



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

## A Message from Mrs Kee

What a wonderful week.....

On Monday, we held our very popular and well attended Mother's Day Play and Stay sessions. We welcomed mums and grandparents to celebrate the special women in our lives and say thank you for all that they do for us. There are lots of photographs of the event in our newsletter this week.

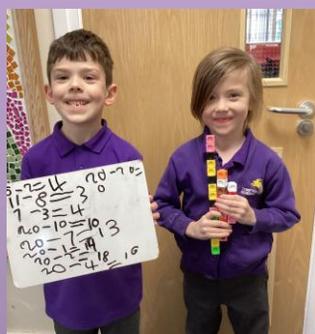
Thank you to all our parents that responded to our parent survey. I appreciate your support. Once the results have been analysed, these will be shared with parents.

Today we wore red to raise money for Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). Thank you for helping our children to demonstrate our value, 'We care' by raising money for people and families in need in the UK and around the world. The children looked great in their red clothes and accessories! Next week., we will all wear odd socks on Thursday for World Down Syndrome Day, celebrating individuality.

In the final week of term, we are hosting the PTAs Easter Bingo on Wednesday evening. Remember to wear your own clothes on Wednesday and bring a chocolate egg for the Easter Bingo!

Sadly, it will also be the final week of my Headship at Violet Way. I'll be soaking it all up and enjoying my last week with our wonderful pupils, staff and families.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>95.38%</b>
Reception	<b>94.55%</b>
Year 1	<b>95.33%</b>
Year 2	<b>96.30%</b>



Congratulations to **Busy Bees (98.67%)**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week! Well done for your fantastic attendance this week.

## Home Achievements



## Lunchtime Awards



## Merit Awards

Congratulations! These children have been awarded certificates for following our Golden Rules and demonstrating our school values.

### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2





## Biggest Ever Girls' Football Session!

On Friday 8th March we joined in with the third annual **#LetGirlsPlay Biggest Ever Football Session** with the aim to get as many girls as possible all playing football on the same day in schools across England!

As a school, we are already delivering girls' football, but we wanted to be involved in **#LetGirlsPlay** biggest EVER football session.





## Mother's Day Stay and Play Year R



Love you!



We welcomed lots of mums and grandmas to our Mother's Day Stay and Play in Reception. They made clay heart decoration, read together and wrote lovely tributes!





## Mother's Day Stay and Play Year 1





## Mother's Day Stay and Play Year 2

**Love you!**



happy  
MOTHER'S  
day





## Comic Relief

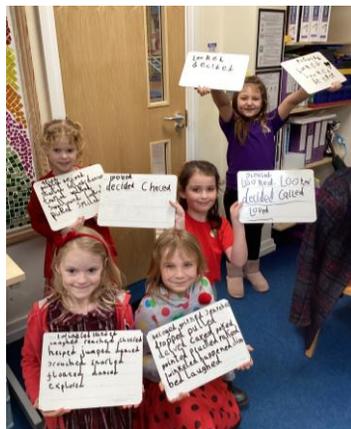


**We care**  






## Celebrating Success!



**Loving  
learning!**

★ Have a positive attitude (I will try my best) ★

Works independently and with others

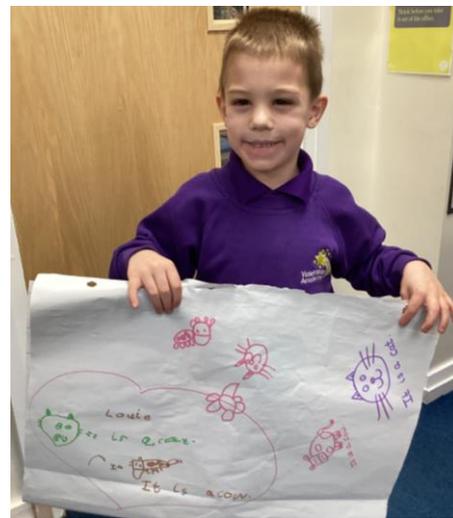
**STAR LEARNERS**

Persevere (Never give up)

Talk about learning (I know what I'm learning and I can tell others)

★

Look and listen (at my teacher and my partner)





## Edge Hill Ofsted Report

Almost all of our Year 2 pupils move onto Year 3 at Edge Hill Academy. They have recently been visited by Ofsted. The report is really positive, and they continue to be a 'Good' school.

I am sure children of our parents will enjoy reading the report. Please click on the link to read it [Edge Hill Ofsted Report](#)

## World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day is on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

On this day, children should wear odd socks to celebrate individuality. We enjoy wearing odd socks to show that we are all different – this links closely to our school value 'We celebrate individuality'.



## New Fire Circle



Upon surveying the new space, Mrs Dawson decided to relocate our fire circle to the new space created by the removal of the outdoor classroom. I think you'll agree it looks lovely!

Mrs Dawson has plans for a smaller shelter and is working alongside the PTA to fund raise for this. She is researching different options and looking forward to setting up the space.

Thank you!

Many thanks to Mr Bill and Mrs Dawson for helping to improve our woodlands area. The outdoor classroom was becoming an issue, and it was necessary to have it professionally demolished. Mr Bill organised this to ensure that it was conducted safely.





## NSPCC's Campaign

### 'Listen up, Speak up'

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. Take the NSPCC's free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family.

The NSPCC are encouraging every adult in the UK to take their [10-minute digital training](#) and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

'Listen up, Speak up' will show you:

- some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help
- how to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe
- who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

## PANTS rule

Children in school learn about the NSPCC 'PANTS' rule. Young children often become curious about similarities and difference between them and others. The PANTS rule teaches children that privates are privates and Mrs Kee has revisited this with children in Year 1 this week. She showed the children the 'Pantasaurus' song where the key message is 'What's in your pants belongs only to you, your pants cover up your private parts. Your private parts belong only to you, if someone asks to see them, tell them no.' Parents can view it with their child by clicking [here](#).

## After School Clubs- Summer Term 1

**Burton Albion Football Club-** (Whole of Summer term- Year 1 and 2) Fridays after school until 4.15pm

**Dance and Movement Club-** (Summer 1- Year 1) Thursdays after school until 4.10pm

**Gymnastics Club-** (Summer 1- Year 2) Tuesdays after school until 4pm

**Multi-sports Club-** (Summer 1- Year R) Mondays after school until 4pm.

**A Microsoft Forms will be sent out via Marvellous Me on Monday 18th March at 4pm. We will contact those whose children have received a place via Marvellous Me on Thursday 21st March. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.**





# Library and Forest School Dates

## Parent Library Mornings – Spring Term

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier (at 8:40am) for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays (start after the October half term). Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

### Reception - Tuesdays

<b>Foxes</b>	16/1	6/2	5/3
<b>Squirrels</b>	23/1	20/2	12/3
<b>Badgers</b>	30/1	27/2	19/3

### Year 1 - Thursdays

<b>Dragonflies</b>	18/1	8/2	7/3
<b>Ladybirds</b>	25/1	22/2	14/3
<b>Busy Bees</b>	1/2	29/2	21/3

### Year 2 – Wednesdays

<b>Kestrels</b>	17/1	7/2	6/3
<b>Owls</b>	24/1	21/2	13/3
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	31/1	28/2	20/3

## Forest School Sessions – Spring Term

### Week 1:

**Monday – Dragonflies**

**Tuesday – Owls**

**Wednesday - Badgers**

**Thursday – Kestrels**

**Friday – Foxes**

**These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks:**

**15/1 29/1 19/2 4/3 18/3**

### Week 2:

**Monday – Ladybirds**

**Tuesday – Woodpeckers**

**Thursday – Squirrels**

**Friday – Busy Bees**

**These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks:**

**8/1 22/1 5/2 26/2 11/3**





# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Half term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 30 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days

for next academic year at Violet Way:

### Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (disaggregated)



## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning  
9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Easter Bingo & Non-School Uniform Day** –  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Bingo from 5 – 7pm –  
doors will open at 4.30pm.

**World Down Syndrome Day** – 21<sup>st</sup> March –  
Wear odd socks to celebrate individuality.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**End of Term** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Summer Term starts** – 8<sup>th</sup> April

**Class Photographs** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
April

**Reception Disco** – 5 – 6pm – *More details to follow!*

**Year 2 Laches Wood Trip** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Parent Forest School Sessions** - w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May  
and 20<sup>th</sup> May. *More details to follow!*

**Year 1 Victorian Day** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Reception Conkers Trip** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

