

A Message from Mrs. Harris

What a wonderful half term it has been, and can I take a moment to thank parents for the continued support they give, not just in attendance but also in sharing our values in how you support us at Violet Way.

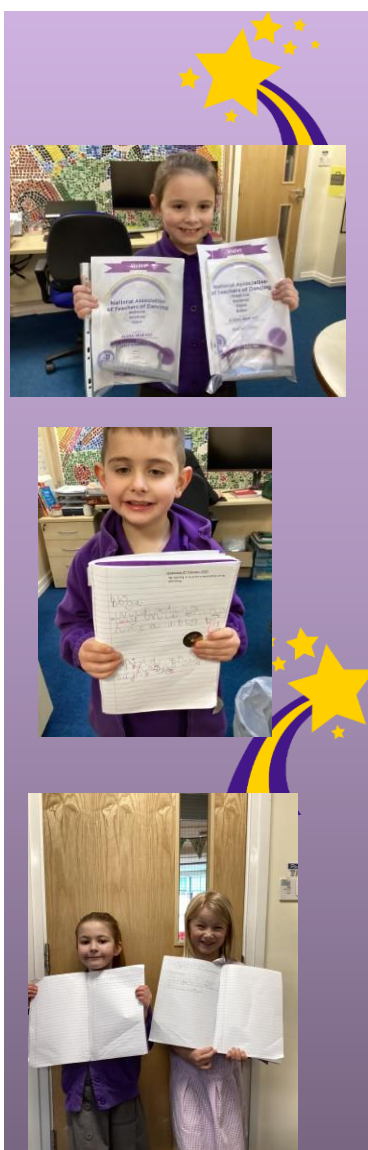
This half term has seen a new outdoor classroom showing the pure dedication and commitment from our PTA over years, magicians, parents' evening, safer internet experiences, cake shops, mental health workshops, Chinese New Year celebrations and school Trust inspections.

We have looked and staying safe online in assembly this last week, and the importance of not sharing information. Keeping your children safe online is key in current climates, please keep an eye on all tablet/iPad settings to ensure all apps are age appropriate, remembering that Fortnite and Roblox are both for over 13-year-olds for a safeguarding reason.

We sadly say goodbye this week to two of our lunchtime staff, Miss Joanna and Miss Young, who leave us for new adventures. We are grateful for their kindness and commitment over the years; they will be missed.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 24th February.

Mrs. Harris





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.49%
Reception	95.63%
Year 1	93.24%
Year 2	97.63%

Congratulations to **Squirrels 99.67%** 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



We had a swimming and football award last week. Well done to you both!



This week we had so many awards such as dance, football, karate, swimming and gymnastics. Congratulations to you all and keep up the super work!





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

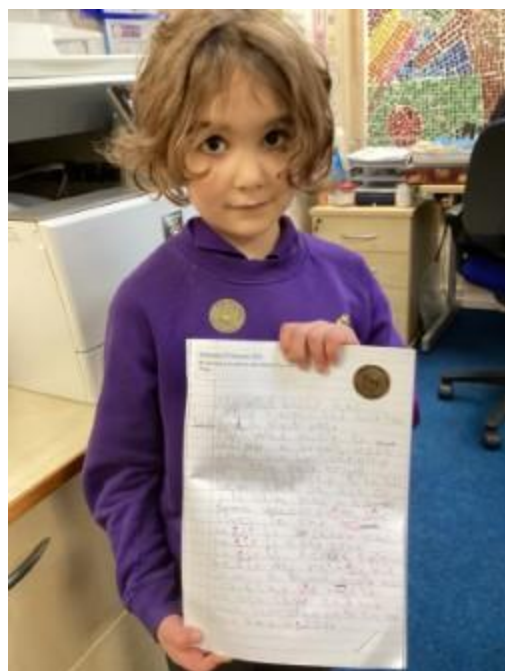
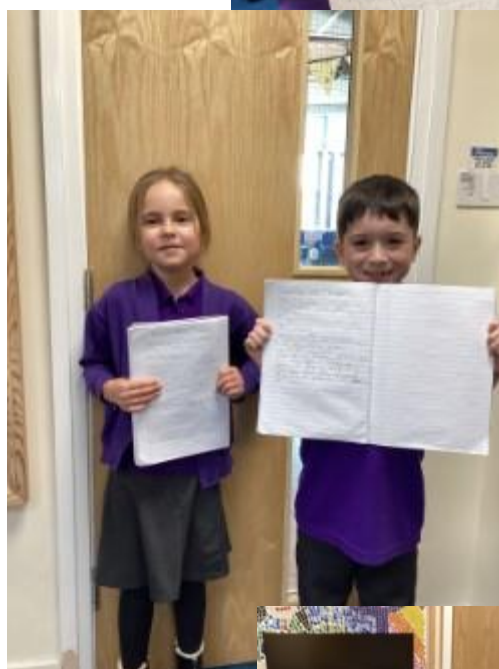
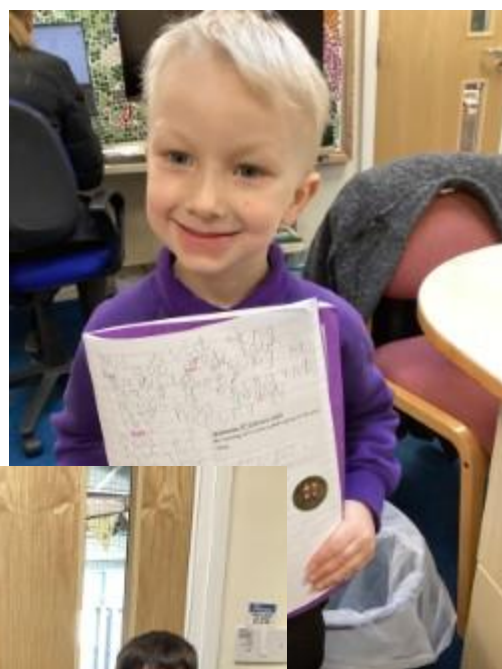
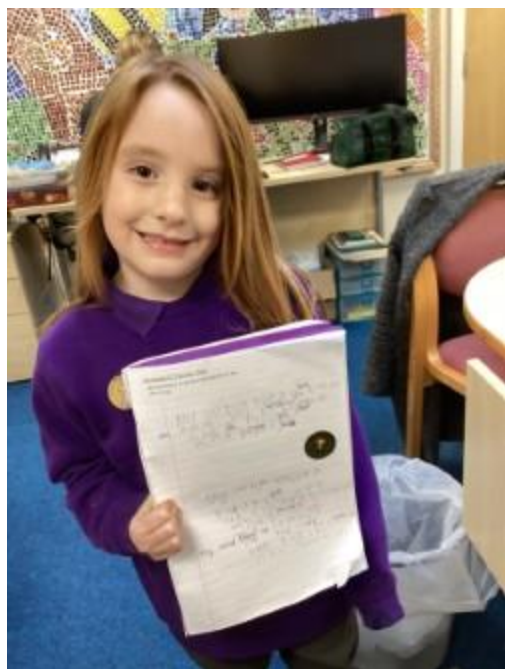


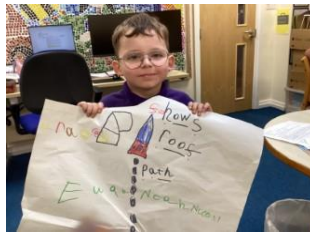
Year 1



Year 2







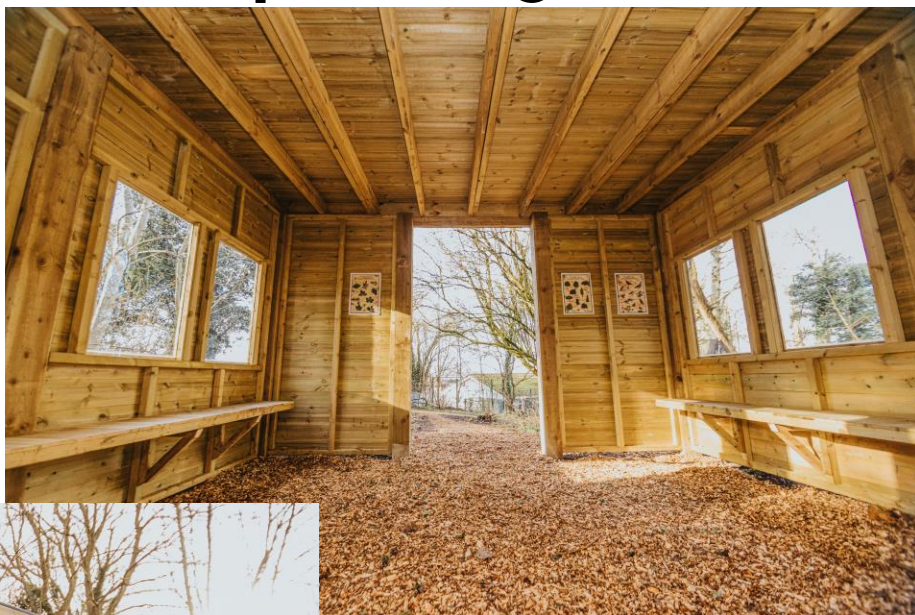


Year 1 Popcorn Experiment





New Woodland Classroom The official opening!







Clubs

We will be starting some in house clubs:

- Multi Sports will start again in a week- we will be inviting any of those that didn't get a place last time first.
- Next half term we will be starting a football club for KS1.
- Next half term we will also have a 'ball skills' club for Reception and gardening club soon.
- After half term dance club will be open to Year 2 children and Gymnastics to Year 1 children. These will both be available to book and make payment via Arbor on Monday 24th Feb at 6pm.



Entrust are currently teaching weekly keyboard lessons to groups of children at Violet Way, they are £55 per term, if you are interested in your child doing this please pop into the office for a letter.

Parent Open Sessions

We are excited to be able to invite you to watch how we teach reading at school.

You can watch our Little Wandle phonics sessions:

Monday 3rd March

9.15 - 9.45am - Year 1

Busy Bees, Ladybirds & Dragonflies

Tuesday 4th March

9.15 - 9.45am - Reception

Foxes, Badges and Squirrels

You can watch our Year 2 shared reading sessions:

Monday 3rd March - 10.45 - 11.15am

Kestrels, Woodpeckers and Owls

World Book Day

World Book Day this year is on **Thursday 6th March**. We are having lots of exciting events planned for the week including recorded bedtime stories on the school's website and the teachers reading to other classes on the day! We will be asking the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas for the day, ready to listen to some bedtime stories. They will have a biscuit and milk at the same time!



Online Safety

The NSPCC are offering a FREE online safety workshop which you can access below. Their new workshop covers many areas such as online bullying, mental health and social media.

Click below for the pre-recorded 40-minute presentation.

[Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI

From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS





Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Forest School

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-  We leave no one behind





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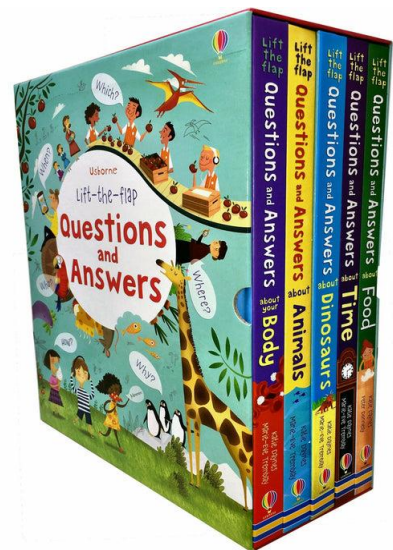
If children are arriving before 8.40am onto school premises, please can they be supervised by whoever has brought them. As a reminder, the gates open at 8.40am for parent library sessions and for the whole school at 8.45am.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Thank You!

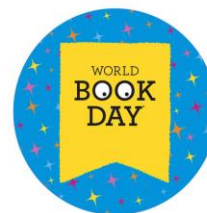
Thank you to everyone who bought a book from the book fair during parents' evening this week. We managed to purchase lots of new books thanks to your amazing support! Thank you also to Usborne books who did a fantastic job.



'Ready, Steady, Read' Sponsorship Week

We will be celebrating World Book Day again on Thursday 6th March with lots of exciting activities taking place.

One of these will be our 'Ready, Steady, Read' sponsorship week in conjunction with Usborne Books. More details will be provided separately via Arbor so please keep a look out for the information. Thank you!





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

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

What's Coming Up?

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

Half-term holiday – 15th-22nd February

Year 2 Thinktank Trip – Wednesday 26th February

PTA meeting – Monday 3rd March - 2pm

'Ready, Steady, Read' Sponsorship Week – w/b Monday 3rd March

Parent Phonics and Reading Workshops – Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March

Reception disco- Wednesday 5th March- payment can now be made on Arbor

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

Mother's Day play and stay sessions – Friday 28th March - see times below:

Reception – 9:00-10:00am

Year 1 - 10:00-11:00am

Year 2 – 2.15-3.10pm

Sports Enrichment Day – Friday 11th April

End-of- Term - 11th April

Cake Shop- 16th May 25





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Autumn 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
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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

