant insight into a wide range of careers in the Navy.

A polite reminder to Parents and Carers of Year 10 pupils, we are holding their Parent and Carers Consultation evening on Thursday 29th November, please ensure you have booked appointments.

Another positive week on the sports front, multiple Netball Teams had away fixtures, Mr Faulkingham tells me the girls were highly competitive and won a number of their matches. Well done to all our participants. Good luck also to our Dodge Ball team who are just leaving for a tournament as I write this newsletter!

I'm sure it's in your calendars but just in case, we have an Inset Day 4th December. Staff are receiving training on Adaptive Teaching Strategies.

Warm wishes

Nicky Goodridge

More about all the activities occurring in and out of lessons at Test Valley School can be found on our Facebook page: Test Valley School, Twitter Feed: @testvalleysch and Instagram Account: testvalleyofficial. 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.

Forthcoming Dates

w/c 27 November is Week 2 Timetable

29 November – Year 10 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

1 December – Nasal Flu Immunisation Yrs 7-11

4 December – INSET Day

5-8 December – Yr 9 Exams

8 December – Yr 7 & 8 Christmas Disco

13 December – Christmas Carol Concert, St Peter's Church

14 December – Pupil Christmas Lunch

15 December – End of Term, School closes at 12.50pm

Flu Immunisations



School Age Immunisations
Today's Health, Tomorrow's Future

NHS
Southern Health
NHS Foundation Trust

School Age Immunisation Team
Get protected against flu



COMING SOON

The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray

Date:
Friday 1 December 2023

FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - the vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect your family and friends - having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed - the nasal spray is painless and easy to administer.
4. It is better than having the flu - the nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - if your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

School code
SH116426

For more information about the flu vaccination visit
www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme

Parents/Carers, if you have not seen it already, please have a look for your Nasal Flu Immunisation email that was sent to you recently. This is for all years and is scheduled for Friday 1st December. Follow instructions on the email please. If you have not received the email or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at HamsL@testvalley.hants.sch.uk. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch



This year we will be having Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13 December. Please look out for the communication which will be sent home shortly. A reply will be required from all parents to confirm if you wish your child/children to have a lunch provided or not, and menu choices. Thank you.

Christmas Concert

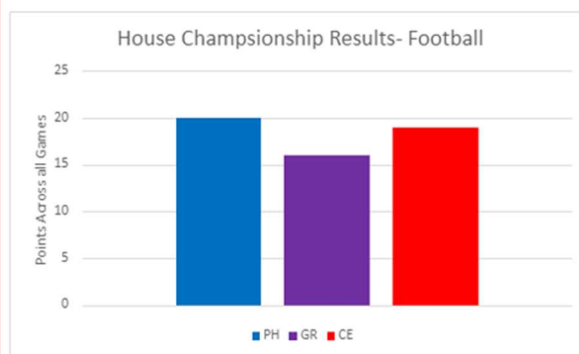
Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Concert are underway and will be held on Tuesdays break 2 and Wednesdays break 1, in the Drama room.

If there are any pupils who would like to perform a solo, duet or group piece in the concert, please can they see Mrs Brush.

House Championship

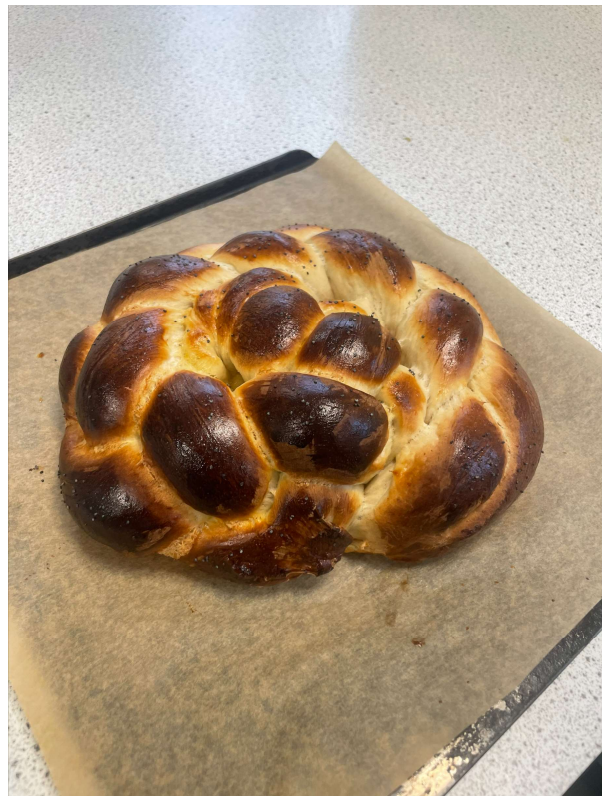
Basketball with Year 9 this week has been brilliant with a really noisy supporting crowd!

House Football Tournament Current Winners: Pheonix



Food Tech

Year 10 pupils have been making Jewish Challah bread. Mrs Davey was very impressed with how hard they all worked.



Celebrations

We love hearing about what our pupils do outside of school and below is a small snapshot of their recent achievements:

Over the weekend, Jessica W in Year 7, donated a whopping 38cm (15 inches) of her hair.

Jessica donated her hair to a charity called The Little Princess Trust, who make wigs for children who have cancer.

I would like to express my pride in Jessica for donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust. A truly amazing feat!

**One very proud Head of Year
Mr Thomas**

On Sunday, Victoria S competed for the NSEA, proudly representing Test Valley School. Unfortunately, not in the rosettes this time, however she jumped a lovely round. Victoria is looking forward to representing Test Valley again soon. Well done Victoria, keep up your good work.





Congratulations to Tom who will be appearing in Priscilla Queen of the Desert, wishing you lots of luck, we are very proud of you.

KS3 and KS4

Shoutouts to our top  points earners w/c 13 November

Year 7

Isabel-Jacinda J
Tom H
Tiger-Lily C
Charlie K
Poppy P
Tara G

Year 8

Michella A
Grace R
Mia H
Fay R
Drew M

Year 9

Alex B
Leon D
Flora R
Matilda L
Zac B

Year 10

Josephine C
Elliot W
Alfie M
Rosie W
Oliver L-C

Year 11

Jack F
Chloe W
Keysha M
Milly P-B
Ruby C

Year 11

Year 11 progress reports will be published on 14 December and we will be holding a Parent/Carer Consultation Evening on Wednesday 3 January.

Andover Rotary Club Competition

Please find below some information regarding some competitions being run by Andover Rotary. Any pupils wishing to take part can get an information pack and application form from:

Young Chef: Mrs Davey or Mrs Vincent.

Rotary **YOUNG CHEF** COMPETITION



Calling all young chefs

Fancy yourself as a budding cook? Put your culinary skills to the test and have your two course meal judged by industry professionals as part of the annual Rotary Young Chef competition. (Age 12 to 16)

For more information contact:
Ian Carpenter - carpenterpantiles@btinternet.com

Rotary Club of Andover

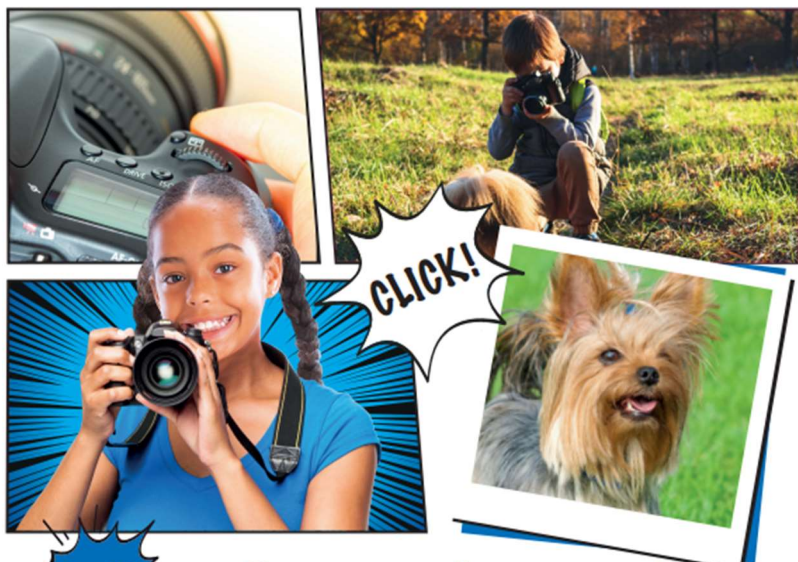
Download the competition information pack at: rotarygb.org

Rotary 
Great Britain & Ireland

Young Photographer: please see Mrs Brush for an information pack and entry form.

JESSOPS
image is everything

Rotary **YOUNG** **PHOTOGRAPHER** COMPETITION



Calling all young photographers

Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test at the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition. (Up to the age of 17)

For more information contact:
Dennis Carter - dandhcarter@btinternet.com

Rotary Club of Andover

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygbi.org

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Great Britain & Ireland

PTA

**Don't forget to send in
your donations for the
Chocolate Tombola at the
Stockbridge Lights Switch
on!**

**Wrapped (and uneaten!)
donations needed by 31st
November.
Thank you!**



College Open Events

There is lots of information on our website regarding forthcoming College open events, including dates and how to book a place.

[Test Valley School - College Open Events](#)

Salisbury 6th Form College: [Test Valley School - Salisbury 6th Form College](#)

The application window is now open and closes on Wednesday 31 January 2024

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

Recommended to apply by 31 December 2023

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

The application window for PSC is now open and closes on Monday 11 December 2023

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

Health and Wellbeing

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

Extra Curricular PE Activities

The following activities are available for pupils to take part in, just turn up and have a go.

Day	2 nd Break 13.50 – 14.15	After School 15.20 – 16.30
Monday	Girls Basketball All years Sports hall - MT	Netball All years Sports hall – SD & KE
Tuesday		Indoor football Year 7 & 8 Sports hall – CF
Wednesday	Badminton Club All years Sports Hall - RB	Indoor football Year 9, 10 & 11 Sports hall - MT
Thursday	Boys Basketball All years Sports hall CF	(*Boxing Club All Years Gym) (TBC)
Friday	Dodgeball Club Years 7 & 8 Sports Hall - CF	Badminton All staff & pupils Sports Hall

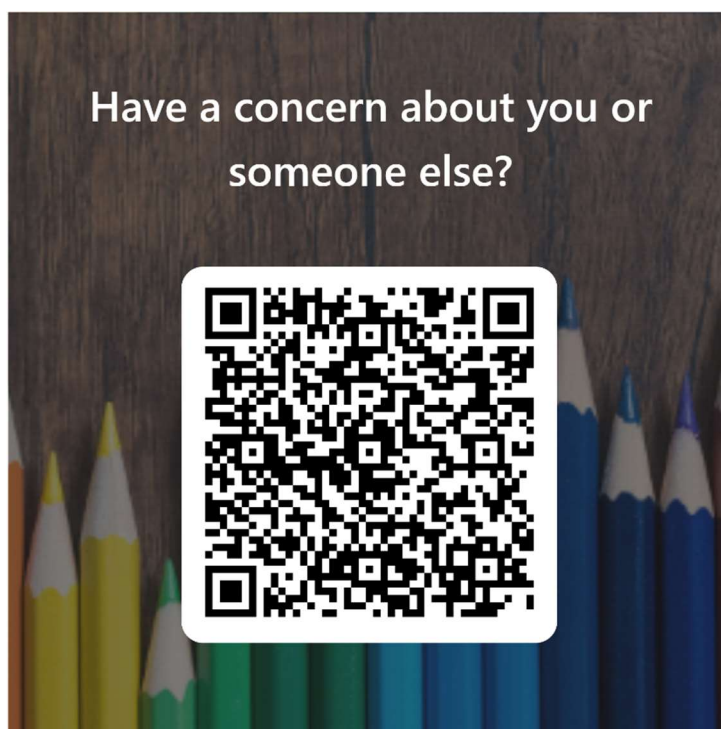
* Payment for this activity will be required in advance.

Activities at 2nd break will require pupils to change into their PE shirt & trainers but they do not have to wear shorts, this is to reduce changing time.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Production Rehearsals Room 42 (3.20pm-5pm) Commences w/c 16 Oct Mrs Brush	MFL Club (Room 62) Mr Wareham	STEM Club Mrs White	Art - Postponed until further notice	Badminton All staff & Pupils (Sports Hall)
Netball all year groups (3.30-4.20pm) Sports Hall Mrs Dunn and Mrs Wray	Humanities Film/documentary Club (3.20-4.20pm) Ms Martin	Indoor football Yrs 9, 10 & 11 (Sports Hall) Mr Thomas	*Boxing Club All Years (Gym)	
Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	Indoor football Yrs 7 & 8 (Sports Hall) Mr Falkingham		Homework Club (3.20-4.20pm) Room 1 Mrs Ling	
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Pupil Anonymous Reporting Function



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.

RESILIENCE

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



EXCELLENCE

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

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.