



We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind

A Message from Mrs Harris

Welcome, What a wonderful week, our whole school assembly was about welcoming the children back to school this week and we looked at acts of kindness.

Our new Reception pupils have enjoyed their first few days at school. They have been playing, exploring and enjoying being with their peers in their new learning environment. There have been lots of new experiences for them but, with the support of a nurturing team of staff, they have managed very well. There are some photographs of their first few days in the newsletter. Thank-you Reception parents, this week has gone so smoothly with your support.

Reception parents are currently walking their children around to classes in the morning to support with transition and we have been opening the gates five minutes earlier just for them. Thank you for your support with this. This will continue until next Friday for Reception. If feeling brave teachers will be coming to collect the children from the green gates and they will walk around with the staff just like our year 1 and 2 children do.

There are a few changes ahead, forest school is now done over a week, we are so excited about this as Mrs Dawson has so much new equipment this will support in getting our children taking risks.

The Government have also made a change to holiday requests- please see information in Newsletter.

Please can I also remind our parents to park kindly, I have had a number of local residence contact me regarding blocking driveways, our reputation in the community is important please support us in this.

It has been a great start back for our Violet way children and I am so proud of them all,

Look forward to seeing you all next week, *Mrs Harris*



FIERTÉ

MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST



Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.2%
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	98.3%



Congratulations to **Badgers, Foxes and Squirrels** for being the classes with the highest attendance this week!

98.9%

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



Some great achievements this week, including the Summer Reading Challenge, swimming and football.

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! As it was Reception' first few days, they didn't have Merit Awards this week – it was just Key Stage 1.

Year 1



Year 2



We know lots of children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge – well done! We will update you on how we did as a school soon.





Reception – First few days at school





Reception – First few days in school!



Playing and exploring



Socialising



Discovery





This explains the changes to policies from Department of Education- please note school do not get this money but need to enforce policy.

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1

Day = 2 Sessions

2

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents = **£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

- 2 parents and 1 child = £320
- 2 children = 640
- 3 children = 960
- 4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



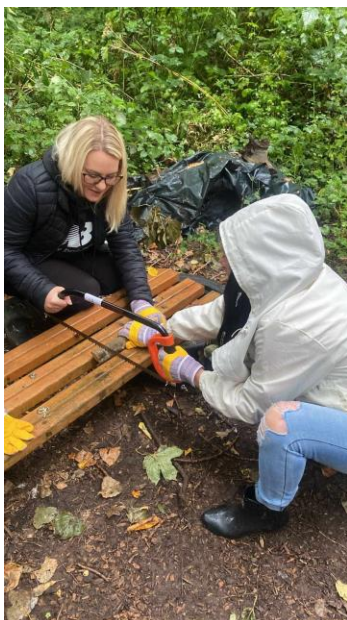
3RD TIME

- A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
- A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
- 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
- 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



Staff Inset Day- what actually happened...

On Monday we had a Violet Way Inset day, at 830 we were joined by the Nursery for a look at our new equipment in the Forest school area, followed by campfire teacakes and quick play Hide and seek. We then had our Safeguarding training and finished off with our Little Wandle training in the afternoon (don't worry more information about this wonderful reading and phonics scheme to come).





Things to be aware of....

Newsletters will soon be moving to fortnightly to go in line with schools within the trust.

Forest school is now over a week (dates below) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. There will be lots of updates and photos shared of our new resources

Pick up times

Pick up times- Please note School End time is 3:15, however Reception parents can pick up 3:05, year 1 3:10 and year 2 3:15 to support congestion and safeguarding. Thank you.

Year 2- would you like to join our choir? We have a lunchtime choir starting Thursdays with our music teacher.

Arbor...

Thank you for your patience with Arbor. If you need help signing up please come to the office. This will become our only platform in time so it is important.

Once we have a good understanding of Arbor the after school clubs will begin, we hope to advertise these soon.

Thank you





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 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. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Reception Tuesday Sessions:

Foxes	-	-	5/11	26/11
Squirrels	-	-	12/11	3/12
Badgers	-	-	19/11	10/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions:

Kestrels	25/9	16/10	13/11	4/12
Owls	2/10	23/10	20/11	11/12
Woodpeckers	9/10	6/11	27/11	18/12

Year 1 Thursday Sessions:

Dragonflies	26/9	10/10	7/11	28/11
Ladybirds	3/10	17/10	14/11	5/12
Busy Bees	5/10	24/10	21/11	12/12

Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9/9	16/9	23/9	30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	4/11	11/11
18/11	25/11	2/12	9/12	6/1	13/1	20/1	27/1	3/2
10/2	24/2	3/3	10/3	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	28/4
5/5	12/5	19/5	2/6	9/6	16/6	23/6	30/6	7/7





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

Inset day: Monday 2 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September

Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term Ends: Friday 20 December

Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 6 January

Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term Ends: Friday 11 April

Holiday: Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April

May Day: Monday 5 May

Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Term Ends: Monday 21 July

Holiday: Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days for next academic year at Violet Way:

Violet Way Inset Days

2nd September 2024

25th October 2024

6th January 2025

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

What's Coming Up?

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

Packington Farm Visits – Year 1

Tuesday 17th September – Busy Bees

Thursday 19th September –Dragonflies

Friday 20th September – Ladybirds

School Photographs - Wednesday 9th October

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October

Harvest Assemblies – Thursday 18th October

Kestrels- 9.10am

Owls – 9.30am

Woodpeckers – 9.50am

Dragonflies – 10.10am

Busy Bees – 10.30am

Ladybirds- 10.50am

Squirrels – 1.40am

Foxes – 2.00pm

Badgers – 2.20pm



INSET Day – Friday 25th October

Whole School Sports Enrichment Day (Fencing) –

Thursday 27th September

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12^h November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Our famous cake shops are back:

Sept 27th, Feb 7th, May 16th: @230

Tuesday 17th December 2pm-Year 2 Carol concert- St Peters

Watch this space: After the success of Laches wood last year we will be booking this in as a day event for our year 2 in Summer.

