



We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind

## A Message from Mrs Kee

I hope all members of our school community managed to have a good rest over the holiday. The Christmas period can be such a lovely time of year but I also recognise that it can be difficult for some families. Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time of the year if you need support. We are here to help and support our school community and if we don't have the answer, we can signpost you to other services that can help.

The children have been excited to come back to school and have quickly settled back into their routines. Several children have started new hobbies and some children told me about awards they had gained in their clubs – well done!

In the assembly on Wednesday, I was delighted to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. We talked about how proud we are of being part of the Violet Way family. The focus of the assembly was 'Dreams and Goals'. This is the theme for this half term's PSHE lessons. The theme links to our value 'We are brave' because it is about persevering in the face of challenge to reach our goals and achieve. I encouraged the children to think about a short-term or long-term goal they have, and we talked about what they need to do to achieve their goal. This included persevering, or "try, try and try again" even if things are difficult, as one of the Y1 pupils told me! Maybe this weekend, you could share some of your goals with your child and talk about how you persevered to achieve them.

I have provided some information in this week's newsletter about Covid and testing. Thank you very much to parents that have informed us of positive tests during the holiday and have let us know about isolation periods. Due to the high prevalence of Covid locally and nationally, I have made the decision to postpone the Library Sessions with parents until 31<sup>st</sup> January, where I will review the situation and, hopefully, we will be able to resume the sessions.

I look forward to seeing you all next week, *Mrs Kee*



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## Attendance

Whole School (this week)	95.81%
Reception	96.41%
Year 1	95.99%
Year 2	95.06%

### Congratulations to **Badgers & Ladybirds**

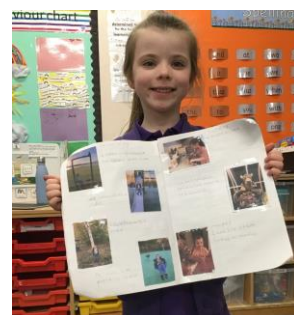
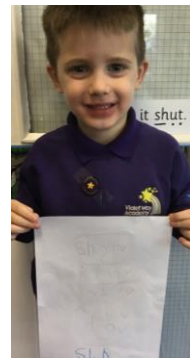
For both being the classes with  
the highest attendance  
this week! Well done  
on your fantastic attendance  
this week.

**Make sure your child  
attends school every day so that  
they get the most from  
their education.**



## Star Learners

As we have only been in school three days, we didn't have a merit assembly this week, however, here are some of our star learners from across the school. Well done!





## Covid Update

Due to the high prevalence of Covid nationally and locally, we have made the decision to postpone the Library Sessions with parents for the next three weeks. It is our intention that they will be able to start up again from the week commencing Monday 31st January, but we will review before then and confirm. Any meetings that are required with parents will be arranged on an individual basis and parents will be asked to wear masks or carry out the meeting via Teams if appropriate.

We will continue to monitor the situation locally and nationally and follow any Government or Local Authority advice.

### Current NHS advice on testing

NHS advice is to get a PCR test as soon as possible if you have symptoms of Covid, even if mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Stay at home until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Check if people you live with need to self-isolate ([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Staff and pupils can take an LFD test from 6 days after the day their symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and another LFD test on the following day. The second LFD test should be taken at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and they do not have a high temperature, they may end self-isolation immediately after the second negative test result.

You should also do daily rapid tests (1 a day for 7 days) if you've been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and are either:

- fully vaccinated
- under 18 years and 6 months old

Find out more about daily testing on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk).







## Contact Details

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

It is imperative that parents/carers are contactable during the school day. If there was ever an emergency situation involving your child, we need be able to get in touch with you ASAP. Please ensure that the school office has up-to-date contact details for emergency contacts for your child. If your contact numbers have changed, please inform school straight away.

We also need to be informed of any changes to addresses following house moves.



If, for any reason, someone different needs to collect your child, please ensure that you call the school to inform us before the end of the day so that we can let the class teacher know.

## Class reading competition!!

During the Spring term we are starting a new COMPETITION! The class with the most reading logs filled in will win a special, new book for their class to enjoy. Remember to fill in your weekly reading logs! You will find the link on Marvelous Me. Whose class will be the first to win?



## The Writing's on the Wall

Last term we started our 'Writing's on the Wall' display. Thank you to all the children that have contributed. We have enjoyed displaying your lovely writing from home. We have received a range of writing for different purposes, including letters, lists, name writing and stories. We will be continuing to add to the display this term and look forward to seeing lots more writing from home. Please send any photographs of writing to Mrs Williams ([k.williams@violetway.org](mailto:k.williams@violetway.org)) or children can bring their writing into school and we can take a photograph for the wall. Thank you!





## Dates for your diary

### Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

#### Autumn Term 2021

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

#### Spring Term 2022

**Inset day:** Tuesday 4 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 5 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7 April

**Inset day:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

#### Summer Term 2022

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

### Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### What's Coming Up?

**Library sessions with parents – POSTPONED until w/c 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

**Reception visits to Wing Wah – Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**Children's Mental Health Week – Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**Safer Internet day - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

**Parent online safety workshop – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2:15pm**

**World book day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**World book dress up assembly - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
(There will be a reading theme over these two days)

**Food Waste Action Week – Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**World Down's Syndrome day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**  
– wear blue and yellow and donate £1.00

**Mother's Day Play and Stay sessions – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Year R - 9:00am

Year 1 - 10:00am

Year 2 - 11:00am

**Easter Egg hunt in the Woodlands with the Easter Bunny – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

