

# Valence News

## **Celebrating Science Week at Valence School: A Week of Mystery, Investigation, and Fun!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Valence School has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Science Week! The week was filled with activities for students of all year groups, with one investigation in particular capturing everyone's attention: the mystery of Mr. Lloyd's stolen birthday cake!

It all started when Mr. Lloyd's birthday cake mysteriously disappeared from the Pathway Lead Office, leaving behind only crumbs and a trail of clues. The Teaching and Learning Leadership Team became the prime suspects, and the students took on the challenge of solving the case.

In science lessons, students were put to work as detectives, analysing various pieces of evidence recovered from the crime scene. Using their scientific skills, they examined handwriting and ink samples from a pen found nearby, tested fibres under the microscope from items left at the scene, and even examined shoe samples and fingerprints to piece together the mystery. Will they catch the thief? Stay tuned for updates!

Outside the classroom, Valence's beautiful site has been bursting with vibrant daffodils, which have been in full bloom. This week, students were encouraged to take photos of the stunning display, which will be used for card-making projects. Keller students even had fun snapping selfies in front of the "sea of yellow" on the top lawn — a beautiful sight indeed!

Looking ahead, next Wednesday, March 26th, the Valence Nursing Team is inviting all students and staff to wear purple in support of Epilepsy Awareness Day. It's a great way for the school community to come together to raise awareness for this important cause.

**Have a great weekend, everyone!**

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Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

# Will you push the purple button?

Purple Day – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Valence Nursing team would like to ask “who will push the purple button?!!” on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and come to school wearing purple.



We will be coming to school wearing purple and leading an assembly on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March in aid of

**Epilepsy Awareness Day**

All Valence students are invited to us and wear purple, if possible, please bring in a small donation for Epilepsy Action.

## News from Maths

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, we had lots of fun celebrating Pi Day. Students were welcomed to school with a selection of silly pi jokes to start their day with a smile. We had a range of activities across the school from bubble art to reciting pi, a Pi Day Scavenger Hunt, and learning about the magic of circles.



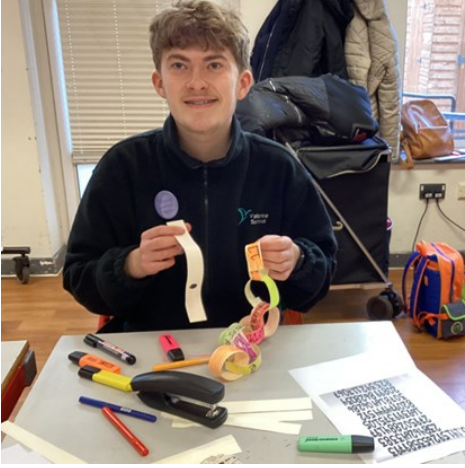
Keller 2 made some fantastic art pieces using the number Pi to thread through their painted circles.

Luka found the maths jokes funny!

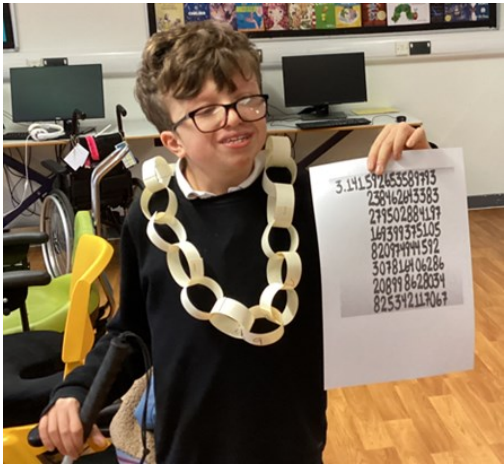


Some classes had the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt around school to find Pi symbols like this one hiding in reception.





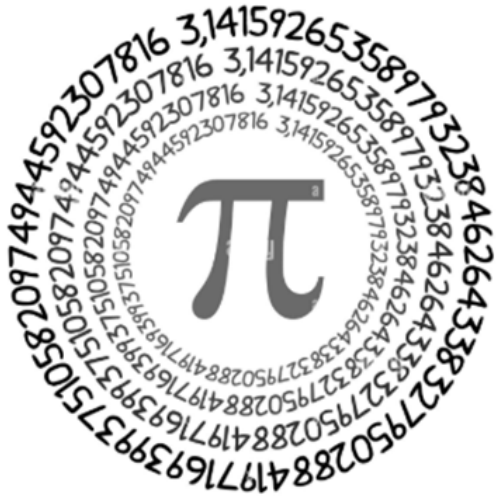
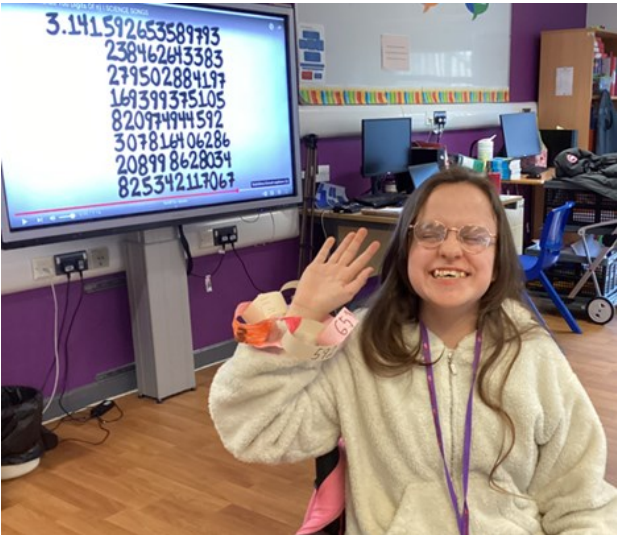
Magnus and Benji did a great job making Pi Day necklaces



Star class had fun making some circle art using bubbles and stampers.



Pi Day was a fantastic celebration of maths, curiosity, and fun—already leaving us excited for next year’s event!



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book early to avoid  
disappointment!



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**BENNING BROTHERS**

**VALENCE SCHOOL GOLF DAY**



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## **WESTERHAM GC**

**WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025**

**A fun filled day of golf  
to raise funds for  
Valence School**

**£95 PER PLAYER**

Coffee & Bacon Roll on Arrival  
Putting Competition  
18 Holes Stableford Competition  
Live 'on course' Scoring  
Quality Prizes (Team & Individual)  
Nearest the Pin - Longest Drive  
Two Course Presentation Meal  
Games

**To register: [friends@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@valence.kent.sch.uk)**

Friends of Valence and  
Sevenoaks & District Motor Club



# Valence

## Festival of Motoring

A celebration of all things automotive, including an Auto Solo competition, a display paddock and the chance to parade up the traditional hill climb course.

**9am to 5pm**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Valence School  
Westerham  
TN16 1QN

Adult spectator - £7.50

Child spectator - £5

(aged 4 - 16 years)

Family £20

(2 adults and up to 4 kids)

No advanced booking  
required for spectators

Bring a picnic or enjoy  
one of the many food  
vans or bar + loads of  
kids activities



Do you have a vintage,  
performance or unique car  
that you wish to display in  
the paddock?  
To pre book a car please email as below  
**£10 a car**  
to include up to 5 people



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Email to book:  
[friends@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@valence.kent.sch.uk)



## Senior Staff On-call Rota from 21st March 2025

**Matt Strange**                      **07894 483673**  
**Lisa Kavanagh**                    **07912 124724**  
**Jo Chivers**                            **07896 905095**

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
22/03/25 23/03/25	Weekend	Closed Weekend		
24/03/25	Mon	07:30 to Midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matthew Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matthew Strange	
25/03/25	Tues	09:00 To midday	Matthew Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
26/03/25	Wed	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
		Midday to 4pm	Jo Chivers	
27/03/24	Thurs	09:00 To midday	Jo Chivers	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
28/03/25	Fri	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Open Matthew Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matthew Strange	

**Please see below a reminder of the process for reporting absences:**

**Unplanned Absence:** If your child cannot attend school, please notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence by 8:45am or as soon as practically possible by calling the school administrative staff on [01959 562156](tel:01959562156) or by emailing [valence@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:valence@valence.kent.sch.uk). This information will be shared with the student's Multi-

Disciplinary Team. Absences due to ill health will be authorised however the school may seek additional information from parents, if the pattern or frequency of absences raises a concern.

**Planned Absence:** Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised, as long as the pupil's parent/carer notifies the school in advance of the appointment and can provide evidence of the appointment.

If your child is a **day student**, please email reception and copy in the **class coordinator and form tutor** as soon as possible with details of the appointment.

If your child is a **boarder**, please email reception and copy in the **key worker and form tutor** as soon as possible with details of the appointment.

**If you are planning a return to school and your child presents a change in health needs or a change in their physical presentation, please contact the Assistant Principal for attendance, Katie Gibson at [klord@valence.kent.sch.uk](mailto:klord@valence.kent.sch.uk), who will share this information with the Multi-Disciplinary Team.**