

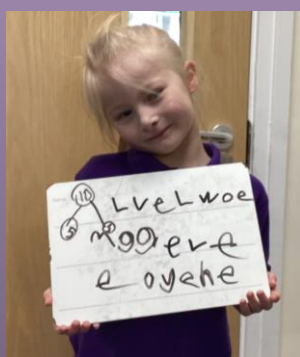
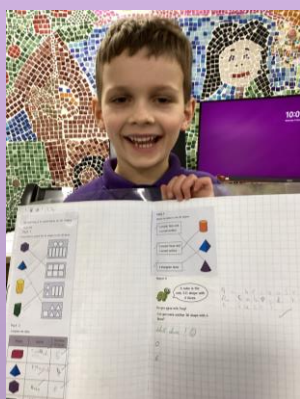
## A Message from Mrs Kee

I have been delighted again this week to hand out lots of Marvellous Me Badges for completed reading rockets. The children have been excited to show me their progress and brightly coloured rockets! We understand that, when children have been at school all day, they may be tired when they get home and sometimes less than enthusiastic about home learning or reading, especially if they engage with after school clubs too. However, the aim is for them to read three times a week, so try to plan times that are less busy for them. They do not need to read a whole book when they read, it might just be a page or two.

You could also join in with partner reading with them – where you take turn to read a page of the book each! If you would like any further advice, please do get in touch with Miss Nicholson, our Reading Lead, who will be able to provide you with support as required. After the half term break, we will be holding another book fair to coincide with parents' evenings. This is a great opportunity to get children more excited about reading – either to enjoy a lovely new story or find out information from a non-fiction book.

In the assembly on Monday this week, I read a story called Sunflower Sisters by Monika Singh Gangotra and Michaela Dias-Hsyas. In the story, the main character Amrita prepares for her sister's wedding. She naturally wants to wear the brightest colours. In spite of the unwanted 'advice' from her aunties about her complexion, Mum gives Amrita a 'sunflower-yellow' lehenga to compliment her brown skin. The book promotes our value 'We celebrate individuality' and encourages people to be proud and happy with the skin they're in. This is an important message for us all.

I look forward to seeing you all next week, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>94.40%</b>
Reception	<b>94.61%</b>
Year 1	<b>97.19%</b>
Year 2	<b>91.22%</b>



Congratulations to

**Dragonflies (99%)**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week! Well done for your fantastic attendance this week.

**Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**

## Home Achievements



Thank you for sharing your home achievements!

## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners! The children have been awarded certificates for following our Golden Rules and demonstrating our school values.

### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2







## Lovely Learning



**We care**

**We are brave**

**We celebrate individuality**

**We leave no one behind**



## Book Chat: Reading with your Child

Reading with your child is a special time and one that can make a significant difference to their life. Please click on the link below to watch a short video to help you to read books creatively and conversationally at home.

'Book Chat' is the informal interaction that accompanies quality reading to and with children, developing children's language and comprehension and nurturing a love of reading. The film model this relaxed interaction through the use of open questions, comments and prompts to initiate Book Chat and enable parents and children to share the pleasure of reading together! We hope that you find it useful. 'One Fox' by Kate Read for 5 years +

[https://youtu.be/sKFdKs\\_2wJY](https://youtu.be/sKFdKs_2wJY)



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## Inclusion Coffee Morning

**9:15am Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Each term, we hold at least one parent inclusion coffee morning or afternoon. The next one is coming up soon!



All parents are invited to attend our Parent Inclusion Coffee Morning on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9:15am.

It is an informal meeting, where parents can come for a chat with our SEND team.

During the session, we will be focusing on ways of supporting your child in and out of school and providing information about other agencies that can provide support.

## Violet Way Academy Vacancies

### Teaching Assistant (with cover)

We are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant with Cover level 3.

The advert is available to view on [WmJobs](#). The application pack is also available on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies](#). Applicants should submit a completed application form to [hr@fierte.org](mailto:hr@fierte.org)

### Cleaning Supervisor

Adverts are available to view on [Wmjobs](#). The application pack and full details will also be available on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies \(fierte.org\)](#) Applicants should submit a completed application to [hr@fierte.org](mailto:hr@fierte.org)

## Cake Shop

Our next cake shop will be held on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 2:30pm**.

Pop in from 2:30pm to get a coffee or tea and a delicious treat. There will be a range of cakes and biscuits available to purchase, including everyone's favourite rainbow sprinkle cake!

## Office availability

Please be aware that the office staff are not always in the office. They may have to leave to office to collect children, deliver messages to classes or photocopy for example. They are not usually away from the office for more than 5-10 minutes.

If you know you are going to be running late at drop off or collection, please call school to provide an expected time of arrival so that the office staff are aware. Thank you.

## Our Pride Our Joy Vacancies

Our Pride Our Joy, a subsidiary company of the Fierte Multi Academy Trust are hiring!

Positions are available across our Tamworth and Burton Nurseries and Care Clubs. For further information please visit the website or WmJobs, or alternatively email [info@opoj.fierte.org](mailto:info@opoj.fierte.org)





# Library and Forest School Dates

## Parent Library Mornings – Spring Term

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier (at 8:40am) for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays (start after the October half term). Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

### Reception - Tuesdays

<b>Foxes</b>	16/1	6/2	5/3
<b>Squirrels</b>	23/1	20/2	12/3
<b>Badgers</b>	30/1	27/2	19/3

### Year 1 - Thursdays

<b>Dragonflies</b>	18/1	8/2	7/3
<b>Ladybirds</b>	25/1	22/2	14/3
<b>Busy Bees</b>	1/2	29/2	21/3

### Year 2 – Wednesdays

<b>Kestrels</b>	17/1	7/2	6/3
<b>Owls</b>	24/1	21/2	13/3
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	31/1	28/2	20/3

## Forest School Sessions – Spring Term

### Week 1:

**Monday – Dragonflies**

**Tuesday – Owls**

**Wednesday - Badgers**

**Thursday – Kestrels**

**Friday – Foxes**

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks:

15/1 29/1 19/2 4/3 18/3

### Week 2:

**Monday – Ladybirds**

**Tuesday – Woodpeckers**

**Thursday – Squirrels**

**Friday – Busy Bees**

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks:

8/1 22/1 5/2 26/2 11/3





# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Half term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 30 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days

for next academic year at Violet Way:

### Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (disaggregated)



## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning  
9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Multisports competition (a small group of children will be representing Violet Way in a local sports competition** – 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Year 2 drumming workshop** – 25<sup>th</sup> January

**WingWah visit** – Foxes – 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Safer Internet day** – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**WingWah visit** – Badgers- 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Sports Enrichment Day** – 8<sup>th</sup> February

**WingWah visit** – Squirrels – 9<sup>th</sup> February

**School finishes for half term** – 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term holiday** – 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February

**Spring Term 2 starts** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
(3:30-7pm)

**Parents' Evening** – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
(3:30-5pm)

NB: the Book Fair will be in school on these dates!

