

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

A Message from Mrs Kee

This week our assembly on Monday was the NSPCC ‘Speak Out Stay Safe’ assembly. The children listened carefully and watched a short video clip about a child who had some worries and what she did about it. The focus was on ‘speaking out’ and talking to a trusted adult. The children were able to provide a number of adults that they would talk to if they had any worries.

In line with our commitment to staff development, lunchtime supervisors have participated in training this week, continuing to help pupils develop active lifestyles and teachers and teaching assistants had some sensory training from an external provider. Thank you to the staff for their commitment to school development and improvement.

As you are all aware now, I have made the very difficult decision to resign from the post of Headteacher at Violet Way and will leave at Easter – you’re stuck with me for another term! On a serious note though, the role has been extremely rewarding and I have been delighted with how the whole school community has embraced my vision and our school values. Over the next term, I will continue to work hard, along with our dedicated staff team, to ensure our pupils continue to thrive socially, emotionally and academically. I look forward to working with Mrs Harris over the next term to ensure a smooth transition for all.

I hope you enjoy a lovely relaxing weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.83%
Reception	94.16%
Year 1	91.99%
Year 2	92.33%



Congratulations to **Badgers (96.33%)** 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.

Home Achievements



Thank you for sharing your home achievements – Well done!

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 this week!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Getting in the Christmas spirit!



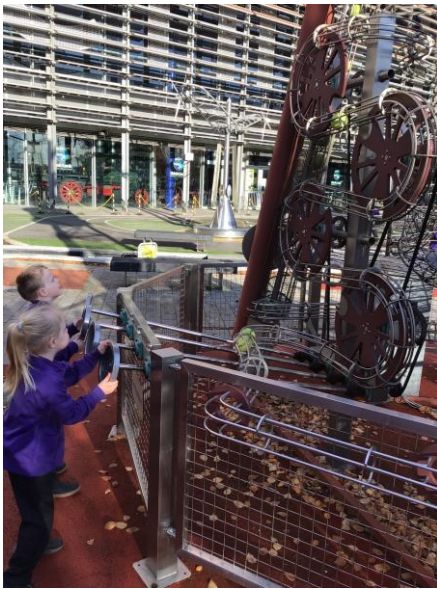
Christmas was in full swing this week for Christmas dinner day! Children have also enjoyed creating Christmas wreaths in Forest School sessions. Thank you to Mrs Dawson for planning, organising the resources and delivering these lessons.





Year 2 Thinktank Trip

Last week, the Year 2 children went on a fantastic trip to the Thinktank science museum in Birmingham. There were so many things to see and do and the children also took part in a workshop all about being an astronaut! Afterwards, they wrote recounts about the trip and there were some common favourites like MiniBrum and the Science Garden. Not only was their writing amazing, but they behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 2 and thank you to the parent volunteers who came with us.



Current Vacancies

Cleaning Supervisor, Teaching Assistant (with cover) and a Teaching Assistant with 1:1 support - Advert's will be available to view on Wmjobs in the next few days. The application pack and full details will also be available on the Trust website Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies (fierte.org) Applicants should submit a completed application to hr@fierte.org





Year 1 Disco

£2.50- Payment can now be paid via Parent Pay! Price includes entrance, a drink and a biscuit.



Forest and Library

Please note that the final week for Forest School and Library sessions is next week. There will be no library or Forest school sessions in the last week before we break up for Christmas. Dates for the Spring Term will be released in the final newsletter of the term.

Cake Shop

Cake shop will be open on Friday 15th December from 2:15pm! Save the date and make sure you pop into the dining hall to pick up some delicious treats! Please use the side entrance at the front of the school next to the sports court. Please note it is **CASH ONLY** for cake shop. Thank you.

Fond Farewell

We say a fond farewell this week to Mrs Nixon-Pittom. I know the children she has worked with across KS1 and staff across the school will miss her. We wish Mrs Nixon Pittom all the best for her future endeavours.

Mrs Akther retired from her cleaning team post recently. We wish her a relaxing retirement!

Warm Welcome

We have welcomed some new staff to our team recently. Miss Connell and Mrs Kirby-Collins have been appointed as Teaching Assistants, including 1-1 support. They have already settled in well and are enjoying being part of our Violet Way family.

We are hoping to welcome some more staff to the team at Violet Way and are currently advertising for TA (with cover), cleaning supervisor and TA (with 1-1).





Christmas Raffle

The Violet Way Academy and Nursery
PTA Christmas RAFFLE

Tickets on sale
Friday 1st December!
Raffle drawn Friday 15th December

Great Prizes to be won!

- Christina's Handmade gifts Voucher
- Pegs a daisy voucher
- Dr Suess book set
- Play @ lower Drayton farm tickets
- Roller world pass x2
- Toboggan vouchers
- Garden King Voucher
- Meadowside softplay vouchers
- Bath salts
- Alcohol
- Jangala softplay passes
- Wetherspoons Ashby meal for 4
- Tesco Hamper
- Meadowside family swim vouchers
- Peak wildlife park Child passes
- 7 day vip pass Meadowside leisure centre
- Soft drinks hamper
- Skin and wellness by Sarah - mini facial

+ MORE!

Tickets £2 each

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your support with the Poppy Appeal.



As a school we raised £286.68 for the Armed Forces Community!

Christmas Cards

A big thank you to everyone who ordered their child's Christmas cards.

This helped the school to raise £144.25!

After School Clubs- Spring Term

Burton Albion Football Club- (Whole term- Year 1 and 2) Fridays after school until 4.15pm

Dance and Movement Club- (Spring 1- Year 1) Thursdays after school until 4.10pm

Gymnastics Club- (Spring 1- Year 2) Tuesdays after school until 4pm

Multi-sports Club- (Spring 1- Year R) Mondays after school until 4pm.

A Microsoft Forms will be sent out on Monday 11th December at 4pm via Marvellous Me for you to sign your child up to the club. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.





Y2 Visit to Edge Hill – Next Tuesday!

Year 2 are going to the Edge Hill Christmas Production of Mary Poppins on **Tuesday 12th December**. Thank you to those parents that have offered to help with the walk to Edge Hill.

Due to the length of the production, **Y2 children should be collected from Edge Hill at approximately 3:15pm on this date. Please go to Edge Hill's main school entrance where you will be taken through to collect your child.**



If after the Edge Hill production next Tuesday you require your child to return to Violet Way, for example to attend care club, then please just let your child's class teacher know and we will make arrangements for them to walk back to school. Thank you

Christmas Fun!

Reception Christmas Nativity – Thursday 14th December

9:15am -Foxes

10:15am - Badgers

1:45pm - Squirrels

Please wait by the main school entrance to be signed in.

Year 1 Christmas Singalong (Children wear Christmas jumpers) Wednesday 20th December

9:15am – Ladybirds

10:15am – Dragonflies

2:15pm – Busy Bees

Please go to the main school entrance to be signed in.

Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church – Monday 18th December 1:45pm start time

Parents are invited to watch the performance in the church. Please can the Year 2 parents accompany us during the walk to the church from **1:20pm** and back to school after the performance. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help. As stated previously, for walks to and from the church, parents do not need to be signed up as volunteers. Once we arrive at the church, we will ask for teachers and children to enter first, and once settled, parents will be able to come in afterwards.





Dangerous Dogs

Staffordshire Police have asked that we share the following information with parents:

With regards to XL Bully's currently in the media, changes to legislation have been announced now that this breed of dog has been added to the banned breed list so will become a section one dog. Current changes to law have resulted in the timeframe outlined below.

From the 31st December 2023 it will be against the law to:

- Sell an XL Bully dog
- Abandon an XL Bully dog or let it stray
- Give away an XL Bully dog
- Breed from an XL Bully Dog
- Have an XL Bully in public without a lead and muzzle

You must apply for a certificate of exemption by the 31st January 2024. To get a certificate of exemption you must:

- Get third party public liability insurance cover for your dog
- Neuter your dog permanently if it is not already neutered.
- Pay the £92.40 fee for each dog you want to keep
- Apply for a certificate of exemption to keep an XL Bully dog.

From the 1st February 2024 it will be a criminal offence to own an XL Bully

Staffordshire Police now employ the services of two dog behaviourists to assess dangerous dogs in the county.

Contact Joanne.Willis@staffordshire.police.uk for more information or to raise concerns.





Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- 1 On the 1st day of Christmas**
 - Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard.
- 2 On the 2nd day of Christmas**
 - Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings. Don't leave them burning unattended.
- 3 On the 3rd day of Christmas**
 - Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency.
- 4 On the 4th day of Christmas**
 - Decorations can burn easily. Don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- 5 On the 5th day of Christmas**
 - Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- 6 On the 6th day of Christmas**
 - The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.



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7 On the 7th day of Christmas

- Most fires start in the kitchen. Never leave cooking unattended.



8 On the 8th day of Christmas

- If you are planning to celebrate with fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions, never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.



9 On the 9th day of Christmas

- Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before you go to bed.



10 On the 10th day of Christmas

- Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.



11 On the 11th day of Christmas

- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of reach of children. Never leave burning candles unattended.



12 On the 12th day of Christmas

- Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas. Make sure they are fire safe.



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Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Autumn Term

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks, for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier – at 8.40am - 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. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

Reception Tuesday Sessions:

Foxes	-	-	7/11	28/11
Squirrels	-	-	14/11	5/12
Badgers	-	-	21/11	12/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions:

Kestrels	20/9	11/10	8/11	29/11
Owls	27/9	18/10	15/11	6/12
Woodpeckers	4/10	25/10	22/11	13/12

Year 1 Thursday Sessions:

Dragonflies	21/9	12/10	9/11	30/11
Ladybirds	28/9	19/10	16/11	7/12
Busy Bees	5/10	26/10	23/11	14/12

Forest School Sessions – Autumn Term

Week 1:

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Owls

Wednesday - Badgers

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Foxes

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 11/9 25/9 9/10 23/10 13/11 27/11 11/12

Week 2:

Monday – Ladybirds

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 18/9 2/10 16/10 6/11 20/11 4/12





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Half term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days

for next academic year at Violet Way:

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 22nd July (disaggregated)



What's Coming Up?

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

Year 2 visit to Edge Hill for their Christmas Production – 12th December

Reception Nativity – 14th December:
9:15am Foxes
10.15am Badgers
1:45pm Squirrels

Year 2 – small group of pupils to Riverside Care home to perform Christmas songs – 14th December

Cake Shop! - Please come along from 2:15pm on Friday 15th December for the cake shop

Year 2 Carol Concert at St Peter's Church –
Monday 18th December 1:45pm start

Year 1 Christmas Singalong – Wednesday 20th
December 9:15am-Ladybirds
10:15am-Dragonflies
2:15pm-Busy Bees

Year 1 School Disco- Wednesday 20th
December- 5pm-6pm- £2.50
(to be paid via Parent Pay)

Activate Day! – 21st December

Pantomime time! 22nd December – We have a theatre production company providing a panto for all children.

Break-up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

