

Valence News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month Begins with a Special BBC Assembly

Today, students in Simmonds 1, Simmonds 2, Hawking 1, and Deer Class took part in a special nationwide assembly to mark the start of Black History Month. Presented by the BBC, the assembly was watched by schools across the country and focused on celebrating the achievements, stories, and influence of Black individuals—both past and present.

Black History Month is a time to recognise those who have shaped our world, stood up for justice, and worked to create a fairer society. During the assembly, students learned about inspiring figures such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Mary Seacole, and modern-day role models in fields like science, sport, music, and education.

At Valence, these stories connect powerfully with our own learning ethos. They reflect the importance of respecting others, bouncing back from challenges, and celebrating difference with positivity. The resilience and determination shown by the individuals we learned about serve as a reminder that change is possible — and that every voice matters.

Our aim is for all students to see themselves represented in the stories we share and to feel inspired to make a difference in their own unique way.

As we continue to explore Black History Month throughout October, we encourage families to keep these important conversations going at home — as we work together to celebrate diversity, challenge discrimination, and build a brighter future for all.

Have a good weekend and take care if venturing outside!

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Leading Parent Partnership Award

News from Hedgehog Class

We have had a busy start to the term in Hedgehog Class. The students have been working hard in their Phonics and maths groups and as part of our topic have been learning all about hedgehogs.

The students wanted to share some hedgehog facts with you:

- Hedgehogs are nocturnal, which means they sleep during the day and are awake at night.
- They hibernate (go for a long sleep) in the winter.
- Hedgehogs are prickly! They are covered in spines.
- Hedgehogs snuffle and snort! They got their name as they like to live in hedges and snuffle like a pig!
- Hedgehog poo is sparkly! It contains crunched up remains of their favourite food: beetles. This means it often glints and shines in the moonlight!





Join us for the

Valence
CHRISTMAS

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DECEMBER | **7th** | 12PM-4PM

£30 PER STALL
ONE TRESTLE TABLE PER STALL
NO POWER POINTS AVAILABLE

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**IMPORTANT
DATE
CHANGE**

**FRIENDS OF VALENCE
FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR STUDENTS
STAFF AND FAMILIES**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

17:30 - 19:30 THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

Senior Staff On-call Rota from 3rd October 2025

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

Date	Day	Time	DSL	DSL
03/10/25	Friday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Closed
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
06/10/25	Monday	07:30 To midday		Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
07/10/25	Tuesday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Matt Strange
		Midday to 4pm	Matt Strange	
08/10/25	Wednesday	09:00 To midday	Matt Strange	Lisa Kavanagh
		Midday to 4pm	Lisa Kavanagh	
09/10/25	Thursday	09:00 To midday	Lisa Kavanagh	Jo Chivers
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Sat 20th September **Bingo and Quiz** 2-5pm

Thurs 6th November **Fireworks display & bonfire** 5.30-7.20pm – closed event for students /staff and their families

Wed 12th November – **Friends of Valence AGM** 7pm

Sun 7th December - **Christmas Fair** 12-4pm

Sun 8th February – **Musical Bingo** afternoon (time tbc)

Sat 25th April – **Kids disco** (time tbc)

Wed 20th May – **Golf Day**

Sun 14th June – **Valence Festival of Motoring** 10am-5pm

Sat 18th July – **Summer Fair** 12-4pm

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