

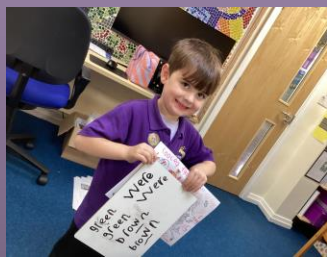
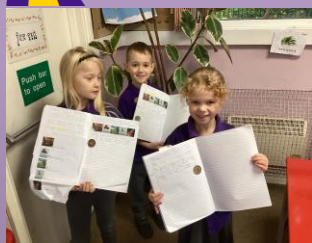
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## A Message from Mrs. Harris

Our assembly on Monday introduced this half term's Jigsaw PSHE theme 'celebrating difference', which links to our school value 'We celebrate individuality'. We took time to reflect on how each of us are completely unique and how special that is and encouraged children to think about what makes them special and unique. This year, we will be joining in with Anti Bullying week, starting with odd socks day on Tuesday 12th November and, as part of this week, the children will be 'celebrating individuality' including wearing odd socks on Monday!

On Monday we will be stopping for a minute during assembly for Remembrance. Monday, we also have PTA meeting at 2pm, please do join us to plan Christmas, I feel very lucky to have a great PTA and would welcome any more people. During assembly I told the children I would be focussing on Kindness and Respect for Headteacher awards this week, I have been so blown away by how many pupils have had extra stickers for going 'above and beyond', opening doors, helping staff carry things, being kind with friends or showing how polite they are: I am certainly one very proud Headteacher.

Have a lovely weekend, *Mrs. Harris*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>97.6%</b>
Reception	<b>97.9%</b>
Year 1	<b>97.3%</b>
Year 2	<b>97.7%</b>



Congratulations to **Woodpeckers 100%** 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



Congratulations to the children who brought in an award from home this week!

There were lots of impressive awards for swimming, karate, football, dance and gymnastics.

A huge well done also to our Reception classes who came into our assembly today for the very first time. They were fabulous and sat so well. They demonstrated this week's value – **respect** – amazingly. Well done!





## 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





Previous attachment



## A message from our PTFA

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to get involved with our fund 'raisin' challenge over half term. I hope the children enjoyed helping out to help raise money. We really appreciate your support. We raised over £400, which is absolutely fantastic and a HUGE well done to Kestrels for being the class to raise the most.

As a thank you for taking part each class received a few brand new books for their classrooms as well as a class certificate.  
Well done everyone!

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 27th Nov- Wreath making- Adults only
- 13th Dec- Christmas Fayre 3.30pm -5pm
- 5th March - Recp Disco- 5-6pm
- 10th April- Easter Bingo 5-7pm
- 13th June - Summer Fayre 3.30-5pm
- 2nd July- Year 2 leavers disco- 5-6pm

### Donations

We are kindly asking for donations for raffle prizes for our Christmas fayre and also and spare Christmas wrapping paper.

Please drop off any donations at the school office. We appreciate your support. Thankyou!

\* If you have a business and are able to make a donation we will advertise your business in our newsletter and poster as a Thankyou.

### CONNECT WITH US

Facebook - Violetway PTA  
Email - office@violetway.org

### Wreath making evening

Please keep a look out next week for tickets to our Christmas wreath making evening.

This will be an adult only event and tickets will be on a first come first serve basis.



### Asda rewards cash pot

Also if you do your weekly shop at Asda, please download the app and opt in for the cash pot for schools campaign. Then select 'Violet Way Academy' and each time you shop Asda will donate a percentage to our school.

For a limited time only.





### Garden king Scarecrow competition

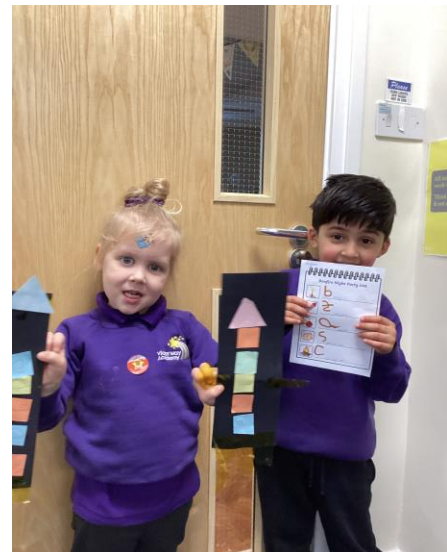
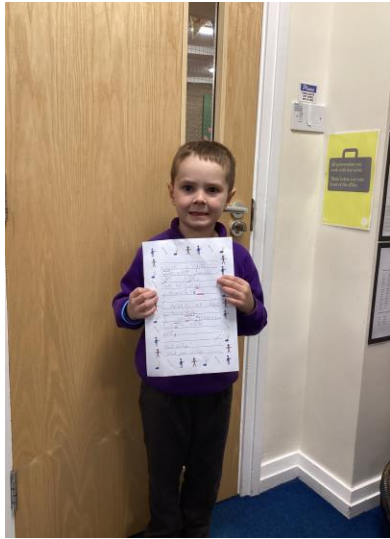
More great news for the PTA as we came 2nd in the Garden king scarecrow competition. Thank you so much for everyone who took the time to vote.

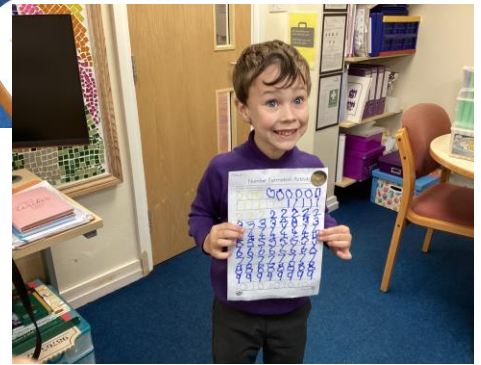
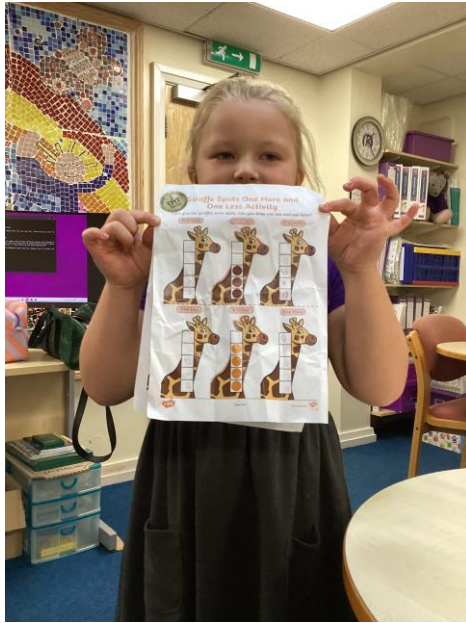
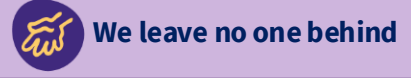
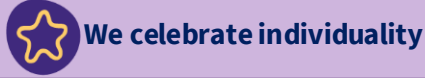
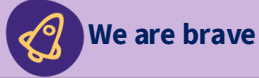
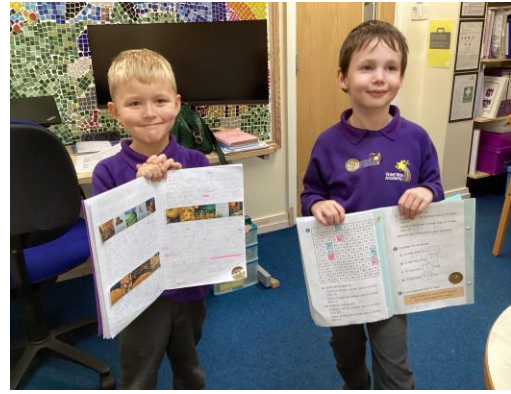
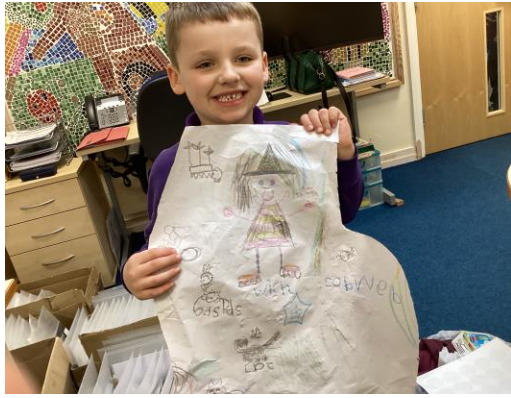
Also a massive well done to Violet Way Nursery who came 3rd.

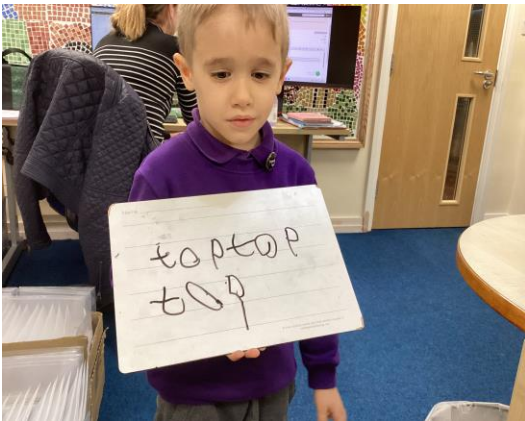
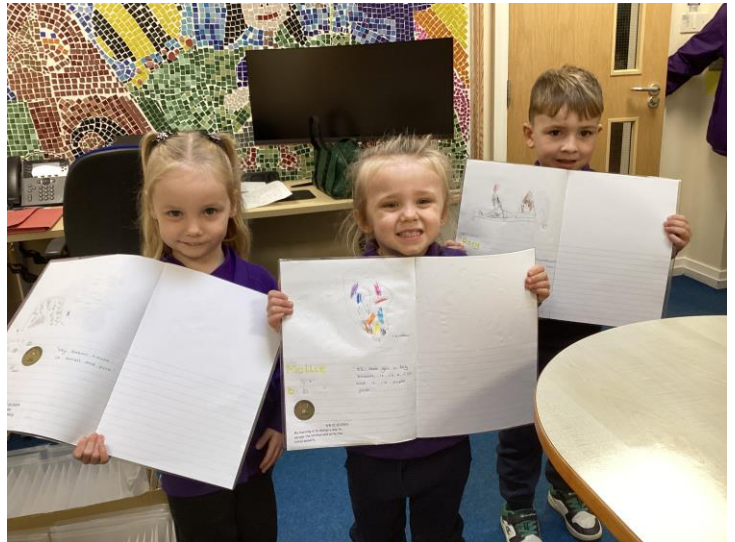
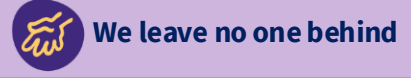
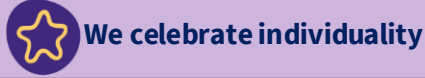
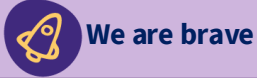




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## Parent Workshops

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:

29.11.24 Sleep Hygiene 9.15-10.15am

7.2.24 Low Mood 9.15-10.15am

Contact the office for more information.

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



## SEN Coffee drop in

Friday afternoon, 2-3pm, on Friday 22nd November join Mr. Malcolm and Mrs. Dawson to discuss all things SEN in an open environment. They may even provide coffee and biscuits. :)



## Children in Need

On **Friday 15th November** children and staff can wear anything to raise money for Children in Need. We suggest a donation of £1 via the just giving link we will send out.





## ODD SOCKS DAY

Tuesday 12th November- Children and staff should wear odd socks to school to promote individuality, acceptance, tolerance and kindness. Over the week, the children will watch videos, join in with circle times and complete activities linked to Anti-Bullying Week and celebrating individuality. The work they do will build on our current PSHE theme of 'celebrating difference' and links to our school values 'We care', 'We are brave' 'We celebrate individuality' and 'We leave no one behind'.

## Be Bright Be Seen!

At this time of year many children will be travelling to or from school throughout the Winter months in the dark. Bright and reflective clothing can greatly reduce the risk of children being involved in a road traffic accident and will help keep them safer whilst walking, scooting or cycling to school.

Be Bright Be Seen!

### Bright

Wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school.

### Reflective

When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights.

### Improve

Improve your visibility with accessories - clip on reflectors, bands and stickers to your coat and bag.

### Green cross code

Only cross at crossings and well lit areas. Remember to use the Green Cross Code.

### Headlights

Remember it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike in the dark. **White** at the front, **red** at the back, as well as a rear reflector.

### Think

Always think about what you're wearing before you head out in the dark. Are you too dark to be seen? Think smart, stay safe.

## Be Bright, Be Seen



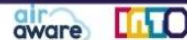
### Now you see me



### Now you don't



## Be Bright, Be Seen.





## Get ready for Christmas!

We know that it still feels very early to be talking about Christmas! However, we are aware that parents will want to start getting prepared for the Christmas events coming up in school. Please see below for the dates and times of our Christmas performances.

### **Reception Christmas Nativity – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15am -Foxes

10:15am - Badgers

1:45pm - Squirrels

Come and celebrate the birth  
of a special baby!

### **Year 1 Christmas Singalong – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15am – Ladybirds

10:15am – Dragonflies

2:15pm – Busy Bees

Parents are encouraged to join in with  
our Year 1 Christmas singalong!

### **Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church– Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

All of Year 2 – 2pm start time

We will be asking for parents to accompany us  
during the walk to the church from 1:30pm and  
back to school after the performance.

Further details will be shared next half term.





# Dates For Your Diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

**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

**Odd Socks Day** – Tuesday 12th November – Children to 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-** Thursday 12th December

Foxes 9.15am, Badgers 10.15am & Squirrels 1.45pm

**Christmas Fair** - Friday 13th December - after school

**Year 1 Christmas Singalong** – Thursday 19th December

9:15am – Ladybirds  
10:15am – Dragonflies  
2:15pm – Busy Bees

10th Dec Year 2- Will be going to Edge Hill to watch Matilda, usual pick up but from Edge Hill

**Parent Lunches-** Year 2

Owls: Tuesday 19th November  
Kestrels: Wednesday 20th November  
Woodpeckers: Thursday 21st November



**Year 2 Carol Concert-** Tuesday 17th December 2pm at St. Peter's Church





# 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

