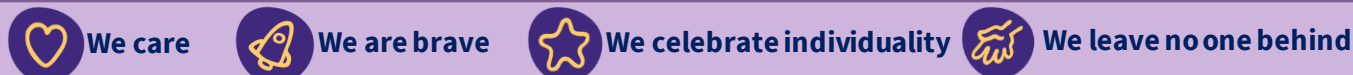




Summer Term



A Message from Mrs. Harris

Another great week at Violet Way, I have spoken this week to the children about how different we all are and how wonderful that is. Some of us are good at maths, some of us good at riding our bike, but we also find things difficult, some of us find maths hard, sitting still or climbing a tree.

We are all wonderfully different and that is what makes us great and at Violet way we celebrate this.



PTFA- What is it and why would I get involved.

PTFA- Parent, Teacher, Friends Association.

A group of people including parents, teachers and friends of the school who help to organise events, both fundraising and social.

At Violet Way we have a very active PTFA and they have raised money that has supported out woodland area, bought speakers for the hall, purchased the bike and scooter stands and much more. There are events throughout the year they put on, recently the Easter bingo, school discos and Summer Fairs to name a few. This would not be possible without the team of parents that run it, so if you could volunteer in any way, please do email in because we would welcome any new parents/carers. Not everyone can attend the meetings but you still may want to be part of the group volunteering where you can. If so, please do email in.

Next meeting- Monday 29th April at 2pm

Email office- office@violetway.org





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.34%
Reception	92.94%
Year 1	95.56%
Year 2	97.63%



We care



We are brave

We celebrate

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to
Owls and Woodpeckers
98.4%

for being the classes with the highest
attendance this week! Well done for
your fantastic attendance this week.

Home Achievements



Lunchtime Awards



Achievements

Congratulations! These children have been awarded certificates for following our Golden Rules and demonstrating our school values.

Reception



Year 1



Year 2

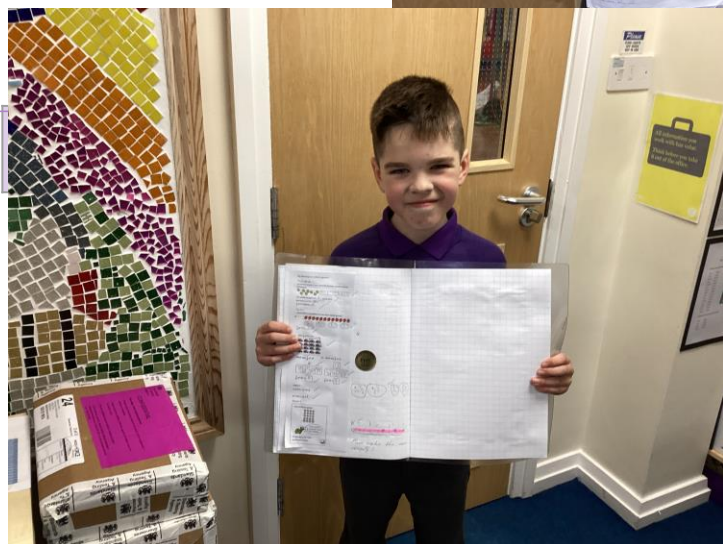
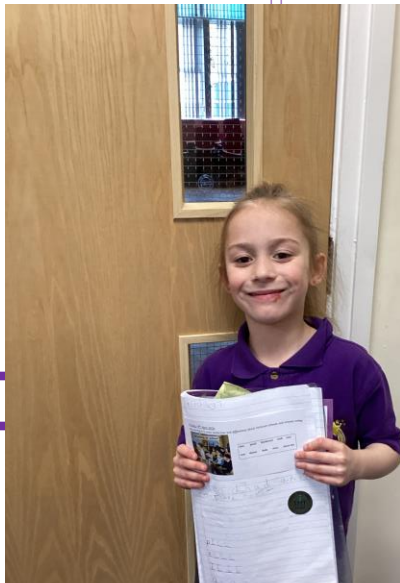


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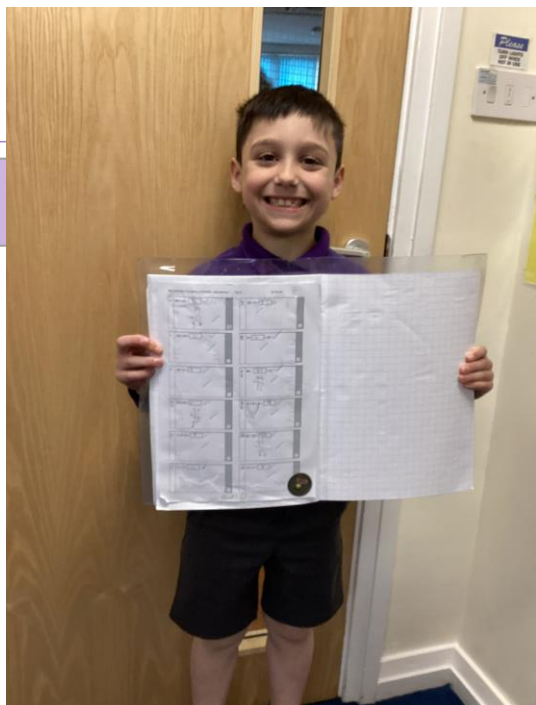
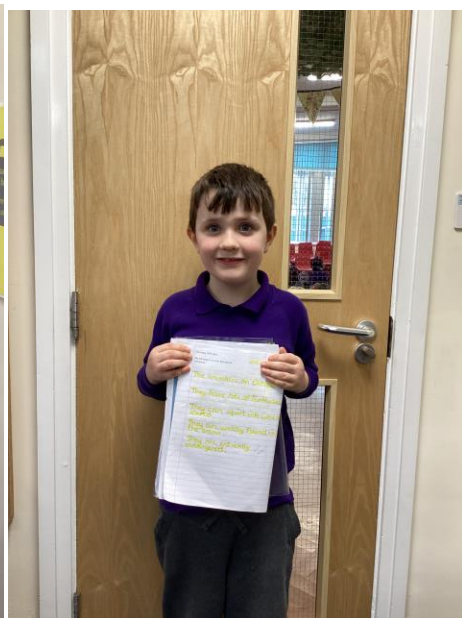
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Current Vacancies

- [Site Supervisor](#)
- [Cleaning Supervisor](#)

Both Job Adverts are available to view on WmJobs . The application packs 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





Parent Forest School Session



As already stated in the dates section, our Parent Forest School sessions will take place during your child's normal session w/b 13th May and 20th May. Please arrive at 2pm and dress according to the weather – it can get quite muddy in the forest! I am sure that you will enjoy taking part!

Coffee and cake.

10th May 2.15 come and buy and cake and have a coffee, this is also a good opportunity to meet Mrs Harris (if you have not already)



May Day



Reception and Year 2 parents, please encourage your child to make a Maypole- if you need any ideas or support, please ask your class teacher and we will help.

Tuesday 7th May

Reception: 9.15am

Maypole parade in the woodland

Year 1: 10am - Dragonflies

10.30am- Busy Bees

11am- Ladybirds

Short maypole dance and song- top carpark

Year 2: 3.00pm Maypole visit to classroom, song and parent parade with child to leave school- EYFS and year 1 feel free to watch





Turn on the Subtitles!

There is a new campaign to encourage us all to turn on the subtitles when watching television at home to help improve literacy. There is evidence that this has a positive impact on children's reading so please give it a go! You can find out further information about TOTS by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.turnonthesubtitles.org/>



We have an increased number of parents using the staff car park when dropping off and collecting pupils, especially before and after clubs. Please remember to park outside of the school grounds and walk in, this supports the safety of our pupils primarily and ensures we know who is on site at all times.





Reception DISCO!

PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA put on a Reception DISCO this week- We LOVED it!





myHappymind

If you remember, we have introduced a programme called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

myHappymind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappymind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing, for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is **136762**

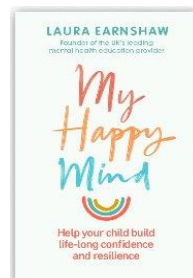
Or scan this QR code to sign up



We really encourage you to make use of this **free** content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

Want to learn more? Check out myHappymind founder Laura Earnshaw's bestselling book on Amazon.





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Summer 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 - Tuesdays

Foxes	9/4	30/4	21/5	18/6
Squirrels	16/4	7/5	4/6	25/6
Badgers	23/4	14/5	11/6	2/7

Year 1 - Thursdays

Dragonflies	11/4	2/5	23/5	20/6
Ladybirds	18/4	9/5	6/6	27/6
Busy Bees	25/4	16/5	13/6	4/7

Year 2 – Wednesdays

Kestrels	10/4	1/5	22/5	19/6
Owls	17/4	8/5	5/6	26/6
Woodpeckers	24/4	15/5	12/6	3/7

Forest School Sessions – Summer 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: 15/4, 29/4, 13/5 (parent session), 3/6, 17/6 and 1/7.

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: 8/4, 22/4, 6/5, 20/5 (parent session), 10/6, 24/6 and 8/7.





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

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

May Day celebrations – Tuesday 7th May
Reception - 9am

Year 1 - 10am

(10 am - Dragonflies

10.30am- Busy Bees

11am- Ladybirds)

Year 2 - 3pm

Year 2 Laches Wood Trip – Wednesday 8th May

Parent Forest School Sessions - w/c 13th May
and 20th May

Year 1 Victorian Day – Friday 10th May

Reception Conkers Trip – Thursday 16th May

Break up for Half-Term – 24th May

Summer Fayre – Thursday 20th June –
3.30 - 5pm

Year 2 Leavers' Disco – Wednesday 10th July –
5-6pm

Year 2 Leavers' Performance at Edge Hill -
Wednesday 17th July - 6pm
Thursday 18th July – 2pm & 6pm
Year 2 Graduation- 19th July





What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.

Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children start pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult is not looking



Emotional

You see a crying child run towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home is catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent



Neglect

You see a child wearing the same dirty clothes everyday and who steals food from other children



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You are not causing problems but it could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, then they can't help.

We appreciate that sometimes the holidays can be challenging but you can get help.

Helplines

Childline call 0800 1111

Young Minds text 85258

Samaritans call 116 123

Shout crisis messenger text 85258

Is this OK? online chatbot and 1-2-1 chat

Domestic Abuse helpline call 0808 2000 247

Safeguarding

If you are worried about an adult or a child, it is important that you report it immediately.

For emergencies and immediate danger call 999 for police assistance. For concerns about a child in Staffordshire call 0300 111 8007. Emergency out of hours: 0345 604 2886.

