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## A Message from Mrs Kee

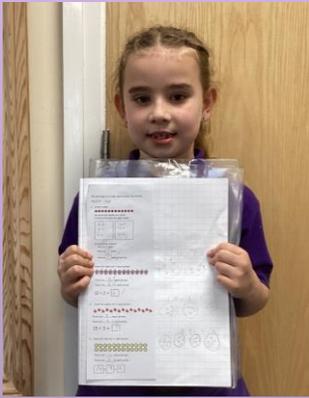
It has been a brilliant book-focused week! I have enjoyed reading poems and rhymes to each class in Reception and Year 1 and look forward to reading to Year 2 next week.

The children have really enjoyed the whole school focus poems. They have enjoyed listening to a range of poems, learning a poem and performing their class poems to the whole school during the assembly on Friday.

On World Book day, children and staff came to school in their comfy PJs and enjoyed a biscuit and glass of milk at the start of the day, whilst listening to a lovely story. They loved the 'teacher swap' for story time where the teachers moved to different classes during the day to read their chosen book to different classes. The children have also been so excited each day for the bedtime story, trying to guess which member of staff and story it will be next! If you have missed these, just visit our website to watch the bedtime story videos - [Violet Way Academy - World Book Day 2024](#)

I would like to take the opportunity to request that parents complete our online survey – [edurio.com/poll/gQa86Z](https://edurio.com/poll/gQa86Z) It takes about 10 minutes to complete. The more respondents we have, the more accurately we can identify key successes and areas that need attention from a parental perspective. At the end of the academic year, in July, we ask parents to complete an annual survey and there is always a very good response. I then follow up with actions, sharing these with parents in the first September Newsletter. This survey is slightly different as all the school within the Trust are completing them. It will provide us with really good information about our academy from a parental perspective – remember to use your voice! Thank you for your continued support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## World Book Day



### We celebrate individuality

This week we have been enjoying all things books! We have celebrated world book day in a range of ways including, planning performance poetry lessons in English leading to performances on Friday, wearing pyjamas on Thursday and starting the day with milk and biscuits and a bedtime story, swapping teachers for story time sessions and engaging in book-related tasks, such as creating our own book marks.





## Animal Adventures!



This week we were visited by Animal Ark. In Year 1, the children have been learning about grouping animals and looked carefully at the animals focusing on similarities and differences.



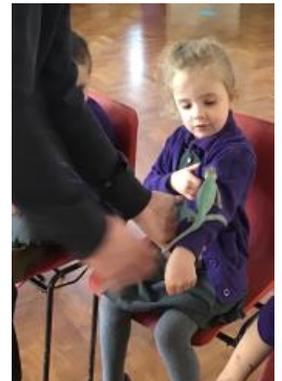
Reception have been describing animals, making observations and drawing pictures of animals.



**Observe and discuss**



**We are brave**





## Thank you PTA, parents and Tesco!



We were delighted to receive funding from Tesco's Community Project for our Scootpods. These look fab and the children have been excited to park up their scooters. Thanks to our families for voting for us using the token system. When visiting us, the Tesco representative, Michelle, also brought us a hamper full of supplies for our Forest School. Moving forwards, the PTA plan to apply for another community grant to support the development of a Forest School shelter after the old one had to be demolished. Thank you to the PTA and our families for your continued support.





## Easter Bingo!

Wednesday 20th March is the date for this year's Easter Bingo! Doors will open at 4.30pm, ready for 5pm start. Tickets can be purchased via Parentpay.

There will also be a non-school uniform day on the same day as the bingo itself when a chocolate Easter egg is brought into school as a donation. These will then be used as prizes in the evening. Any eggs can be brought into school from Tuesday 19th March though.

Thank you to the PTA for organising this and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Cake Shop

Cake shop is back on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

We hope that lots of you can pop in for a hot drink and a cake. Please remember that they are only able to accept cash at the cake shop!



## We Need You!

Please remember to have your say! If you have already completed the survey using the link we shared last week, we thank you for your time and valuable input. If you haven't had the chance yet, we would like to emphasise the importance of your participation. Your feedback is crucial to us. It provides us with insights into our strengths and areas where we can improve. Each response adds to our understanding of the collective experience of our parent community. The larger the dataset, the more accurately we can identify key successes and areas that need attention.



**We understand that everyone is busy, and it might be tempting to let such surveys pass by, however, please remember that your voice matters. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain completely anonymous.**

Please help us in our mission to provide the best possible educational experience for our pupils. You can access the survey here: [edurio.com/poll/gQa86Z](https://edurio.com/poll/gQa86Z)

**The survey closes on 15th March.** Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Kee

## Violet Way Academy Vacancies

### Cleaning Supervisor

Adverts are available to view on [Wmjobs](https://www.wmjobs.com). The application pack and full details will also be available on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies](https://www.fierte.org)

([fierte.org](https://www.fierte.org)) Applicants should submit a completed application to [hr@fierte.org](mailto:hr@fierte.org)





## Mother's Day Stay and Play – it's on Monday!

Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, is a day to honour mothers, mother figures or special women in our lives, such as, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts, teachers or family friends. Many people make a special effort to say thank you. They might take cards and gifts to her or just take time to look after her, doing jobs so she can relax on Mother's Day.



To honour the special women in our children's lives, we are holding a Mother's Day play and stay morning at school. Each year group have planned a range of activities for you to enjoy with your child on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. Each class has planned a range of activities, including decorating a biscuit!

Please see the details below for your child's year group:

**Year group: Reception**

**Time: 9:00am – 10:00am**

**Logistics:** Please arrive at school at the usual time, go through the green gates and wait outside your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

**Year group: Year 1**

**Time: 10:00am-11:00am**

**Logistics:** Please go to the green gates, where Mr Bill will let you in. Head straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

**Year group: Year 2**

**Time: 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Logistics:** Please go to the green gates, where Mr Bill will let you in. Head straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

Please note that we are aware that some parents and carers may have some worries about Mother's Day, dependent on family circumstances. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you have concerns.





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>94.60%</b>
Reception	<b>94.20%</b>
Year 1	<b>93.22%</b>
Year 2 	<b>96.52%</b>

Congratulations to  
**Woodpeckers (98.6%)**

for being the class with the highest  
attendance this week!

Well done for your fantastic  
attendance this week.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all parents and children who came to the book fair during parents' evening. Due to this, the school earned over £200 to spend on new books. So far, we have used this for some new Reception story time books and some Year 2 book area books about diversity. Thank you again!



## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Comic Relief day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. On this day, children can come to school wearing red clothes and parents can pay a donation to Comic Relief via Parent Pay. All of the money donated goes to the Comic Relief charity.

Here is the link to for your donations: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13667>

## World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

On this day, children should wear odd socks to celebrate individuality. We enjoy wearing odd socks to show

that we are all different – this links closely to our school value 'We celebrate individuality'.





## Library and Forest School Dates

### Parent Library Mornings – Spring 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 (start after the October half term). 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 - Tuesdays

<b>Foxes</b>	16/1	6/2	5/3
<b>Squirrels</b>	23/1	20/2	12/3
<b>Badgers</b>	30/1	27/2	19/3

#### Year 1 - Thursdays

<b>Dragonflies</b>	18/1	8/2	7/3
<b>Ladybirds</b>	25/1	22/2	14/3
<b>Busy Bees</b>	1/2	29/2	21/3

#### Year 2 – Wednesdays

<b>Kestrels</b>	17/1	7/2	6/3
<b>Owls</b>	24/1	21/2	13/3
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	31/1	28/2	20/3

### Forest School Sessions – Spring 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:

15/1 29/1 19/2 4/3 18/3

#### 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:

8/1 22/1 5/2 26/2 11/3





# 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 19<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (disaggregated)



## What's Coming Up?

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

**Mother's Day Stay and Play sessions -**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - see times below:

**Reception – 9:00-10:00am**

**Year 1 10:00-11:00am**

**Year 2 – 11:00am-12:pm**

**Red Nose Day-** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Wear red and donate via Parent Pay

**Easter Bingo & Non-School Uniform Day** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo from 5 – 7pm – doors will open at 4.30pm. *Further information is in Newsletter*

**World Down Syndrome Day** – 21<sup>st</sup> March – Wear odd socks to celebrate individuality.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**End of Term** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Summer Term starts** – 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Class Photographs** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Reception Disco** – 5 – 6pm – *More details to follow!*

**Year 2 Laches Wood Trip** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Parent Forest School Sessions** - w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May. *More details to follow!*

**Year 1 Victorian Day** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Reception Conkers Trip** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

