

## A Message from Mrs Williams

Unfortunately Mrs Kee has been unwell and not in school this week. I have been keeping her up-to-date with the children's fantastic learning and she is looking forward to being back next week.

December has arrived and so has our Christmas Tree! The children have been very excited to see it and it helps us to feel excited in the run up to Christmas. Many children have been telling me about their Christmas tree and traditions that they have at home too.

In line with our school value 'We care' a lovely idea for the children to do at home is to make a [Reverse Advent](#) calendar to support people locally who are less fortunate than themselves.

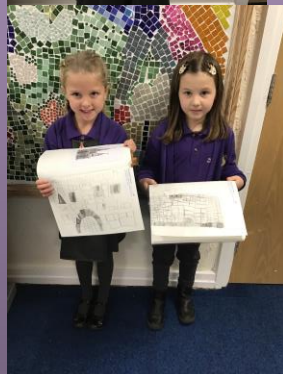
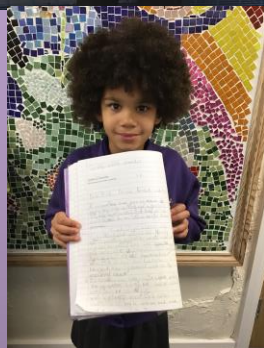
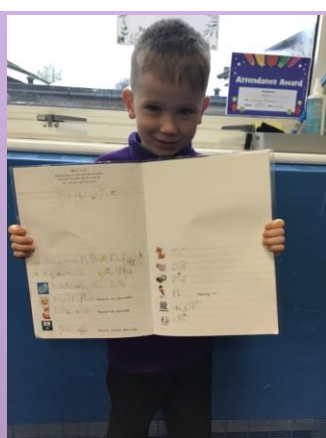
I know that many children will be wanting to write and send cards to their friends. Class teachers will put a class list of names in their classroom windows to support with this. Please can we ask that cards are only brought into school to give out during the last last week of term. Thank you.

We have had many children bringing in learning from home and completing Reading rockets again this week and I know the Reception teachers are seeing lots of super home learning on Tapestry too. Just a reminder to make sure that parent comments on Tapestry link to children's learning and development.

Our teachers have had another week working hard as subject leaders and have been visiting other classes in school to teach lessons in their subject, look at children's work and to talk to children to find out what they enjoy about the subject.

Reception children have enjoyed a visit from PCSO Jayne Winfield and Leon Worden. They had a talk from the Police, dressed up as Police Officers and even got to sit in the Police van and sound the siren!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week for the start of our Christmas festivities at Violet Way. *Mrs Williams*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.23%
Reception	91.67%
Year 1	91.15%
Year 2	93.86%

## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to all our wonderful merit award winners this week!

### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2



Congratulations to  
**Owls**

for being the class  
with the highest attendance this week!  
Well done!

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

## Home Achievements

Lots of home achievements this week!  
Swimming awards, football medals,  
Art competition winners & sports day  
medals! Wow! Well done everyone.





## Call 999!

Thank you to PCSOs Jayne Winfield and Leon Worden for a fantastic Police experience for our Reception children!





## Wraparound Care - Care Club

### A message from Our Pride Our Joy Care Club:

Exciting News !!! We are pleased to inform you that we are in a position to reopen our Wraparound Care for Edge Hill children from the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. If you are interested in registering your interest for a place at either our breakfast club provision or after school, please contact at your earliest convenience, Mrs Rebecca Dunn [RDunn@opoj.fierte.org](mailto:RDunn@opoj.fierte.org) Places will be limited so will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Our Pride,  
Our Joy Ltd

We can also accept any interested families who may want to attend the Violet Way Club as a small number of places are available from January.

## Thank you! Santa's Bike Toy donations

A huge thank you to everyone who donated toys to Derek's Tree for their annual Santa's toy run! They came to collect today and were incredibly grateful for how many toys we'd collected for them. Thank you so much for helping us to support such an important charity, especially at this time of year.



## Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day!

Next week, on **Thursday 8th December** it is our Christmas dinner AND Christmas jumper day! Please come to school wearing your Christmas jumpers and donate £1 to Save The Children, if you can, via this link <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-hub-rgpp> Children will also have their Christmas dinner on this day, however this won't show up on ParentPay, so please choose the usual 'main' option for Christmas dinner or the veggie option for a veggie Christmas dinner. **There will be no jacket potatoes available!**





## Christmas Performances - FYI

**Reception Nativity performance** - Wednesday 7th December (Badgers 9:15am, Squirrels 10:15am, Foxes 1:45pm). The performances will be held in our school hall. Maximum of four attendees per child.

**Y1 – Christmas Singalong** – Wednesday 14th December (Busy Bees 9:15am, Ladybirds 10:15am, Dragonflies 2:15pm) The performances will be held in our school hall. Maximum of four attendees per child.

**Y2 Christmas Carol Concert** – Monday 12th December at St Peter's Church 1:45pm. We will be asking for parents to accompany us during the walk to and from the church if you can. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

## Year 2 Church

On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** the Year 2 children will perform in a Carol Concert at St Peter's Church at **1.45pm**. We will leave school to walk down to the church at **1pm** on this day and would appreciate as many parents as possible to support us by walking down with their child. If you are able to do this please meet us outside the main green gates.

The Carol Concert will last no longer than 45 minutes and we will then walk the children back up to school for the end of the school day. Again please can parents support with walking the children back up to school. Parents are able to take the children home straight from the church on this day if you wish however the children's bags will be left in school till the following day.

Please complete this [Forms](#) to let us know if you will collecting your child from St Peter's church or if you want them to return to school.





## Clubs Forms for Spring Term!

All our afterschool activity club registers will be refreshed after Christmas, so Miss Evans will be sending out Microsoft Forms links soon for you to be able to sign your child up, places are given on a first come first served basis. See more details below:

Drama Club – Mondays after school until 4:30pm. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Tuesday 6th December at 4pm.**

Street Dance – Thursdays after school until 4:15pm. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Wednesday 7th December at 4pm.**

Burton Albion Football Club – Fridays after school until 4:15pm. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Thursday 8th December at 4pm.**

**\*\*We are also going to be introducing a new Gymnastics club after Christmas!** This will be on a Tuesday after school until 4pm, and we are going to start off by offering places to Y1 children from January to February half term. More information will be on the Microsoft forms, which you will need to fill out to apply for a place. This Form will be released on **Monday 12th December at 4pm.**



## PTA Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now available to buy for our PTA Christmas Raffle fundraiser, click on the link below to get yours and to see what you could win!

We are still accepting donations for prizes too, if you can bring them in to the office asap it would be much appreciated!

The raffle draw date is **Monday 12th December.**



[\*\*Click here to join in with our PTA online Raffle!\*\*](#)





## Free Event – for anyone homeless or lonely

'Tilly's Voice Mental Health and Wellness' welcomes you to spend Christmas day with them at Queen Street Community Centre, Queen Street, Burton on Trent, DE14 3LW.

This is a free event for anyone homeless or lonely. You will need to book your place to register. Please message by 20<sup>th</sup> December with your name, address, date of birth, contact number and if you require a meat or vegetarian option. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult. Support workers can also contact us with bookings.

To book your place, please email [Support@tillyvoice.co.uk](mailto:Support@tillyvoice.co.uk) or call 01283 890 256. Please pass this information on to anyone you know that would benefit.





## Forest School and Library Dates

### Forest School Days Autumn Term

#### Week 1:

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – Foxes

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 12/9 26/9 10/10 31/10 14/11 28/11

#### Week 2:

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Wednesday - Ladybirds

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Owls

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 19/9 3/10 17/10 7/1 21/11 5/12

### Parent Library Mornings Autumn Term

#### Reception - Tuesday Mornings

**Foxes:** 1/11 22/11

**Squirrels:** 8/11 29/11

**Badgers:** 15/11 6/12

#### Year 2 - Wednesday Mornings:

**Kestrels:** 14/9 5/10 2/11 23/11

**Owls:** 21/9 12/10 9/11 30/11

**Woodpeckers:** 28/9 19/10 16/11 7/12

#### Year 1 - Thursday Mornings:

**Dragonflies:** 15/9 6/10 3/11 24/11

**Ladybirds:** 22/9 13/10 10/11 1/12

**Busy Bees:** 29/9 20/10 17/11 8/12







# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

### Autumn Term 2022

**Inset day:** Monday 5 September

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 6 September

**Half Term:** Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

**Term ends:** Friday 16 December

**Holiday:** Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

### Spring Term 2023

**Inset day:** Tuesday 3 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 4 January

**Half Term:** Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

**Term ends:** Friday 31 March

**Holiday:** Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 9 April

### Summer Term 2023

**Inset day:** Monday 17 April

**Term starts:** Tuesday 18 April

**May Day:** Monday 1 May

**Half Term:** Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

**Term ends:** Tuesday 25 July

**Holiday:** Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

### Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June



## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Inclusion Coffee Morning** – Friday 2nd December 2pm

**YR – Christmas Nativity** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Badgers 9:15am, Squirrels 10:15am, Foxes 1:45pm

**Christmas Jumper day & Christmas dinner day** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Special Visitor in school** – 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Y1 – Christmas Songs** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Busy Bees 9:15am, Ladybirds 10:15am, Dragonflies 2:15pm

**Y2 Christmas Carol Concert** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church 1:45pm

**GLOW UV CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL Sports Enrichment day** – for all pupils on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**PANTOMIME TIME! We have booked Robin Hood – the production is for all pupils and will happen during the school day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**End of term** – 16<sup>th</sup> December 3:15pm

**Trust INSET day** - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Back to school for Spring Term** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

