

## A Message from Mrs Harris

Happy New Year! How wonderful it was to welcome the pupils back last week. I hope all members of our school community managed to have a good rest over the Christmas break. Although often enjoyable, I recognise that the holiday can be a difficult and stressful time! Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time of the year if you need support.

The children have been excited to come back to school and have quickly settled back into their routines. We are very proud.

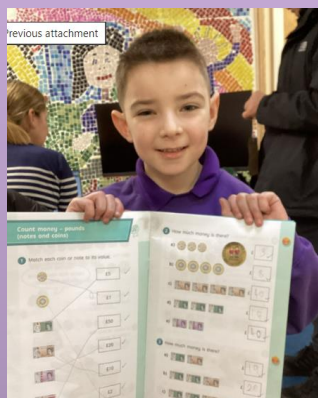
We are going to be looking at our Uniform policy and ensuring we continue with the high standards, please remember, the PTA have lots of spare uniform that parents can have for free or a small donation if you are able to. Please just let the office know and they will be able to help [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org), or you can speak to Mrs. Dawson or our PTA members who will be happy to help.

2025, We welcome Mrs. Ayling after maternity leave back to Owls. Children are talking positively about their start to the Spring term and SLT have been popping into classes, observing lovely calm classroom routines across the school.

You may have noticed some workers this week, we have been developing our outdoor playground with the money PTA have raised and our Tesco golden token. Watch this space.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs. Harris*





## Attendance

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Whole school<br>(this week) | <b>96.39%</b> |
| Reception                   | <b>96.55%</b> |
| Year 1                      | <b>94.33%</b> |
| Year 2                      | <b>98.21%</b> |



Congratulations to **Woodpeckers 99.63%** 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





## 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





## Clubs

We will be starting some in house clubs:

- Multi Sports will start again in a couple weeks- we will be inviting any of those that didn't get a place last time first
- Next half term we will be starting a football club

Entrust are currently teaching weekly keyboard lessons to groups of children at Violet Way, they are £55 per term, if you are interested in your child doing this please pop into the office for a letter



## Little Wandle Books

Thank you to everyone who is remembering to return their Little Wandle Big Cat reading books on a Monday. The pack of books are used for other groups of children so when books aren't returned on time, it means the whole pack cannot be used again. It is so important to take care of the books, including not getting them wet. Otherwise, unfortunately, there will be a £5 charge to replace them. Thank you for your understanding.



## Reading Ambassadors

Six children in Year 2 have been chosen to be the school's Reading Ambassadors this year.

They were selected by their teachers because they are particularly enthusiastic readers and can help to share their love of books!

One of their tasks is to run the Wednesday Lunchtime Book Club for the Year 1 and 2 children. They also recommend books to their classmates, and some are placed in the library as well. Their favourite is usually when they go to read the read aloud story time book though to another class!

They can be recognised by their Reading Ambassador badge which they wear proudly at school. Well done to you all and for promoting reading for pleasure at Violet Way!

### The Year 2 Reading Ambassadors





- **Financial support.**
- *For families struggling after the expensive Christmas period and increasing household bills the Government web page details sources of free debt advice for individuals and families following the expensive Christmas period [Get free debt advice - GOV.UK](#)*
- *Information about the [Household Support Fund](#), is also available for struggling households across England until 31st March 2025. For further information contact Staffordshire County Council and ask what is available in your area.*



- **Our Pride Our Joy- care club:**

- We now have limited places available in Care Club.
- Morning club from 7.30am £4.90 includes breakfast.
- After school club until 6pm (EHA) 6.15am (VWA) £10.15p includes a light snack
- First come first served basis.
- Please contact Rebecca Dunn if you are interested in a place for your child
- [ehacc@opoj.fierte.org](mailto:ehacc@opoj.fierte.org)





# Forest School



We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind



***Starting to take shape in the Forest!!!***

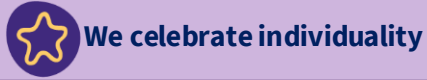




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# Dates For Your Diary

## 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

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.

Our famous cake shops are back:

Feb 7th, May 16th: @230

**20th January Chinese New year experience- With Magical Mayhem and food**

**Safer Internet day** – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Sports Enrichment Day** – 31st January- Futsal  
11th April- noncontact Boxing

**School finishes for half term** – 14th February

**Half term holiday** – 15th-22nd<sup>h</sup> February

**Spring Term 2 starts** – Monday 24th February

**Parents' Evening** –Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
(3:30-6pm)

**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday 12th February  
(3:30-5pm)

**PTA meeting:** 3rd March 2pm

**NB: The Book Fair will be in school on the parents' evenings.**

**End of Term** 11th April

**Summer term starts** – 28th April





## 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.

#### SPRING TERM 2025

##### Reception Tuesday Sessions

|                  |      |      |      |      |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Foxes</b>     | 14/1 | 4/2  | 4/3  | 25/3 |
| <b>Squirrels</b> | 21/1 | 11/2 | 11/3 | 1/4  |
| <b>Badgers</b>   | 28/1 | 25/2 | 18/3 | 8/4  |

##### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

|                    |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Kestrels</b>    | 15/1 | 5/2  | 5/3  | 26/3 |
| <b>Owls</b>        | 22/1 | 12/2 | 12/3 | 2/4  |
| <b>Woodpeckers</b> | 29/1 | 26/2 | 19/3 | 9/4  |

##### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

|                    |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Dragonflies</b> | 16/1 | 6/2  | 6/3  | 27/3 |
| <b>Ladybirds</b>   | 23/1 | 13/2 | 13/3 | 3/4  |
| <b>Busy Bees</b>   | 30/2 | 27/2 | 20/3 | 10/4 |

### 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     |

