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## A Message from Mrs Harris

I cannot believe it is the last day of January already, What a wonderful fortnight we have had, we have had magicians in to help teach us about Chinese New Year, we have had a Peer review from our Trust where Headteachers come to look at specific areas, this focus was Reading and Phonics, Geography and Science. I was so proud how are school was represented by pupils and staff.

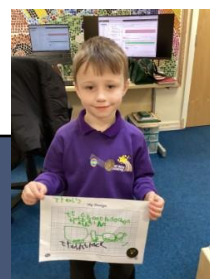
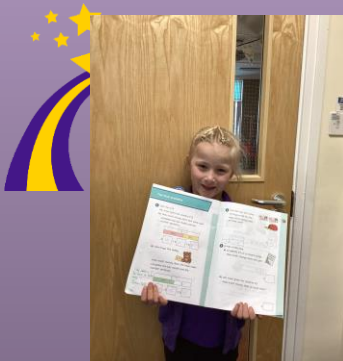
In assemblies we have looked at bravery, and like blowing up a balloon, its small steps with bravery that can have a huge impact. We have also looked at perseverance, through the story of the Hare and the Tortoise and how even when we find things tough it's important to keep going.

Important information regarding parents' evening is later in the newsletter as parents will be booking these via Arbor. We have also added stay and play activities for Mothers day-Dates for your diary.

We have a wonderful joint Governing body at Violet Way with Edge Hill and we have a great opportunity for a new Parent Governor. If you would be interested to become a Parent Governor, please email the office and we will be in touch, even if you want to know more information in supporting us, in supporting the children.

Have a great weekend

*Mrs. Harris*



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## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>90.62%</b>
Reception	<b>84.3%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.18%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.58%</b>

Congratulations to **Kestrels 98.08%** 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





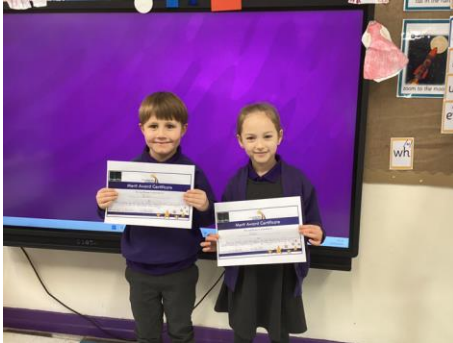
## Merit Award Winners

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 week- 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 for KS1.
- Next half term we will also have a 'ball skills' club for Reception and gardening club soon.

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



## Message from our Nursery

Does anyone have a spare pushchair or a **nappy changing unit** you would consider donating to the nursery.

As we are getting more and more younger pupils it would support us in equipping the Nursery for them....

Please contact the school office if you do.



## Parents' Evening

We will be launching this through Arbor. Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February.

You will be able to book via Arbor at 8am Monday 3rd- it can be booked under Guardian consultation . Bookings will close Friday midday.

If you need any support, please pop into the office or email [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)

## Online Safety

The NSPCC are offering a FREE online safety workshop which you can access below. Their new workshop covers many areas such as online bullying, mental health and social media.

Click below for the pre-recorded 40-minute presentation.

[Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)





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## Magical Mayhem



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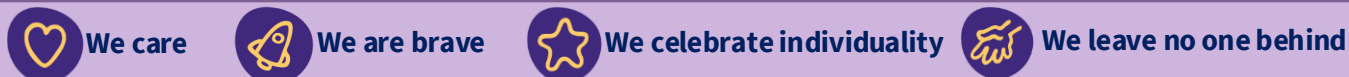




## Safer Internet Day 2025 | Tuesday 11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

[saferinternetday.org.uk](https://saferinternetday.org.uk)



Miss Smith, our Computer Lead would like to welcome you to a coffee afternoon (we will provide biscuits) where we will discuss keeping our children safe in a gaming world. Being a Mum Miss Smith has practical advice as well as lived experiences that she can support families with in this difficult, ever-changing topic.

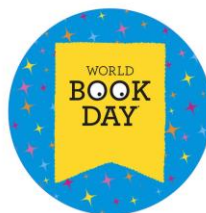
2.15pm for a 2.30 start on the 11th February

Please email in if you wish to attend- [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day again on Thursday 6th March with lots of exciting activities taking place.

During this week we will also be holding open sessions for parents and come and watch how we teach reading and phonics at Violet Way. More details will be provided nearer the time.







## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky to know whether or not to send your child to school if they're not feeling well. You might be thinking that you don't want to put other children at risk of coming down with something. You also want to make sure that your child has the best chance possible of making a speedy recovery. This is particularly true during the winter months, when flu and other bugs are making their yearly rounds.



However, going to school is so important. High attendance at school helps your child develop key skills and prevents them from missing out, not just academically, but on those enriching moments with friends and teachers that make up the school day.

It's normal for your child to get sick every now and then, and most of the time it's no more than a common cold. A minor cough, sore throat or light common cold symptoms, on their own, means it's fine to send your child to school under NHS guidelines. If your child has certain symptoms, on their own, such as a runny nose, a minor cough or sore throat, it's usually safe to send them to school. These minor symptoms won't stop them from learning and playing with their friends. This is also the case for other minor ailments such as ear infections, conjunctivitis, and head lice. For these illnesses, you can send your child in but ensure you let the teacher know and they should be receiving treatment for these conditions e.g. eye drops for conjunctivitis can be purchased from the pharmacy and treatment for headlice is wet combing or lotions from the pharmacy [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

The NHS provides information about when you do and do not need to keep your child off school if they are ill. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If you have checked the guidance and it is necessary to keep your child off school, it is important to email [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org) or call the school office on 01283 248530 (there is an answer machine if your call is not answered). Please state your child's name, class and the reason for absence.

It is also important that we have up-to-date contact details for parents and carers in case your child falls in at school or in the case of an emergency. We need at least two contacts. If your contact number changes, please ensure that you inform the school office immediately.





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Futsal: From Nursery to Year 2 every class got a session for a Futsal match- the coach was so impressed- Well Done Violet Way





# 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

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: - 2.30pm

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

**Parents' Evening** –Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (3:30-6.30pm)

**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February (3:30-5.30pm)

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

**School finishes for half term** – 14<sup>th</sup> February

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

**Y2 Think Tank-** 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Parent Phonics and Reading workshops** – w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March – *more details to follow!*

**PTA meeting** - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm

**World Book Day** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Mother's Day Sessions** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March - see times below:

**Reception** – 9:00-10:00am

**Year 1** 10:00-11:00am

**Year 2** – 2.15-3.10pm

**Sports Enrichment Day** – 11<sup>th</sup> April



**End of Term** - 11<sup>th</sup> 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

