

A Message from Mrs. Harris

Welcome back!

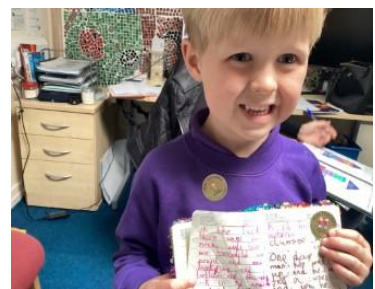
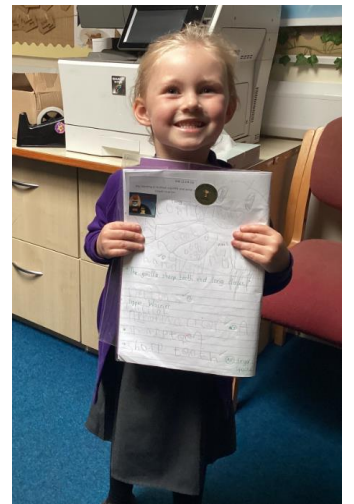
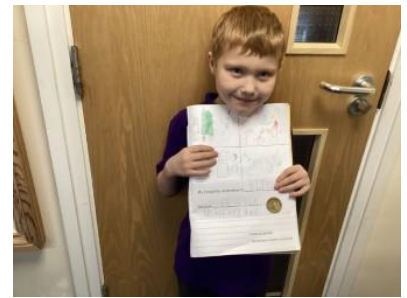
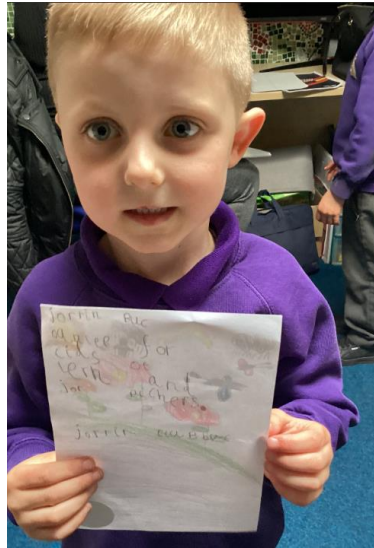
We hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful Easter break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with big smiles, fresh enthusiasm, and a readiness to learn. As always, their curiosity and positivity bring such energy to our school, and we're excited for all the amazing learning that awaits this term. Summer is always a busy time at Violet Way, and we are determined to make it a wonderful one for every child.

Looking ahead, we have a fantastic range of events and opportunities planned for the coming weeks. Sports' Days will soon be on the calendar, giving children the chance to shine, cheer each other on, and celebrate teamwork. Our traditional May Day celebrations and school fairs are also just around the corner, bringing our whole community together in that special Violet Way spirit. Year 2 are preparing for their production, which we know will be a highlight of the term, while Reception children can look forward to their exciting trip, and Year 1 will be heading out on a memorable farm visit. We will also be sharing fundraising ideas shortly, as your support continues to help us enrich the experiences we can offer. Reports will be with families later this term, capturing the incredible progress and effort children have made across the year.

Hopefully your children will have told you all out RockSteady this morning and the fun interactive workshops they had.

We can't wait to enjoy all the learning, laughter, and memorable moments the Summer Term will bring. Here's to a brilliant term ahead at Violet Way!







Book Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Guess the Book Character' competition last term. This coincided with World Book Day. We raised £76 which will go towards the cost of replacement books.

There was one lucky winner in each class so well done to them. Enjoy reading your new books!



Eco Champions

As part of the school's and Trust's climate action plan, we have appointed three Eco Champions in each of our Year 2 classes. Their role is to help the school to reduce their energy usage and to help protect the planet. They will also help Mr. Bob to ensure that the school grounds are clean and tidy.

This week, they also helped to launch an exciting new competition which schools across the Trust will participate in. The competition is to design a poster about saving energy. Please talk to your child about how they can do this and the winning poster will be displayed in schools across the Trust. Good luck!





Year 2 Poetry

In the final week of the last term, the Year 2 children read some poems by Joseph Coelho which they really enjoyed. After this, they wrote their own versions of one of his poems and then performed them to other children in Year 2.

Have a read of some of them! They are all called 'I Live in the Sea'.

I'm a deadly beast,
I'm a greedy, swift stingray,
I'm smiley and pretty,
My little fish fingers swim close to me,
My cute, agile stingray come closer to me.

By Bertie (Woodpeckers)



I live in the sea,
I'm as sweet as can be,
I'm a beautiful, wiggly dolphin
From the bubbly sea.

My little noodle swim closer to me,
My delicious finger from the bottom of the sea,
My lovely, crazy dolphin,
Come closer to me.

By Isabella (Kestrels)





Violet Way Gymnastics Competition



Some year 1 and 2 children were selected to take part in a gymnastics competition organised by the East Staffordshire Partnership. The children represented Violet Way very well and did us proud with Team A coming second overall and Isabella coming second individually on the Vault!





Easter Bunny Visit





VIOLET WAY ACADEMY

Newsletter

TO BE HELD AT EDGE HILL

ACADEMY

Edge Hill



Academy

The Violet Way
Academy
and Nursery



Save the Date!

Thursday 18th June



Joint Summer Fayre



Edge Hill & Violet Way Academies

Stall Holders Wanted!


Local Businesses & Crafters




Performers Wanted!

Dance, Sports & Clubs




 **Date:** Thursday 18th June


 **Time:** From 3:30pm onwards (Min. 2 hour stay)


 **Stall Fee:** £10



For more info or to book, contact us using the below email addresses:

 **Edge Hill Academy**

 office@edgehill.fierte.org

 **Violet Way Academy**

 office@violetway.org

To help us create a vibrant mix of stalls, please let us know what you'll be selling when you get in touch – this helps us avoid too many of the same type and ensures a great experience for everyone!



We look forward to hearing from you!





- **SUMMER FAYRE STALL HOLDERS WANTED!** 🌻
- **We are excited to announce our upcoming joint Summer Fayre on 18th June 2026 and are looking for a variety of stall holders to join us for a fun-filled day!**
- **Do you have a small business, craft, or products to sell? We'd love to hear from you!**
- **To apply for a stall, please send us:**
- **Your name and contact details**
- **Your business name (if applicable)**
- **A brief description of what you would like to sell**
- **Once we receive your details, we will review all applications and get back to you to let you know if your stall has been successful.**
- **Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and be part of a great community event!**
-  **Please send your information to:**
- **Violet Way Academy: office@violetway.org**
- **Edge Hill Academy: office@edgehill.fierte.org**
- **We look forward to hearing from you!**





CAREER DAY

Come dressed as what you want to be when you grow up!

24th April



Money goes to
Birmingham Children's Hospital





Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

	Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Thurs PM	Friday PM	Friday PM
date	1/5	8/5	15/5	22/5	5/6	12/6	18/6	26/6	3/7

Dates for your diaries, all being well weather wise we will be inviting parents to join us for the above Forest school afternoon sessions.
2pm arrive at the school office

May Day Celebrations

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!





Forest Fun...





We had RockSteady today; all children experienced an immersive assembly and then workshop.

We partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Violet Way! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by highly trained professional musicians who know how to inspire a love for music. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun, all whilst boosting confidence, wellbeing, social skills and academic achievement. More about Rocksteady:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Lessons are open for children from year Reception to 2.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- End of term concerts so you can see just how far they have come.
- Parents receive regular updates about their child's progress, including photos and videos. If your child would like to experience the magic of learning music, you can sign up to Rocksteady at: rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents- payment by direct debit.



**ROCK
STEADY**

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to
find out more!

98%

**OF PARENTS SAY
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY
BAND LESSONS**

94%

**OF PARENTS SAY
ROCKSTEADY
IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE**

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com



FIERTÉ

MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST





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.

SUMMER TERM 2026

Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	14/4	5/5	2/6	23/6
Squirrels	21/4	12/5	9/6	30/6
Badgers	28/4	19/5	16/6	7/7

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	15/4	6/5	3/6	24/6
Owls	22/4	13/5	10/6	1/7
Woodpeckers	29/4	20/5	17/6	8/7

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	16/4	7/5	4/6	25/6
Ladybirds	23/4	14/5	11/6	2/7
Busy Bees	30/4	21/5	18/6	9/7

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

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

22nd April Twycross Zoo trip

April 24th – Come dressed as who you want to be when you grow up!

May Day events 1st May
May Day

Reception- 9.15

Dragonflies- 10am

Busy Bees- 10.30

Ladybirds- 11am

18th May- Packington Farm- Ladybirds

20th May- Packington Farm- Busy Bees

21st May- Packington Farm- Dragonflies

16th June- Reception Sports day am- time TBC

17th June- Year 1 and year 2 Sports' Day - time TBC

29th June- Fierte Festival Week

7th & 8th July Year 2 Performances- time and tickets TBC

8th July Year 2 Disco

16th July - Laches Wood Year 2

17th July- Year 2 Graduations- TBC





Family Hub
Staffordshire

PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF AUTISTIC CHILDREN



This group is for parent/carers of diagnosed and non-diagnosed children & young people.

Join the Autism Inclusion Team for coffee and conversation at East Staffs Family Hub.

The group will meet monthly on a Monday morning between 9.30am and 12.00pm.

No booking required just drop in. Look forward to seeing you.

Monday 20th April

Monday 18th May

Monday 15th June

Monday 6th July

For further information please contact
Lana.grant@staffordshire.gov.uk





Family Hub Best Start Launch

Family Event for Ages 0-19

A fun day for children, young people and families to explore, play and connect with the community



Thursday 28th May 11am-3pm
East Staffordshire Family Hub
Waterloo Road, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2NJ



New! Free Play

Join our new welcoming free play session for parents/carers with 0-4 year olds. Drop in for as little or long as you like, ask our Family Hub Coaches questions and get advice and support with your child's development and wellbeing while they socialise with other children.

When and where?

Monday's 9.30am-12.30pm
East Staffs Family Hub
Waterloo Street
DE14 2NJ





Family Hub
Staffordshire

Let's Talk **SEND**

Peer Support Group for Parents & Carers of SEND Children



Hill Street Health & Wellbeing Centre
Stapenhill, DE15 9LD

— Friday Fortnightly • 9:30am - 11:30am —

— FREE • Tea, Coffee & Toast Provided —

Come chat with other parents & carers
who understand SEND!



Support



Chat



Advice

For more information please call 01283 233400 or email
eaststaffsfamilyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk



**FAMILY
HUBS**



FIERTÉ

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THE GARDEN PATCH STAY & PLAY

Every
Wednesday
10:00am - 12:00pm

FREE

Drop in sessions will
be at Hill Street Health
and Wellbeing Centre
DE15 9LD

A warm welcoming group for Mum's, Dad's, Grandparents and your little ones to connect with nature and learn how to grow and look after your own fruit and veg. Exploring through indoor and outdoor nature activities



Please Contact East
Staffs Family Hub
Tel: 01283 233400
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eaststaffsfamilyhub@
staffordshire.gov.uk





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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