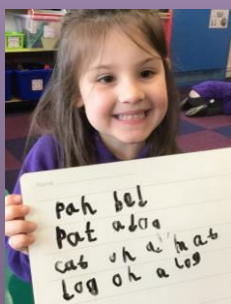
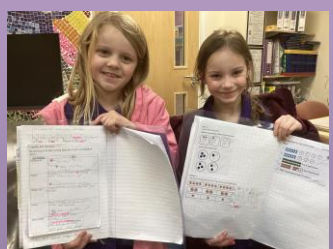
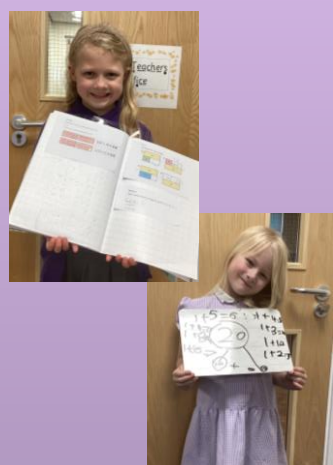


A Message from Mrs Kee

The Book Fair came to Violet Way this week and I know many families have enjoyed looking at and choosing books together. Accessing the Book Fair helps to further create talk and interest about different types of books and, when purchasing a book, you are helping the school to raise money for books for our library and classrooms. I have seen lots of children with reading rockets this week too – great to see so many children enjoying reading at home. Thursday 7th March is World Book day, and we look forward to continue to promote and inspire reading for pleasure at school and at home. Further information about the theme, dressing up and activities in the newsletter this week.


Parents' evenings this week provided parents with the opportunity to speak to their child's class teacher in person, or via Teams, about their child's progress and next steps in learning. Both evenings were well attended. Thank you. Next week, we will be welcoming our Curriculum Link Governor, Lucy Wileman, into school to talk about our whole school curriculum. She will also be speaking to the Art subject lead and looking at books with some children.

Merit Assembly was in classes this week and I wasn't on the gate at the end of the day because we were interviewing for the teaching assistant vacancies all day – will keep you posted! Finally, attendance figures this week have been very positive. Well done, we are in the green! Wishing you a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	97.08% 
Reception	96.03%
Year 1	97.30%
Year 2	97.60%



Congratulations to
Busy Bees (98.81%)

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

Home Achievements



So many to
share this
week!
Thank you.

Merit Awards

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

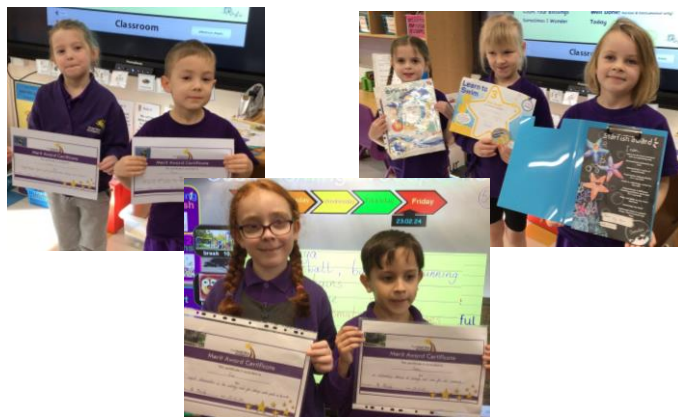
Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Stoke City Assembly – Year 2

On Tuesday this week, children in Year 2 were visited by Steve who works for Stoke City's 'City 7s'. This is a special membership programme that is provided by the football club for Year 2 and Year 3 children who are local to the area. All the children were invited to join the scheme and given the opportunity to attend a football match at the stadium on Saturday 16th March, completely free of charge! All they need to do is to return the form back to school requesting tickets.



Children in other classes are also invited to attend the match at a reduced cost. We hope that many children take up the offer and enjoy their free Stoke City bag as well! If there are any questions, please speak to Miss Nicholson. Thank you to Stoke City!

Egg Decorating – Reception

Children in Reception have enjoyed decorating Easter eggs for a local competition organised by Rosliston Forestry Centre.

The PTA have arranged everything and had a lovely time creating the eggs with them this week. We will let you know how they get on!

Baby news!

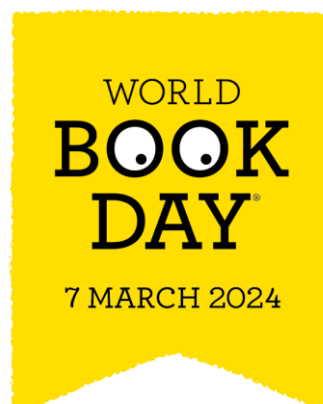
Mrs Ayling has had a beautiful baby boy in January. She popped in just before the half term break to introduce baby Jaxon and what an adorable bundle of joy he is. Congratulations Mrs Ayling and family!





World Book Day

World book day is on **Thursday 7th March**. Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas or onesies for a special book-focused day! They will be starting the day with a 'bedtime story' in class and a little snack. During the day, the teaching staff will be swapping classrooms to read stories to other classes in school. On Wednesday and Thursday that week, the children's English lessons will be focused on performance poetry, and they will perform their class poem in assembly on Friday.



From Monday 4th March there will be a story posted on the school website each evening for the children to watch and listen to at bedtime. A different member of staff from Violet Way will record themselves reading a story they recommend. The first story will be read by Mrs Kee but we will keep the other staff members as a surprise as we know the children love to guess!

In addition, we will be talking to children about 'read your way' – the idea that you can read anywhere – in the park, in bed, in a tent, in the bath! Parents are welcome to send pictures of their children reading their way to their child's class teacher for our display.

Parents can also access the world book day website [here](#) to find out more and access FREE audio books [here](#).

Drop off in the morning

We have had some parental concerns raised over children being dropped off for school in the morning at the bottom of the school driveway. **For your child's safety please make sure you walk them up to the green gates in the morning.**

It is also important that the entrance to the driveway is kept clear for staff members to be able to enter the car park in the morning. When bringing your child to Breakfast Club please **do not park in the staff car park**. Thank you for your understanding.

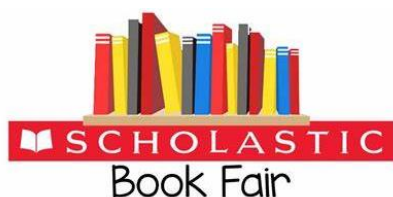




Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the book fair this week! We really appreciate your support with helping the school to buy more books. We will let you know what the total amount raised is next week and what we managed to purchase because of your support.

Thank you and enjoy reading your new fabulous books!



Book Fair Winners!

All children who purchased a book from the book fair were put into a prize draw to win one of five books from the book fair!

Congratulations to the winners below who were lucky enough to have their name picked out of the hat! We hope that you love your new books.



School Council

The School Council met with Miss Nicholson last week and discussed the new Violet Way Prayer. We also decided on the games which they will lead on the playground when they are Playground Leaders. This includes Hide & Seek, Duck Duck Goose, Rock Paper Scissors and Hot Potato. Well done for your enthusiasm!



Baby Basics Appeal

Baby Basics charitable organisation would be very grateful of any donations of 'baby basics', things like nappies, wipes, baby toiletries etc. **A drop off box will be by the green gates in the mornings for any of your donations. This will run up until Friday 29th Feb. Thank you for your support.**



Violet Way Academy Vacancies

Cleaning Supervisor

Adverts are available to view on [Wmjjobs](https://www.wmjjobs.com). The application pack and full details will also be available on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies](https://www.fierte.org) ([fierte.org](https://www.fierte.org)) Applicants should submit a completed application to hr@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

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

Year 1 - Thursdays

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

Year 2 – Wednesdays

Kestrels	17/1	7/2	6/3
Owls	24/1	21/2	13/3
Woodpeckers	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 19th July

Holiday: Monday 22nd 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 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 22nd July (disaggregated)



What's Coming Up?

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

Reception & Year 1 Animal Experiences – Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day- Thursday 7th March - see information in newsletter

Mother's Day Stay and Play sessions - Monday 11th March - see times below:

Reception – 9:00-10:00am

Year 1 10:00-11:00am

Year 2 – 11:00am-12:pm

Red Nose Day- Friday 15th March

Easter Bingo – Wednesday 20th March – 5 – 7pm

World Down Syndrome Day – 21st March – Wear odd socks to celebrate individuality

End of Term - Friday 22nd March

Summer Term starts – 8th April

Class Photographs – Wednesday 10th April

Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip – Wednesday 17th April

Year 2 Laches Wood Trip – Wednesday 8th May

Parent Forest School Sessions - w/c 13th May and 20th May. *More details to follow!*

Year 1 Victorian Day – Friday 10th May

Reception Conkers Trip – Thursday 16th May

