



## *A Message from Mrs Harris*

*What a wonderful week it has been, I had the pleasure of joining one of the year 1 classes on their trip and was so impressed with their attitudes. We have looked in assembly about our emotions and how important it is to feel all of them, but still control our actions- we used 'inside out' charters to help with this. Reception have amazed us with their bike balancing.*

*I met with Conor Wileman (County Councillor for Winhill and Brizlincote) where we discussed plans to support parking in the community.*

*At school we are trying to manage the change to Arbor and we are genuinely appreciative of your patience, Arbor will be replacing all platforms soon, including Marvellous me, we are working in the background to make sure we can still celebrate learning and praise in a similar way.*

*We are still enjoying having longer sessions in forest school, Kestrels have had a wonderful week building skills.*

*Have a wonderful weekend*

*Mrs Harris*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.4%
Reception	95.5%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	97.6%

## Merit Award Winners



Year 1



Year 2



Congratulations to **Ladybirds** for being the class with the highest attendance this week!

**99.2%**

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.





## Superstar learners-



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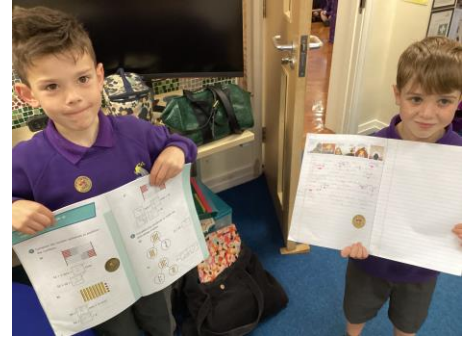
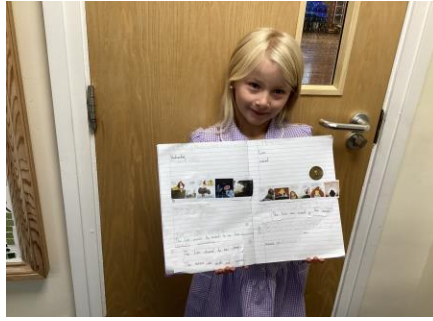


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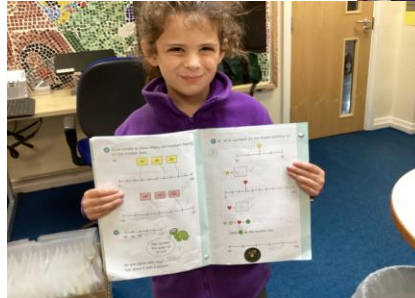
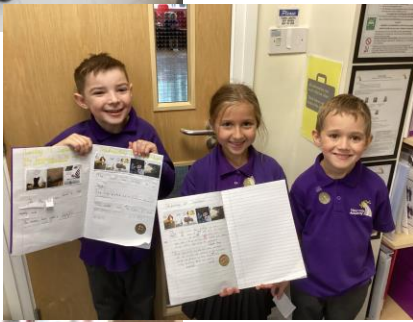


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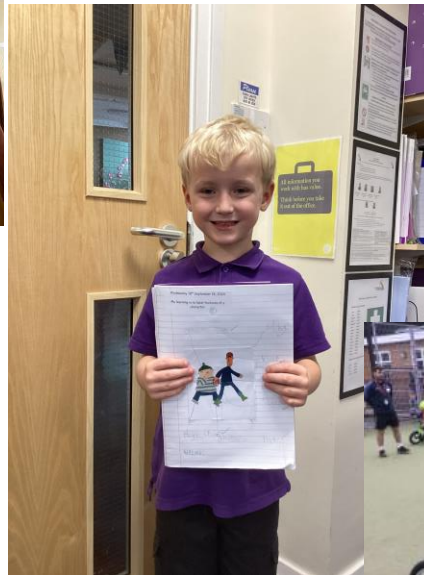
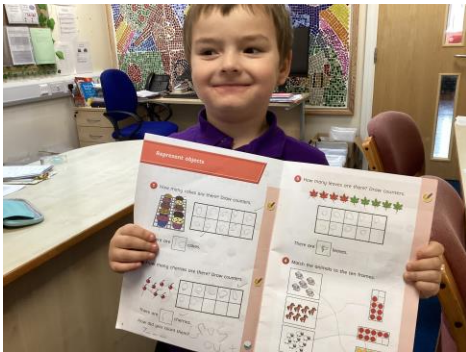




This week in year 1 we made some maps with a difference ...



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# Forest School





## Year 1 went to the farm...







## Smile, it's School Photograph time!

On **Wednesday 9th October** Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photos, so make sure children are looking extra smart in their uniform!



There is an opportunity for families to come to school first thing if you would like to have sibling photos taken with younger / older siblings that do not attend Violet Way. The main reception doors will be open from 8:00am on Wednesday 9th October for any families wishing to have family photographs taken. **The family photograph session will run from 8:00am until the gates open at 8:45am.**

We want to talk about why coming to school regularly and on time is important for your child.

### Why Attendance and Punctuality Are Important

- **Learning:** Every day at school is full of learning. If your child misses school, they miss out on important lessons and activities, which can make it harder for them to catch up.
- **Friendships:** School is also where children make friends and learn to work with others. Missing school often can make it harder for them to fit in and feel part of the group.
- **Routine:** Regular attendance helps children get used to routines and build good habits that will help them throughout their lives.

### What We Expect

- **Be There Every Day:** We want every child to come to school every day unless they're sick or there's a special reason. If your child can't come, please let us know.
- **Be On Time:** Arriving on time helps your child start the day well and join in all the activities from the beginning.

### Support and Help

If there are any problems with attendance or if you need help, please let us know. We're here to support you and your child. If attendance issues continue, there may be formal steps we need to take, but we always aim to work with you first to find a solution.

### We're Here for You

If you have any questions or need help, just reach out to us. We want to make sure your child has a great school experience.





## 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

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =  
**£1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

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...

# 4

### 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



## Library

Library starts this next week for year 1 and 2, remember we welcome library class at 840 and then open to the rest of the school 845.

## Reception September 2025

Do you know anyone that is starting school in September- please have them call the office or email as we are doing tours

Nov 6th at 4pm

13th November: 10am, 4pm

Monday 25th November 4pm



## Tesco blue token scheme

Will you be shopping at Tesco on the 21st September between 12-1- if so you may be lucky enough to get a golden token that you can put in the charity box- If Violet way is picked we will get £5,000 towards our outdoor classroom!!!!



## Parent Workshops

We had a meeting with the Mental Health team this week, they are going to run some parent workshops you may be interested in, all held at Violet Way:

11.10.24 Introduction to anxiety-915-1015

29.11.24 Sleep hygiene 915-1015

7.2.24 915-1015 Low mood 915-1015



Contact the office for more information

[office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)

We are working on after school clubs as we have not been able to secure Burton Albion, Mrs Harris is gathering support to run a tag rugby soon (and others), we will keep you posted and send a forms out soon.





# 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	4/10 (note this is Friday)	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

**School Photographs** - Wednesday 9th October

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

**Harvest Assemblies – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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) – Friday 27th September**

**YEAR 1 Disco-** 23rd October (time to be confirmed)

**Odd Socks Day** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Reception Nativity- 12th December- Time to be confirmed**

**Christmas Fair 13th December After school**

**Year 1 Christmas singalong 19th Dec- time to be confirmed**

**Parent Lunches**-Year 2- Tues Nov 19th Owls, Wed Nov 20th Kestrels, Thurs November 21st Woodpeckers

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

