



I would like to begin by thanking each and every one of you for your support this year. It has been a challenging year for Vale and education as a whole. However, your children have coped with all of these challenges with positivity, determination and a wonderful 'can do' attitude.

In terms of official results every year group has surpassed themselves. We are above national results in Reception, year 1 and 2 phonics and year 6 SATS . The year 2 SATS were equally as wonderful but no national figures have been released yet. Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils have also made good progress and are in a great position to begin in September.

But results aren't everything and as you know we believe in educating the whole child. Our Enrichment Programme was new this year and the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities ; Queen's birthday party, Build a guy competition, English garden and outdoor poetry ( to name but a few). We have raised over £3000 for charity through events such as Macmillan coffee and cake sale.

The performances this year have been wonderful; ranging from Wiggly Nativity to the fantastic production of a Wizard of Oz.

We have hosted some great sporting moments this year including a local football tournament, BikeAbility, fun runs and Sports day.

A great deal of time and effort has been spent on improving the children's learning environment, both outside and in. We now have a wonderful vegetable garden, sensory garden and the basic structure for our Forest School.

All of the above enhances our children's learning and provides them with the opportunity to develop life skills. We are incredibly proud of all that we, as a community, have achieved this year. Next year will bring new challenges and new adventures for us all.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all on 5th September.  
Thank you.

Bex Howe



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# Some of our highlights at The Vale this year

Our British Values Assembly bringing us all together



*British Values  
Assembly:*

*Democracy*

*The Rule of Law*

*Individual Liberty*

*Mutual Respect*

*Tolerance of those of  
different faiths and*

Sports Day





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A selection of some of the certificates and awards we have been presented with during the year





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Helping the environment  
and our health



Extreme Mountain Bikes

The Year 6 boy's football team reached the County Finals, finishing County Runners Up!





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Our outside environment has been improved and exciting projects are always happening

Year One went on a trip to visit Priory Church in Dunstable giving the children the chance to be explorers in their own town and learn about its history.



We created our own indoor gardens



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Extremely successful  
performances of The  
Wizard of Oz

We have shared our Good News with each other



Year 2 are excited for their visit from the Local Fire Service where they get to explore the Fire Engine and speak to the fire fighters!





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Christmas Performances - Over 500 parents and relatives came to support the children over the two afternoons and all enjoyed a homemade mince pie.



Raising money for Macmillan; our Coffee

Morning raised £344.28!

Phizzy Forces – Science Enrichment celebrating the return of Tim Peake





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Science Week



First experience of animal dissection

Chinese New Year





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New Games Room

Rocket Seeds from space were planted





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World Book Day



British Science Week



BBQ lunches



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Bake Off!

End of Enterprise Month:  
businesses were set up and  
profits made



**This is a small example of a very long list of events and achievements during the 2015-2016 Year. It is impossible to include everything but hopefully you have enjoyed this brief glimpse into life at The Vale.**



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## The Vale Nursery

Please email the nursery direct if you are interested in a place for your child to start in September - [valenursery@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:valenursery@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk)



The nursery children ended the summer term by playing lots of games on the field, eating party food and singing for their families and friends at the concert. Thank you to everyone who attended and well done to all the children who remembered all the words and actions to the songs! The nursery staff would like to wish good luck to the 24 children leaving and hope everyone has a wonderful summer break. First day of the autumn term is Monday 5th September 2016.

