

We care



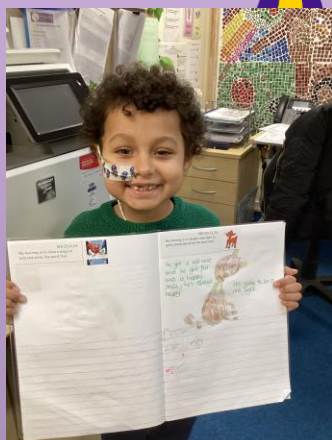
We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind



What a wonderfully busy term it has been, there has been so much for us to celebrate, whether that being our Reception children managing the first term at school, year 1 on two trips or year 2 learning steel pans and performing in church. Violet Way children are amazing. I have added some Spring dates for library etc so people can get things in their diaries.

I have two teenagers at home, and Christmas certainly changes as they get older, please make sure you enjoy the magic and the fun with your children. In assembly this week we spoke about gifts at Christmas that cannot be seen, kindness, respect, generosity etc. I hope you all manage to see this side of Christmas.

I would also like to thank you as parents and our community for all your support, whether in Harvest assemblies, Christmas activities, workshops or PTA events we are grateful.

I also would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year, we cannot wait to welcome you back and celebrate 2025 with you,  
See you Tuesday 7th,  
Mrs. Harris





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>94.8%</b>
Reception	<b>94.1%</b>
Year 1	<b>95.3%</b>
Year 2	<b>95.0%</b>

Congratulations to **Dragonflies 96.3%** 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.**

## Lunchtime awards



## Home Achievements



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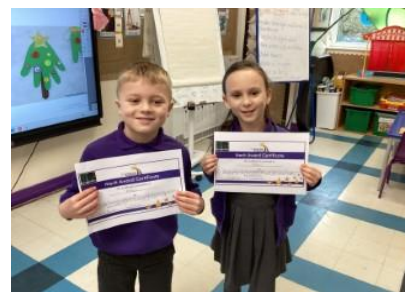
## Merit Award Winners

Merit certificates are awarded to children who exemplify our school values, follow our school rules and demonstrate our star learner qualities. Check out our award winners this week!

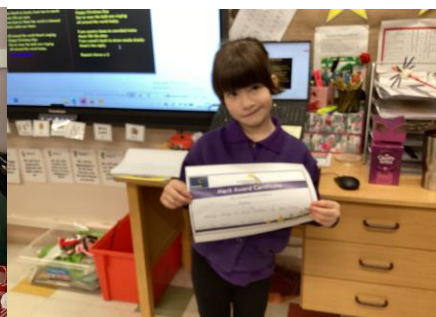
### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2





## Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert



The children played steel pan drums, sang Carols and read scriptures- they were amazing- we are proud!





## Christmas door competition



Mr Russell (Headteacher from Edge Hill) kindly came to visit and judge the doors! Well done everyone!

- 1st- Badgers
- 2nd Dragonflies
- 3rd Bluebells
- 4th Owls

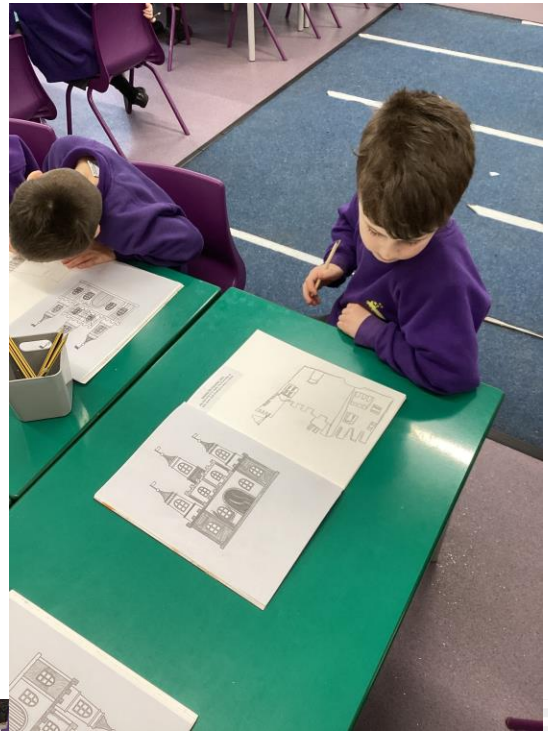




## Year 1 fabulous Artwork..



**SUPER  
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## Singing at Tesco



Huge thanks to Mrs. Collins for supporting the choir and giving us this opportunity.





## Christmas Fair Fun



What an amazing Christmas PTA, we raised £983 to go towards your Children at Violet Way.





## Santa came to playgroup



## Santa came to school...





## Panto time at Violet Way....





## Christmas Dinner Day!

Our Lunchtime staff worked so hard to make the day special, teachers joined year groups, and the Christmas Music and spirit was flowing...





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## THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 23rd December - Monday 4th January  
(excluding weekends and bank holidays)

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us\* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic

Burton and Uttoxeter  
01283 504487

Cannock and Lichfield  
01283 352113

Stafford  
01283 352097

Tamworth  
01785 301027



\*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.





## Parent Workshops

We had a meeting with the Mental Health team, and they are going to run some parent workshops you may be interested in, all held at Violet Way:

7.2.24 Low Mood 9.15-10.15am

Contact the office for more information.

[office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)



[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V2N9w4vla0K2gN-BZqhu1wJ9MS\\_vMBInullR-7c7Z5UREdBSkRGNVU1NExITjIBSIkzWDIJWVNUUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V2N9w4vla0K2gN-BZqhu1wJ9MS_vMBInullR-7c7Z5UREdBSkRGNVU1NExITjIBSIkzWDIJWVNUUi4u)

Please fill out the above questionnaire to help the NHS mental health team evaluate support needed in school.

YEAR 2- Remember that you need to submit your forms regarding year 3 school choices- Admissions still have 25 pupils not accounted for.

Please encourage your children to walk round into school by themselves where you can, this not only supports their independence but also helps us safeguard all our children. If you have a message, try and talk to a member of staff on the gate or pop and email to our office [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)





## Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

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- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

[www.breadandbutterthing.org](http://www.breadandbutterthing.org)

or at

@teambbt



### New Hub Opening:

## WATERSIDE

from Tuesday 21st January

at Waterside Community Centre, Heath Road, Burton-on-Trent DE15 9LF

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Tuesday at 2pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- Everyone who signs up before the 26 April 2025 will get their first order free.

### It's really easy to sign-up:



1 Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "WATERSIDE"



2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.



3 You'll get a text every Sunday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Tuesday at 2pm.



4 Collect and pay for your goods from the WATERSIDE hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).



# Dates For Your Diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

**Inset day:** Monday 2 September

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 3 September

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2024

**Term Starts:** Monday 6 January

**Holiday:** Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 11 April

**Holiday:** Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

**Term Starts:** Monday 28 April

**May Day:** Monday 5 May

**Holiday:** Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

**Term Ends:** Monday 21 July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days for next academic year at Violet Way:

### Violet Way Inset Days

6th January 2025

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

## What's Coming Up?

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

Our famous cake shops are back:

Feb 7th, May 16th: @230

**Chinese New year experience- With Magical Mahem and food –**

**Safer Internet day** – Tuesday 11th February

**Sports Enrichment Day** – 31st January- Futsal  
11th April- non-contact Boxing

**School finishes for half term** – 14th February

**Half term holiday** – 15th-22nd February

**Spring Term 2 starts** – Monday 24th February

**Parents' Evening** –Tuesday 11th February  
(3:30-6pm)

**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday 12th February  
(3:30-5pm)

**NB: The Book Fair will be in school on the parents' evenings.**

*Mother's Day play and stay sessions -TBC*

**End of Term** 11th April

**Summer term starts** – 28th April





## 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 for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child’s parent library session.

#### SPRING TERM 2025

##### Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	14/1	4/2	4/3	25/3
Squirrels	21/1	11/2	11/3	1/4
Badgers	28/1	25/2	18/3	8/4

##### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	15/1	5/2	5/3	26/3
Owls	22/1	12/2	12/3	2/4
Woodpeckers	29/1	26/2	19/3	9/4

##### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	16/1	6/2	6/3	27/3
Ladybirds	23/1	13/2	13/3	3/4
Busy Bees	30/2	27/2	20/3	10/4

### Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9/9	16/9	23/9	30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	4/11	11/11
18/11	25/11	2/12	9/12	6/1	13/1	20/1	27/1	3/2
10/2	24/2	3/3	10/3	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	28/4
5/5	12/5	19/5	2/6	9/6	16/6	23/6	30/6	7/7

