VIOLET WAY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Friday 13th November











A message from Mrs Harris,

What a fantastic two weeks it has been at school! Last Friday, Rocksteady visited and demonstrated the wonderful range of music that can be created using drums, bass guitars, electric guitars and keyboards. Children eagerly joined together to form bands, and it was wonderful to see staff taking part too.

On Wednesday, we came together for our Remembrance Assembly. A special thank you to Mr Cowling, who played *The Last Post* on his cornet. The maturity and respect shown by our children during the assembly were truly exceptional.

I have also been enjoying showing prospective Reception families around the school ahead of September 2027. It has been lovely to share our school with new parents, and I have been incredibly proud of the way our children have welcomed visitors and demonstrated our values.

Have a wonderful weekend.



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Year 2 At St. Peter's Church

On Thursday 17th December, Year 2 will be holding their Christmas Carol Concert at St. Peter's Church in Stapenhill. It will start at 1.45pm, but we are asking for you to please help us walk there and back. Therefore, please can you arrive at school at 1.20pm. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.
Thank you!



Little Wandle Phonics Open Sessions

We are really looking forward to welcoming you in school over the next few weeks so you can watch our phonics lessons! These will take place in your child's classrooms:

Thursday 19th November:
Year 1 - 9am
Year 2 - 9.45am

Thursday 3rd December:
Reception – 9.05am

Please wait outside the main school gates once you have dropped your child off at school because we will need to register them first. The sessions will last for approximately 35 minutes.

If possible, please can only one adult attend the session due to limited space in the classrooms. We hope that you find the sessions useful in supporting your child's reading at home.





East Staffordshire Borough Council

Design A Recycling Mascot For ESBC





We have been asked to design a recycling mascot for East Staffordshire Borough Council. Tracey will be coming into school soon to tell us all about recycling and launching this competition. Please have a think about what your mascot could look like at home!
















Violet Way Academy
Thank You!
Parents & Guardians!
Thank you so much for your continued support in helping to raise money for the PTA.
A Massive
£261.39
Thank you again for all your support!
Thank You!
Your support makes a big difference!
PTA money raised all benefits children and their education.
WE ARE CURRENTLY RAISING MONEY FOR AN OUTDOOR SENSORY GARDEN

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 Thursdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Tuesday. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Year 1 Tuesday Sessions

Dragonflies	22/9	13/10	10/11	1/12
Ladybirds	29/9	20/10	17/11	8/12
Busy Bees	6/10	3/11	24/11	15/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	23/9	14/10	11/11	2/12
Owls	30/10	21/10	18/11	9/12
Woodpeckers	7/10	4/11	25/11	16/12

Reception Thursday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	12/11	3/12
Squirrels	-	-	19/11	10/12
Badgers	-	-	26/11	17/12

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

Forest School Timetable

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Squirrels	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds
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**
7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	2/11	9/11
16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12	4/1	11/1	18/1	25/1
1/2	8/2	15/2	22/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3	12/4
26/4	**3/5**	**10/5**	**17/5**	**24/5**	**7/6**	21/6	28/6	5/7

Wb19/4- Den
Wb 14/6 - Den


Brizlincote Parish Council
Christmas
FESTIVE EVENT
All local residents welcome!
Saturday, 28th November, 2026
3.15 to 4.30 p.m.
on Beaufort Green
Live Music by
The Irreverent Nelson James
Christmas Lights, Live Music and Refreshments
BEAUFORT GREEN
The event is subject to weather conditions - please check facebook/website - www.brizlincote-pc.gov.uk

YMCA BURTON UPON TRENT AND DISTRICT

YMCA

To Violet Way Academy

10th November 2026

Dear All,

Thank you so much to everyone for your support of the Food Bank. Your generosity and commitment make a real difference.

The Food Bank is a vital service for our community. Every day we see first-hand the challenges many people face, and the growing need for emergency food support. The service relies entirely on the generosity of our community and the donations we receive to ensure we can continue providing this essential help.

Over the past year, demand has increased beyond expectations, with record numbers of people accessing the Food Bank. You help will ensure the service remains sustainable and available for those who need it most. We simply could not continue our work without the kindness and support of others, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to helping our cause.

At a time when so many individuals and families are facing increasing hardship, our services are more essential than ever. Your donation enables us to respond directly to this need within our local community by providing vital food supplies for emergency food parcels, ensuring that no one is left without support.

This is the reality many in our community are facing, and we are doing everything we can to meet this demand and support those experiencing food poverty.

On behalf of everyone at YMCA Burton, thank you once again for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our charity.

Yours sincerely

Julia Taylor

Foodbank Co-ordinator

Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

Class	Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers	Den
	Friday PM	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**	**Thurs PM**	**Friday PM**	**Friday PM**
date	30/4	7/5	14/5	25/6	2/7	9/7	21/5	11/6	28/5	17/6

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.



Dates for Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- Inset day: Tuesday 1 September
  Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September
  Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
  Term Ends: Friday 18 December
  Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

- Term Starts: Monday 4 January
  Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
  Term Ends: Thursday 25 March
  Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
  Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

- **Summer Term 2027**
  Term Starts: Monday 12 April
  May Day: Monday 3 May
  Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July
Holiday: Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 Sept

Violet Way INSET Days 2026-2027

Monday 4th January - INSET

Friday 12th February - INSET

Friday 18th June - INSET

Wednesday 21st July - INSET

What's Coming Up?

Thursday 19th November -
9am - Year 1 Phonics Open Session
9.45am - Year 2 Phonics Open Session

Thursday 3rd December – 9.05am -
Reception Phonics Open Sessions

Friday 4th December-
Pantomime (children only)

Thursday 10th December -
Reception short Nativities
9.30am- Foxes
10.30 Badgers
1.45pm - Squirrels

Thursday 17th December -
Year 1 Christmas singalong- times
9am-Dragonflies
9.45-Ladybirds
10.30 - Busy Bees

Thursday 17th December – 1.45pm -
Year 2 Carol Concert at St. Peter's Church

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.

