



A Message from Mrs. Harris

We have an exciting and busy half term coming up! Over the next few weeks, children will be finding out about their new classes and teachers as part of our transition process, helping them feel ready and confident for September.

There are also lots of special events taking place, including Sports Days, transition activities, meetings for our new Reception families, inspections, trips to the fair and our school production — alongside all of our usual learning.

Please make sure you keep an eye on important dates and updates so you don't miss anything. On the dates page I have also added next year's INSET days so that families are prepared, and term dates can be found here so that holidays can be booked:

[School term dates](#) | [Staffordshire County Council](#)

If you have any questions or need any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch — we are always here to help,

Have a great weekend!





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	91.3%
Reception	87.96%
Year 1	90.93%
Year 2	95.53%

Congratulations to **Owls 97.33%** 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.**

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





Year 2 Transition to Edge Hill

For children attending Edge Hill in September the following dates are important:

- Tuesday 9th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill for the afternoon (picked up from Violet Way)
- Friday 26th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill and to stay for lunch (drop off and pick up at Violet Way)

For parents:

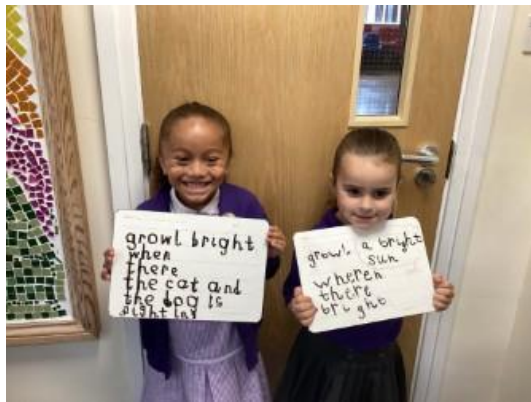
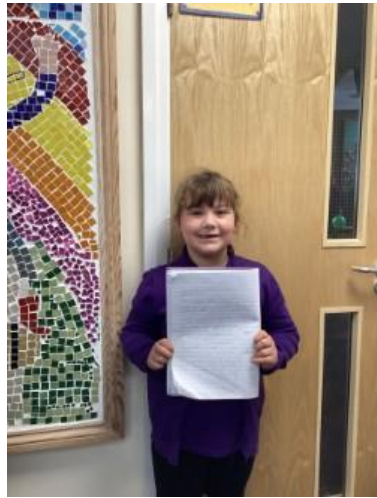
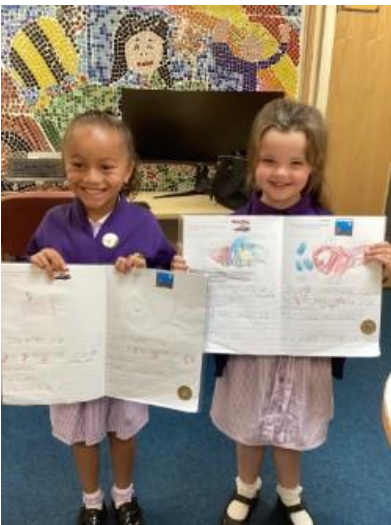
- After school meeting – 10th June - 5.00pm
- Open Morning – 2nd July - 9.10am



Reception and Year 1 children will be meeting their new teachers on Tuesday 9th June – in the afternoon and **Friday 26th June** in the morning formally, but they will also be popping in to get to know children in between. We still have a few weeks left in our current classes so let's enjoy it.

I will send information out after children first meet their new teachers (it's only fair they know first!)





Do you have

ANYTHING

to donate for the

RAFFLE?

We are collecting prize donations for the
JOINT SUMMER FAYRE
BETWEEN **EDGE HILL & VIOLET WAY!**

DONATIONS CAN INCLUDE:



Things you have at home

New or nearly new items, games, books, toys, homeware, beauty items and more!



Unwanted gift sets

Perfect for making someone else's day!



Vouchers for your business

Treatments, services, classes or experiences — every donation makes a difference!



Donations from companies you know or work for

Big or small, every prize helps us raise more for our schools!



Anything you think would be great to win!

THE SUMMER FAYRE IS ON:

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

15:30 - 17:30



Thank you so much for your kindness and support — let's make this a fantastic fayre for our children!



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. Please arrive at 2pm arrive at the school office.

The Violet Way Academy and Nursery

SUPPORT OUR SUMMER FAYRE!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT AMAZING!

We're getting ready for our Summer Fayre and need your help with some themed donation days!

WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY!

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE (DAY OF THE FAYRE)

This is to support our Bottle Tombola Stall. In exchange for wearing your own clothes to school, we're asking for donations of bottles – all donations welcome!

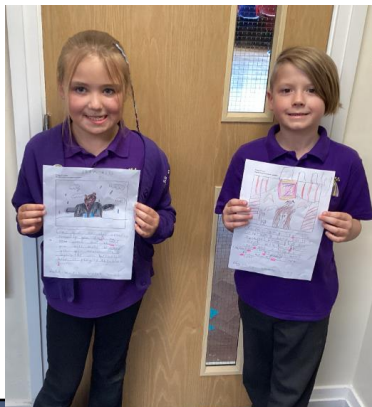
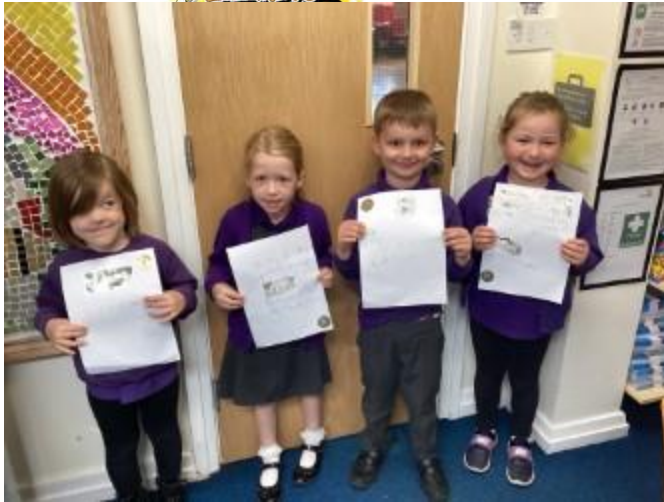
Bottles of champagne, wine, beer, ciders, fizzy drinks & mixers – anything goes!

EVERY DONATION HELPS MAKE OUR SUMMER FAYRE A HUGE SUCCESS!

⇒ Thank you for your continued support! ⇐

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE IT AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY!







Recent Awards

We are proud to have been awarded the



Staffordshire
Virtual School

Relational Pathway
Bronze Award



We have recently been awarded the Bronze Award for our relational work, and we have also been shortlisted for our SEN work. We are proud of this as a school and will keep you all posted with developments.





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

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 2026

19th June 2026

20th July 2026

Violet Way INSET Days 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September - INSET

Monday 4th January - INSET

Friday 12th February - INSET

Friday 18th June - INSET

Wednesday 21st July - INSET

What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every

Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Tuesday 16th June- Reception Sports' Day
9.30am start at Edge Hill (walk 9.15am)

Wednesday 17th June- Year 1 - 9.30am
start at Edge Hill (walk 9.15am)

Year 2 Sports' Day –11 am start at Edge Hill (walk 10.45am)

All Sports' Days will be no more than 1 hour.

Emails have been sent!

Dress down and bring a bottle- 18th June

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July -
Year 2 Performances- please see the time and tickets email sent to Year 2

Tuesday 14th July- Year 2 Disco - 5-6pm

Thursday 16th July - Laches Wood - Year 2 Trip

Friday 17th July- Y2 Graduations - short Assembly

9:15am - Kestrels

10:00am - Owls

10:45am – Woodpeckers





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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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



New! Mini Melodies

Join us for a FREE music group suitable for babies, pre-school children and their parents/carers. We'll enjoy singing, rhymes and instruments together!

For more information text or call Helen:
07580810233

- No singing experience necessary
- Excellent for language development
- Fantastic for pre-reading skills
- Meet other families for a cuppa and a chat



When and where?

Tuesday's 1-2.30pm
East Staffs Family Hub
Waterloo Street
DE14 2NJ



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

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
Email: eaststaffsfamilyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk

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

BEST START IN LIFE | **FAMILY HUBS**



NumberOne
FERRY STREET

FOOD BANK

**Every Monday 10am to 12pm
at 1 Ferry Street, Stapenhill, DE15 9EU**

Need help with filling in forms? CV writing? Interview prep?

Or do you just want to keep warm and chat over a cuppa?

**Free drop in every Monday 10am to 12pm
at 1 Ferry Street, Stapenhill, DE15 9EU**

Our volunteers will be on hand to help and advise where we can.



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H E A T & E A T

Every Thursday 3.30pm to 7pm at

NumberOne
FERRY STREET

**You are very welcome to join us for
company, warmth and a free bite to eat.**

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Warm Spaces

Safe and welcoming places for people to meet and socialise



Short Street Community Cafe

94-96 Short Street, Stapenhill, Burton, DE15 9LT

Monday

Breakfast, 8:45 - 11am
Standard menu costs apply

Tuesday

Place of Welcome, 10am - 12pm
Free hot drink, toast, & cake

Wednesday

Breakfast, 8:45am - 11am
Standard menu costs apply

Thursday

Breakfast, 8:45am - 11am
Standard menu costs apply

Supper Club, 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Standard menu costs apply

Friday

Breakfast, 8:45am - 11am
Standard menu costs

Lunch Club, 12 - 2pm
Standard menu costs apply

Community Fridge

10am - 11am Daily
Free fresh food and pantry items



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