

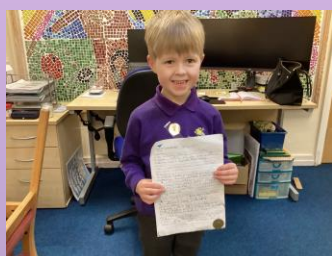
A Message from Mrs. Harris

This fortnight has been filled with rich learning opportunities and moments of real pride across the school. We welcomed an inspection from our MAT, during which the team carried out a deep dive into maths. It was a valuable opportunity to showcase the hard work of both pupils and staff, and we were delighted to celebrate many wonderful strengths that were highlighted. The feedback also provided us with clear, purposeful next steps that will help us continue to improve and refine our practice, ensuring the very best for our children.

Our Year 2 pupils made us exceptionally proud during their visit to the Thinktank. Their behaviour, curiosity and enthusiasm were commented on by staff and visitors alike. A special thank you goes to the parents who supported the trip; your help makes such a difference. If any parents or carers are ever able to volunteer for future visits or events, please let the office know as we would be very happy to add you to our list of helpers. This week we have also enjoyed World Book Day and Reading Week, which brought a wonderful buzz of excitement around stories and reading for pleasure. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting each class to share books with the children, and it has been lovely to see their reactions as different teachers have popped in to read to them too. The joy and engagement from our readers has been a real highlight of the term so far.

We were also pleased to welcome our Governors into school this week. Their support, challenge and commitment to our community are invaluable. If you know someone who may be interested in joining our Governing Body—particularly someone with strong links to the wider community—please do get in touch via the office, as we would be keen to meet them.

Thank you once again for your continued support. With so many exciting events and learning opportunities planned, I am sure this term will continue to fly by.





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.03%
Reception	95.89%
Year 1	95.45%
Year 2	97.23%



Congratulations to **Kestrels 99.23%** for being the classes 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.**

Mental Health award



Home Awards





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 for the last fortnight!



Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Road safety.

I have had an increased number of parents express concerns about how some parents are driving and the care near the roads. Please be mindful that there are 4 local schools in a small area and your care is appreciated.

Thank you



May Day Celebrations

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Friday 1st May

Reception: 9.15am

Maypole parade in the woodland

Year 1: 10am - Dragonflies

10.30am- Busy Bees

11am- Ladybirds

Short maypole dance- top carpark

Please remember to make your maypoles at home to bring in on the day!

If you need help or resources let your child's teacher know!





World Book Day Celebrations





Fossil Fun

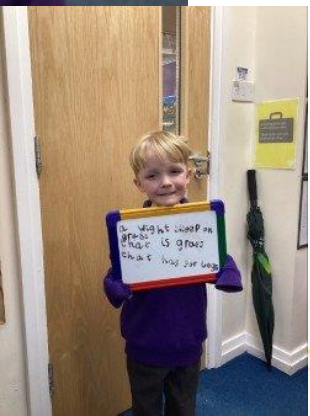
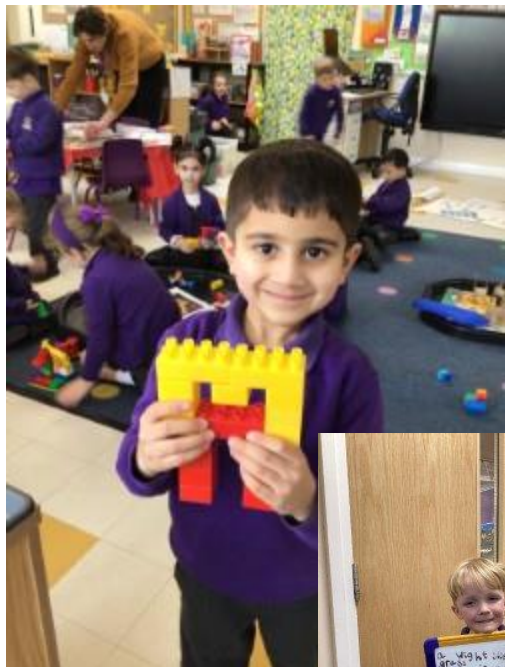


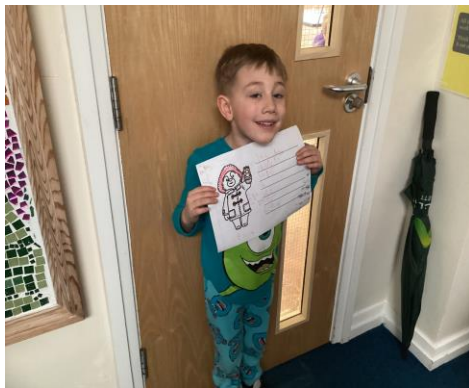
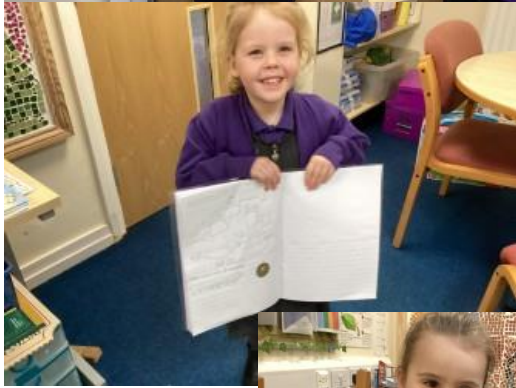
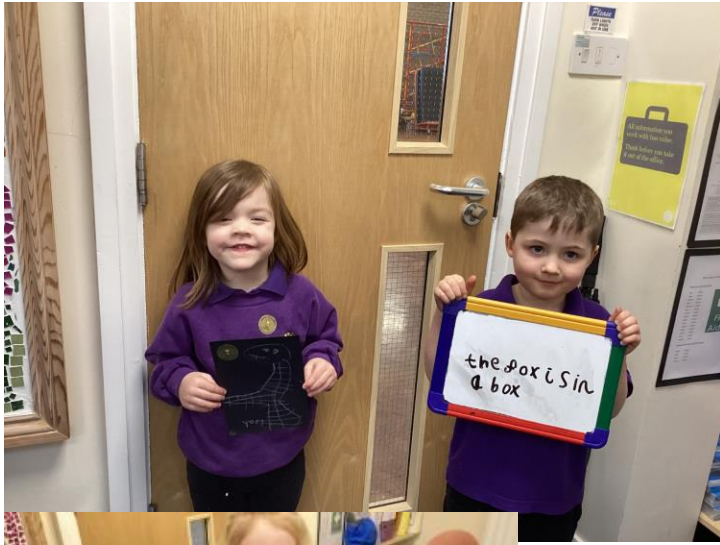


Wow! Take a look at our creative pupils at Violet Way.











Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Spring

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 2026

Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	6/1	27/1	24/2	17/3
Squirrels	13/1	3/2	3/3	24/3
Badgers	20/1	10/2	10/3	

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	7/1	28/1	25/2	18/3
Owls	14/1	4/2	4/3	25/3
Woodpeckers	21/1	11/2	11/3	

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	8/1	29/1	26/2	19/3
Ladybirds	15/1	5/2	5/3	26/3
Busy Bees	22/1	12/2	12/3	

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

Forest School Timetable

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1 w/b	2 w/b	3 w/b	4 w/b	5 w/b	6 w/b	7 w/b	8 w/b	9 w/b
8/9	15/9	22/9	29/9	6/10	13/10	20/10	3/11	10/11
17/11	24/11	24/11	1/12	8/12	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1
2/2	9/2	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	13/4	20/4
27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5	1/6	8/6	15/6	22/6	29/6





Dates for Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Holiday: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025
Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026
Holiday: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026
Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April 2026
May Day: Monday 4th May 2026
Holiday: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Term & Academic Year Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Violet Way INSET Days

13th February 2026
 19th June 2026
 20th July 2026

What's Coming Up?

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

Coffee Mornings – Friday 17th April

PTA meeting - Monday 9th March - 2pm

Easter Bingo-19th March- tickets on Arbor- 5-630

Mothers' Day (VIP) Craft hour
 13.3.26-9am- Year 1- 1 adult per child
 13.3.26- 2pm Reception 1 adult per child
 16.3.26-2pm Year 2- 1 adult per child

May Day events

May Day Celebrations for Reception and Year 1- 1st May -(note that Year 2 will not be doing Mayday activities with parents as we will enjoy our Y2 production with you instead)

'Magical Mayhem' for Reception – Monday 9th March

Reception Disco – Wednesday 25th March – 5 - 6pm





Please may I gently remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. These decisions are not made by the school directly, and any money collected from fines goes back to the County, not to us.

We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
 Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

<p>2ND TIME</p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280</p> <p>No discount for early payment</p>		<p>3RD TIME</p> <p>A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000</p>
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