



A Message from Mrs. Harris

We started the week with an assembly about our new equipment. We have now got Tag Rugby, archery boards, as well as a football table, Ping-Pong and much more. We have spoken about treating them with respect and Mrs. Harris has certainly enjoyed losing at ping pong during lunchtimes.

Our Reception children have had their first full week in school. From Monday, please encourage them to walk to their classes without parents. We are very proud of how they are settling into Violet Way – well done! To enable the children in Reception to get used to their morning routine, parent library sessions for Reception pupils won't start until after the half term break. Year 1 and Year 2 parent library mornings start a week on Tuesday.

In addition to our new Reception pupils starting at Violet Way, we have had new staff join us from September. They have been welcomed by the staff and pupils and have made a great start in their different roles at Violet Way. Our staff can be found on the website [Violet Way Academy - Meet our Team](#)

Children across the school had their first 'Rock it!' Music lesson this week with Abi. They really enjoyed playing the keyboard and making music together.

See you all Monday; have a great weekend!

Mrs. Harris





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.6%
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.2%



Congratulations to **Foxes and Woodpeckers** for being the classes with the highest attendance this week!

99.3%

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



Year 1

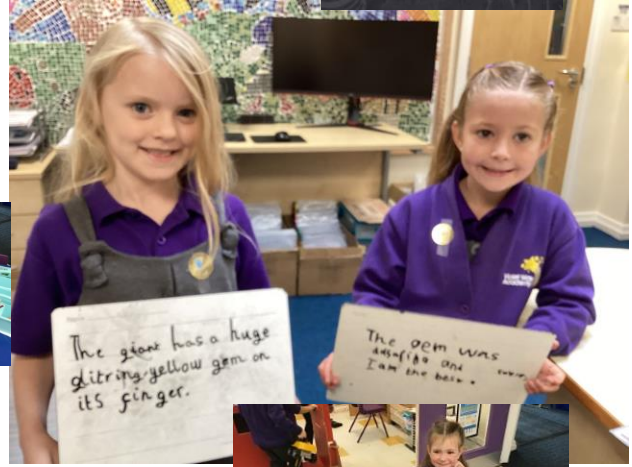
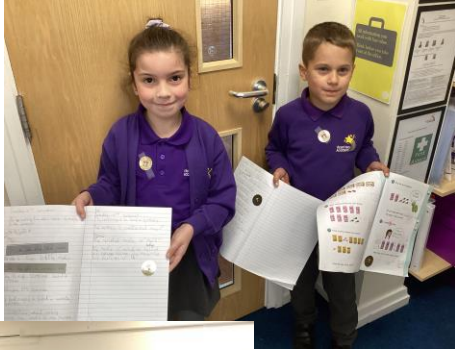




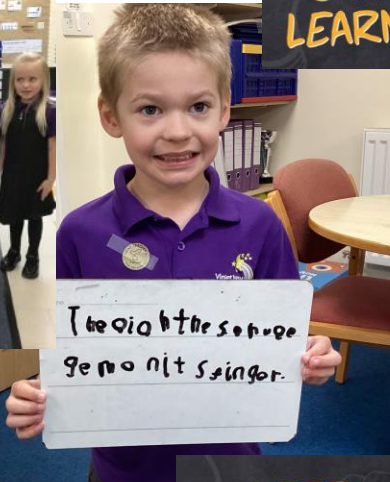
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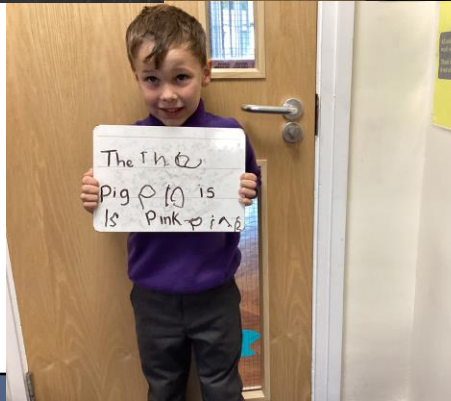
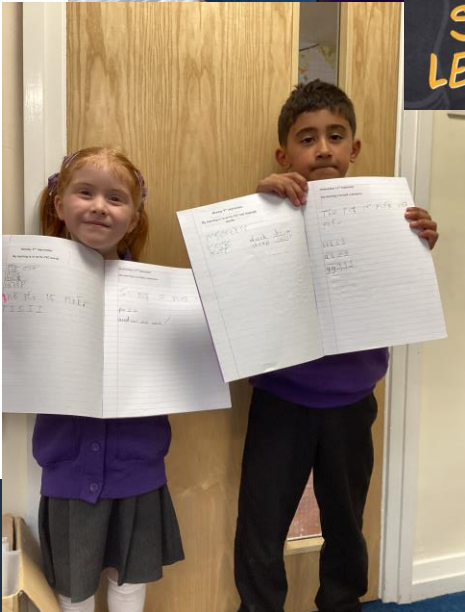
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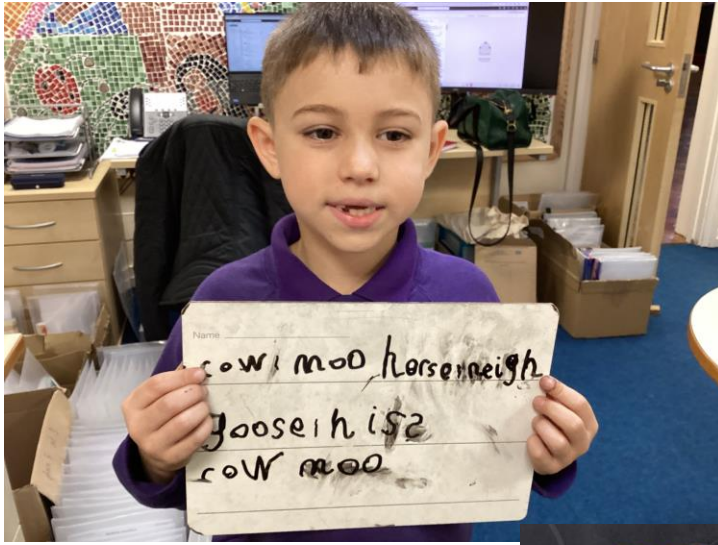
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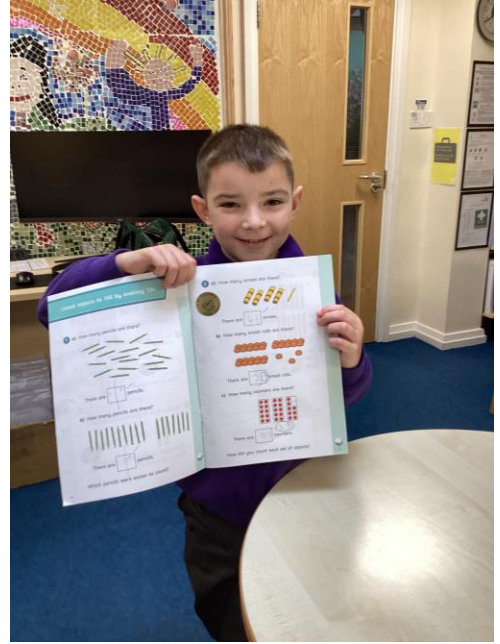
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This week in year 1 we made some maps with a difference ...

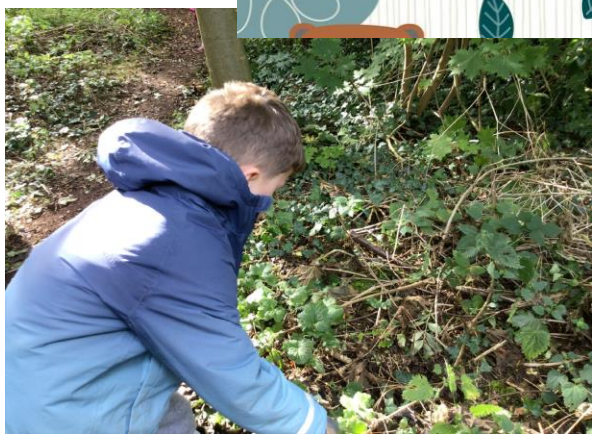


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ATTENDANCE

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...

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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



Parent Lunches

Our catering team would love to welcome parents to a parent lunch with your child; we will begin this with Year 2 with more information to follow:

Tuesday 19th November - Owls,

Wednesday 20th November - Kestrels

Thursday 21st November - Woodpeckers



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.

November 6th - 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 and they are going to run some parent workshops you may be interested in, all held at Violet Way:

11.10.24 - Introduction to anxiety-9.15-10.15am

29.11.24 - Sleep hygiene – 9.15-10.15am

7.2.24 - Low mood - 9.15-10.15am





Allergen Policy

All parents should be aware that we have an Allergen Policy, which can be found on our website [policy page](#). Some key important notes for parents:

- It is the parents' responsibility to inform the school of any allergies by completing the new entrant's form.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring any required medication is supplied, in date and replaced as necessary.
- For the protection of the children in our schools **no nuts will be allowed in any area at any time. This includes any food that contains Nutella® or similar, peanut butter or any other foods containing nuts. These restrictions also apply to any packed lunches and snacks that are created or sent in from home** (The Academy cannot check all lunchboxes and items brought into school, therefore will take measures as reasonably practicable).
- Products that are labelled "May contain nuts" will be accepted into schools as these pose minimal risk and are labelled to protect the manufacturer.

Little Wandle

The children have made a fantastic start with their new phonics and reading practice sessions this week. We've been so impressed! We hope you are enjoying the books as much as we are.

Please remember that the book is one that the children should be comfortably decoding and sounding out in their heads, if needed. They are practising reading the text fluently and with prosody. If you need any further guidance, there are some extremely helpful notes at the front and back of the books. This includes questions that you can ask and things to discuss so you can help them to understand the text too. Reception books will go home soon after they have started their reading practice sessions.

Have a great time reading this weekend!





Toddler Group

Toddler group started this week and fun was had by all! The sessions take place every Tuesday 9:00am -10:30am £2 per family. The staff always provide a range of lovely activities and resources for the children to explore as well as some planned craft activities. If you have a pre-school toddler, just pop along to see them – they would love to welcome you to the group.



Toddler Group
Come and join us
every Tuesday
during term time
9:00am – 10:30am.
Just £2 per family!





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

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

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

School Photographs - Wednesday 9th October

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

Harvest Assemblies – Friday 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) –
Friday 27th September

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday 12th 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

Year 2 Carol Concert- St. Peter's Church

Tuesday 17th December at 2pm

