



- We care
- We are brave
- We celebrate individuality
- We leave no one behind

A Message from Mrs Kee

This week was Autism Awareness week. Mrs Magill (our SENDCO) started the week with an assembly. The children were provided with a simple presentation, related to our value 'We celebrate individuality'. She shared a lovely video to explain to children what Autism is in an age-appropriate way. You can watch the video again with your child [here](#). This also followed on beautifully from our assembly the previous week, where we raised awareness of Down Syndrome. We are all unique and deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.

As a school, safeguarding our pupils is extremely important to us. I spoke to some Y1 and Y2 pupils this week and asked them to walk me around the school inside and outside, highlighting anywhere they feel safe or unsafe. They were so mature and sensible. They told me that they feel safe in their classrooms, in the hall and dining hall, in my office, in the front office, in the toilets, the Acorn room, the library and outside on the playground. They also like the worry monsters we have in school. They said that they don't like the space down the side of the mobile or the path in front of the Y2 mobile at lunchtimes as they can't always see the adults from there. As a result, we have coned off these areas at break and lunchtimes and I will talk to them again next week to see if this has made it better for them.

We are sorry we had to postpone the Chocolate Bingo, we hope that all parents and pupil with tickets will be able to join us next Thursday instead. Have a great weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	92.06%
Reception	88.57%
Year 1	92.89%
Year 2	94.72%



Congratulations to **Ladybirds**



for being the class 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.

Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners this week. We also had children sharing some amazing achievements from home – swimming awards, gymnastic and football club awards and winners of an Under 12's Cheerleading Competition. Well done everyone!



Home Achievements



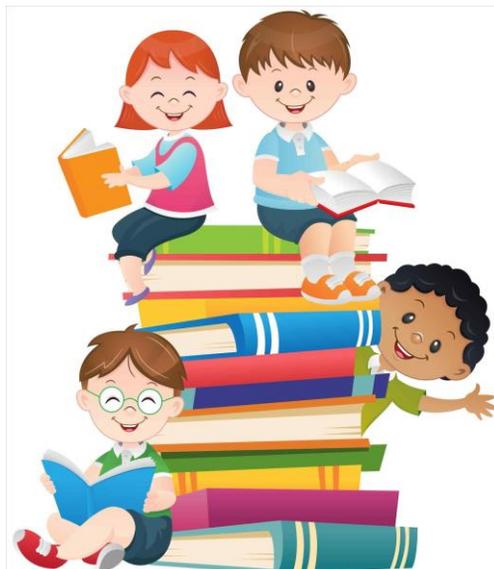


Returning books to school

The last two weeks have seen Squirrels take the lead in our Reading Competition by being the class with the most children reading at home – well done! Thank you to parents for adding their reading logs to Marvellous Me. They won some new books for Their class book box.

Our parent library mornings continue to be a success and the children love to visit the library to choose a new book.

Please can we request that library books are returned to school each week. We encourage children to look after books and return them, so our library remains well stocked. In addition, we only have a limited number of Reading books. Children's Reading books are matched to their phonic group and are costly to replace. Please have a good look at home and return any school library books, Read Write Inc books or Rigby Star books lingering in corners, on bookcases or in cupboards at home! Also, over the Easter holiday if any parents decide to have a Spring clean, please think of us – we'd love any donations of good quality children's books, in good condition. Thank you.



Parents' Evening attendance

As a school, we promote positive relations with parents and our local community. We have been delighted to be able to invite parents into school for a range of events, including parents' evenings. We know that our parents value being kept well informed about their children's progress and our parents' evenings were well attended. We had 97.7% attendance across the school, including 100% attendance for Badgers, Busy Bees, Dragonflies, Owls, Ladybirds. We hope that the meetings were informative.

There is lots of information on our website about what your child is learning on our curriculum pages. If you need to ask any questions about your child's learning, please email your child's class teacher via Marvellous Me.



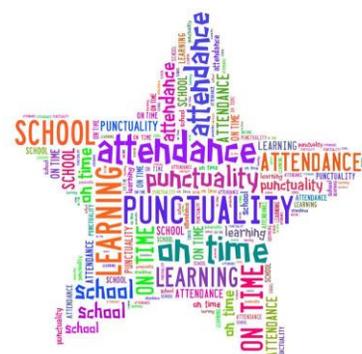


Attendance letters

At Violet Way, effective communication with parents matters to us. Last term, we provided parents with information about their child's attendance. The letters are to ensure that parents have a clear picture of their child's attendance and punctuality and are able to recognise the strengths and where there could be room for improvement.

Parents are responsible for ensuring their children's right to an education are met and they attend school. We understand that there have been many challenges faced by families over the past few years and we recognise that this will have had an impact on pupil attendance. It is important that parents have a clear understanding of their child's attendance because the link between attendance and pupil performance is well-established. Pupils who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful. We know that children can get ill and need to have time off school to get better and this is unavoidable. By reviewing your child's attendance regularly, you are better informed of the overall picture.

When you receive your letter, please read it carefully as it explains why we have shared them with you. Thank you.



Absence Procedures

We would like to remind all parents that you must phone school to report your child's absence if your child is poorly on the **first day of absence**. It is essential we know where your child is if they are not in school.

We will expect you to keep us updated each day with how they are doing, unless otherwise agreed with the office due to the nature of the illness.

We take our responsibility for safeguarding our pupils seriously and it is important that we know where pupils are if they are not in school. Thank you.





Easter fun at school!

Thursday 7th April 2022

Next Thursday every year group will enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the woodlands. There will be a challenge for children to work together and find letters which spell out Easter related words!

Children are invited to decorate a hard boiled egg at home and bring it into school on Thursday for class competitions. Children will vote for their favourite decorated egg and then have fun participating in an egg rolling competition!



The kitchen team are also preparing a special Easter Menu that has been shared with parents. This includes a rice krispie cake for pudding! Yum!



Our Easter Chocolate Bingo has been postponed until next Thursday and all parents and children with tickets are invited to attend at 4:30pm – eyes down at 5:pm. There will also be a uniform stand, refreshments available and a face painting stall so please remember to bring some £1.00 coins! We are aiming to be as environmentally friendly as possible, so parents are also requested to bring reusable cups with lids for their hot drinks and plastic bottles for children's squash.





May Day Plan – Parents Invited

Date: Thursday 28th April 2022

Please read the information below carefully as each year group has a different plan and times. Thank you.

Reception:

What? May day parade around the forest, creating a sensory May tree. Children will also sing a May Day /Springtime song to parents.

When? Parents come into school at the start of the day

Year 1:

What? Children to come to school dressed in May Day clothes and to bring a May Pole. They will perform a song and dance to parents.

When?

Dragonflies - 9.40am

Busy Bees - 10.05am

Ladybirds - 10.30am

Year 2:

What? Children to come to school dressed in May Day clothes and to bring a May Pole. They will be performing songs and a dance at Holly Green.

When? We will be walking down to Holly Green with parents and parading May poles at Holly Green. Parents to meet outside the green gates at 1.40pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 children – remember to make a May Pole at home and bring it to school on Thursday 28th April





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 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June



What's Coming Up?

Animal Visit (Year 1) – Tuesday 5th April

Tempest Class photos – Wednesday 6th April

Easter Egg hunt in the Woodlands with the Easter Bunny – Thursday 7th April

Chocolate Bingo 4:30pm TICKETS ONLY – Now on Thursday 7th April (postponed from 31.3.22)

INSET day – Friday 8th April

Summer Term begins – Monday 25th April

May Day celebrations (parents invited) - Thursday 28th April 2022

May Day – 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

Toddler Group – Tuesday 3rd May (every Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family)

Fierte Festival – w/c Monday 23rd May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee - Monday 6th June

Y2 KINGSWOOD - Wednesday 6th July to Friday 8th July

Y2 BREWHOUSE performance – Tuesday 19th July

Parent Library Morning Dates until the end of term:

Week beginning: 4th April	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Badgers
Wednesday	Woodpeckers
Thursday	Ladybirds

