

A Message from Mrs. Harris

What a wonderful but busy week it has been at Violet Way, I have had the joy of undertaking a peer review at one of our Trust schools in Tamworth, I certainly missed Violet Way.

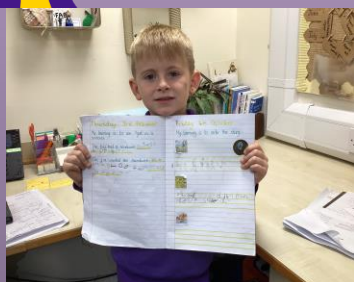
I appreciate all your support in the move to Arbor- the idea being EVERYTHING is in one place, After half term we will no longer be logging anything on Marvellous Me, we will continue with badges on Arbor to support behaviour and encourage you to email the office- office@violetway.org. If you have a specific enquiry for a teacher, please message email the office FAO (insert teachers name). In app messages are not enabled on Arbor so continue to email the office please. Thank you for your patience and feedback on this change- if you require any support please do speak to the office.

Anxiety for us as parents and our pupils can be such a difficult area to navigate- please remember we have a Mental Health workshop- introduction to Anxiety on Friday 11th at 9 am with the NHS, please make your way to the office to sign in.

Please note that Newsletters are now fortnightly, but communication will still come through on email or through Arbor.

Have a great weekend and see you all Monday

Mrs Harris





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.0%
Reception	91.0%
Year 1	94.9%
Year 2	96.9%



Congratulations to

Owls (99.3%)

for being the class

with the highest attendance this week!

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.

Lunchtime awards



Home Achievements



Get **LEGO**
Walking
this October





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!

Reception



Year 1



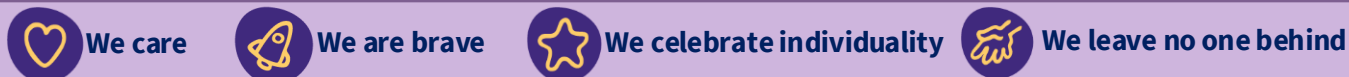
Year 2





 We care
  We are brave
  We celebrate individuality
  We leave no one behind





Harvest Assemblies and Food Bank Donations

Harvest Assemblies – Friday 18th October

The Harvest Assemblies are next week, and the children are looking forward to performing their songs to parents. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are assemblies in the hall.

Please see times below:

Year 2 - Kestrels- 9.10am Owls – 9.30am Woodpeckers – 9.50am

Year 1 - Dragonflies – 10.10am Busy Bees – 10.30am Ladybirds- 10.50am

Year R - Squirrels – 1.40am Foxes – 2.00pm Badgers – 2.20pm

Food Bank donations – as part of our Harvest Festival, we ask families to donate food if they can. There will be a box on the front gate from Monday, where you can drop off donations at the start of the school day. Please send non-perishable items, such as packets and tins from Monday 7th October and any fresh produce can be brought on the day. Mr. Bob will take all food donations to the Food bank on Monday 21st October, after our assembly.

Thank you so much for your support!





Walk to School Month

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Month this October.

Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to school. For those that live too far away to walk the whole distance away and try parking 5-10 minutes from the school and walking the rest of the way. Walking also promotes a less congested environment around the school gate making it safer for everyone.

Lots of children have been enjoying scooting to school. You can leave scooters just inside the green gates.



Parent Reading Workshops

We're teaching every child to read with



Little Wandle
**LETTERS AND
SOUNDS**

REVISED

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A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

As you are aware, we have introduced the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme this year. We can't wait to tell you more about it! Therefore, we will be holding two separate meetings for Reception and Key Stage 1 parents which will give you more information and tell you lots of ways in which you can help your child at home.

Monday 21st October – 9am for **Reception** parents only

Tuesday 22nd October – 9am – for **Year 1 and 2** parents only

We hope to see you there, so you know more about this essential part of your child's learning.

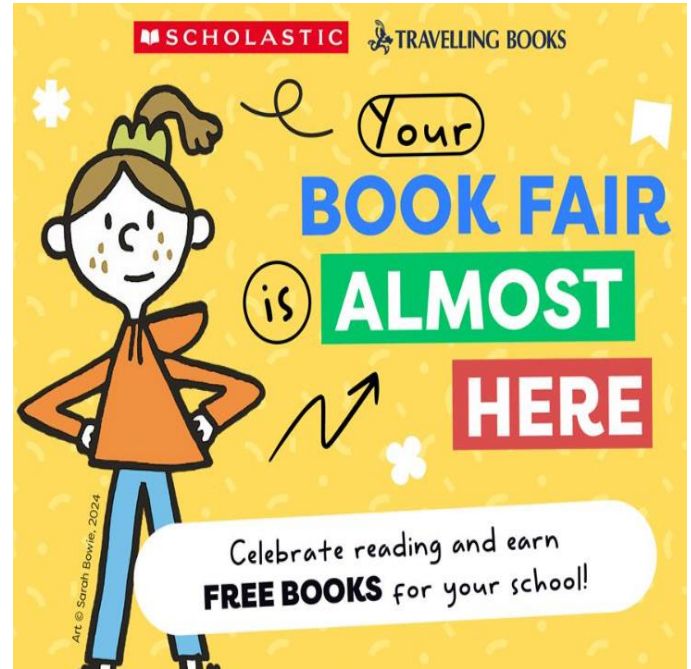




Book Fair

We are excited to let you know that the book fair will once again be coming to Violet Way. The first book fair will be on Tuesday 15th October – to coincide with parents' evening – and then on each day until Thursday 17th October.

We will provide more details of the exact timings nearer to the date. Please come and support the school because we always manage to buy some exciting new books with the funds raised. Also, reading is so important to help with your child's education.



School Council Representatives



In Monday's assembly we were pleased to announce each class's new School Council Representative for the year. All classes took part in a democratic vote to decide. We were so impressed with the children's speeches and thank you if you helped the children at home. Lots of qualities were mentioned such as being a good listener and being a kind friend.

The first meeting will be next week when the children will learn about being one of the Playground Leaders at lunchtime. Well done everyone!





OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



Reasons to take the right route and try walking during Walk to School Month



Walking to school instead of driving saves a family on average £400 a year



A 15 minute walk, cycle or scoot to and from school will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise



Most parents find too many cars around schools gates the most annoying part of the school run



Air pollution can be twice as high inside your car than outside of it



Research has shown that children who walk to school are more alert in the classroom



Over a third of parents say that their walk to school is where they find out most about their children



Idling Cars will increase air pollution by 30% during the school run



So why not try walking to school one day a week?

Pledge to walk to school at least one day a week in October at <http://Iwillwalktoschool.doingourbit.info>





Reception September 2025

Do you know anyone that is starting school in September? If so, please have them call the office or email as we are doing tours.

6th November - 4pm

13th November – 10am & 4pm

Monday 25th November - 4pm



Car Parking

Please be aware that the carpark at school is for **staff only**. This includes before and after school hours. This is for health and safety reasons, including safeguarding so we are aware of who is on site.

We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Year 2 End-of-Year Trip

The Year 2 parents were sent a letter about the trip to Laches Wood on Thursday 17th July. This trip will require a deposit being paid by the end of the month on Arbor. Please let us know if you did not receive the letter via Arbor. Thank you.



NO PARKING

Parent Workshops

We had a meeting with the Mental Health team, 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-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





Reading Books

We hope that you have all enjoyed the new reading books that your child has been bringing home. Please remember that these books go home on Wednesdays and are brought back to school on **Mondays**.

Also, in KS1, please remember that the children have already practised decoding, reading the book with prosody and understanding the text. They should be practising reading the book more fluently at home and also answering questions. There are some helpful notes to assist you at the front and back of each book.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been assessed according to their phonic knowledge so they should be able to decode the book with some ease. Part of the programme is to reassess the children regularly, so the books should become more challenging to decode as they learn more sounds in the programme.

Please see workshops if you want to find out more.

Cubs to come,

Mrs. Harris will be running a Multi Sports (incl Tag Rugby) for a 5-week block on Tuesdays- starting 8 Oct (note not 15th due to Parents Eve). This will be for year 1 and 2- a forms will go out next week.

We have a Choir on Thursdays and next week a Karate club at lunch.

To come...

Year 1 staff will be running a Christmas craft after half term

Year 2 staff will be running a spring Gardening club

A school football club will come after Christmas





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 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



Reception Phonics Meeting – Monday 21st October – 9am

KS1 Reading Meeting – Tuesday 22nd October - 9am

INSET Day – Friday 25th October

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

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:

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





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

