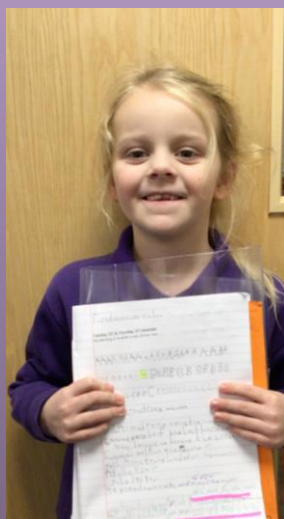
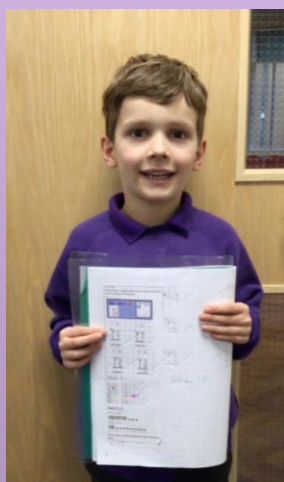


A Message from Mrs Kee

On Monday's assembly this week, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 had the opportunity to perform their Christmas songs to each other. It was great to see children showing pride in their own and others' achievements. I know parents and carers are in for a treat next week when they watch the performances!

The Reception pupils performed their Christmas nativity to parents this week and truly demonstrated our value 'We are brave'. Each class told the story of the Christmas Nativity. They sang songs, danced, acted and worked together to put on a wonderful performance in front of family members. We had high attendance figures from parents and carers. Looking out at the audiences for each class, there was a sea of proud faces. We are also very proud of all the pupils in Reception – well done!

A group of Year 2 children visited the local care home this week to perform a selection of Christmas songs. The children behaved impeccably and performed so beautifully. The residents were very impressed and enjoyed chatting to the children afterwards. Engaging with the local community is important to us at Violet Way and on Monday there will be another opportunity for Year 2 to do just that when they perform at the church. Next week we have the Year 1 and Year 2 performances, an Activate day on Thursday and pantomime on Friday to look forward to! See you then! *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	91.89%
Reception	91.01%
Year 1	93.89%
Year 2	90.69%



Congratulations to
Busy Bees (97%)
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.

WOW!

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





Reception Nativity Performances



Our children in Reception astounded us with their wonderful performances for their Christmas Nativity. They showed our value 'We are brave' by performing to packed audiences! Their singing and dancing was amazing and we are very proud of them.





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 there are no library or forest school sessions in the final week of term before we break up for Christmas.

Dates for the Spring Term will be released in the newsletter next week.

Current Vacancies

Cleaning Supervisor and Teaching Assistant (with cover)

Adverts are available to view on [Wmjobs](https://www.wmjobs.com) in the next few days. The application pack and full details will also be available on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies \(fierte.org\)](https://www.fierte.org) Applicants should submit a completed application to hr@fierte.org

Riverside Care Home Visit



Nine Year 2 children represented the school at Riverside Care Home yesterday. They sang a selection of Christmas songs beautifully and chatted to the residents afterwards. It was an absolute pleasure to see the children there and they all had impeccable manners! All of the staff and residents at the home were very complimentary and enjoyed the visit. Thank you for demonstrating our value 'We care'. Well done!





Year 2 Edge Hill Visit

The children in Year 2 visited Edge Hill this week to watch their Christmas production of Mary Poppins. The children behaved well, demonstrating our school values.

We would like to thank the parents and carers that were able to support with the walk to Edge Hill. We wouldn't have been able to do it without you and your support is much appreciated.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and we thank Edge Hill for inviting us to watch. Those children with siblings in the performance were mesmerised and proud to watch them on stage.

Christmas Fun!

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. 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.





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 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 - children will enjoy a session of active fun!

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

Break-up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

INSET day – Monday 8th January 2024

Children return to school for Spring Term–
Tuesday 9th January

Year 2 drumming workshop – 25th January

Safer Internet day – Tuesday 6th February

Sports Enrichment Day – 8th February

