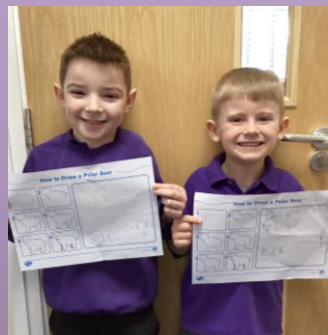


## A Message from Mrs Kee

I have enjoyed visiting classrooms this week. In Year 1, I saw some great writing about polar bears. The children were eager to show me their sentences! In Reception, I was delighted to observe children interacting well with their peers, communicating their ideas and sharing resources fairly. One child demonstrated one of our star learner qualities when his tower fell down several times, but he persevered to build it up again! In Year 2, the children were making comparisons between two books by the same author, Eileen Browne. They talked about the similarities and differences between *Handa's Surprise* and *Handa's Hen*, considering the characters, setting and plot.

Miss Nicholson spent time observing the children in their music lessons this week. Children were singing to different tempos and plying long and short notes on the keyboard. Keeping with the musical theme, we were also delighted to welcome Mr Baugh into school on Thursday who delivered whole class drumming workshop with our Year 2 pupils.

Next week, Violet Way's new Headteacher who will be starting in her role after the Easter holiday from 8<sup>th</sup> April, will be coming to visit. She will have a tour of the school, meeting pupils and finding out more about our curriculum. We look forward to welcoming her. Hope you have a great weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>93.25%</b>
Reception	<b>91.80%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.27%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.72%</b>



Congratulations to



### **Badgers and Foxes (96.33%)**

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! These children have been awarded certificates for following our Golden Rules and demonstrating our school values.

### **Reception**



### **Year 1**



### **Year 2**





## Year 2 Drumming Workshop



Learn



Listen



Enjoy





## KS1 Multisport Event



A group of children from Y1 and Y2 visited Denstone College this week to participate in a Key Stage 1 multi-sport competition. They were accompanied by Mrs Draycott, Mrs Wheatcroft and Mr Bill who have told me how proud they were of them all. They followed our golden rules and demonstrated our visions and values whilst enjoying joining in with a range of fun sports events!





## Lovely learning this week!



**We care**

**We are brave**

**We celebrate individuality**

**We leave no one behind**



## Sleep Helpline

Here is some information about a wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. A good sleep routine for children also helps their parents to sleep better too! You can speak to trained sleep advisors on the following days:

**Monday/Tuesday/Thursday evening 7-9pm**

**Monday/Wednesday morning 9-11am** \*excluding Bank Holidays

**Their number is 03303 530 541** [The National Sleep Helpline](https://www.sleepaction.co.uk/)



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## Cake Shop

**Reminder!**  
**Cake shop is back next week!**

**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!



See you there!

## 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)

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health week is during week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and we have a great week of activities planned linked to the theme 'My Voice Matters'. During the same week it is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The focus is 'Inspiring Change' and children will be thinking about how they can make a difference, manage influence and navigate change online.

## Walk to school!

The most environmentally friendly and healthy way to get to school is walking! We have lots of children scooting or biking to school too. It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. Traffic around school causes congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions. Turn the rides into strides and walk to school as often as possible!

## A fond farewell

On 9<sup>th</sup> February we say farewell to Mrs Taylor as she pursues a career with family support services. Although we will miss her, we know she is very excited about the next chapter and her new role.  
Good luck!





# 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

**Children's Mental Health Week** – week  
commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February

**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!

