



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

A Message from Mrs Kee

Well, it has certainly been a busy week at Violet Way! As you are aware, Ofsted visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The report will be shared with parents once it has been made available, which will be sometime in the summer term. Thank you to all those parents that were able to complete the parent view survey. The results of the Trust parent survey were very positive and will be shared in the summer term. In addition to our Ofsted visit, we have also worn odd socks to celebrate individuality and World Down Syndrome day and had an exciting visit from the Easter bunny!

It has been a difficult week for me this week as I prepare to hand over the baton to Mrs Harris. Leading Violet Way over the last two and a half years has been so rewarding. Supporting staff development, ensuring our curriculum is well-defined and enriched, making sure our vision and values are embedded throughout the school through positive relationships and interactions and enabling pupils to make progress academically and personally, has made me very proud. I know Mrs Harris fully believes in our vision and values and, like me, will lead with integrity and will always put the children at the heart of everything she does. I will always hold a special place in my heart for Violet Way and wish our whole school community all the very best for the future. Thank you for your continued belief and support.

Wishing our wonderful school community all the best in your ongoing adventure! Signing off for the last time, *Mrs Kee*



Thank you for your generosity and kindness with the cards and gifts. If I can still get on Marvellous Me, I will send a message to parents separately to thank you individually!
Mrs Kee





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	94.53%
Reception	92.84%
Year 1	94.22%
Year 2	96.64%



Congratulations to **Kestrels (98.6%)**

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

Home Achievements



Lunchtime Awards



Attendance Matters!

Congratulations! These children have been achieved 100% attendance since the start of the academic year. One child has achieved the most improved attendance this term compared to last term. Well done!



Lots of other children received certificates for 100% attendance in the spring term, 96+% attendance in the Spring term and 96+% attendance in the Autumn and Spring terms. Remember – attendance matters!

Guess the Book Character Competition Winners

Congratulations to our winners who all received a new book for guessing the correct book character! Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition, and we hope that you read lots over the Easter break.





The Easter Bunny's Visit to Violet Way!



What a lovely surprise!



Easter challenge!



The Easter bunny's coming!





Look at this beautifully decorated egg created by some of our Reception pupils. It is displayed in Rosliston Forestry Centre. You can view a video of the egg through Facebook here [Here's a sneak peak at a few... - Rosliston Forestry Centre | Facebook](#)



Goodbye and Hi!

We said goodbye to Mrs Kee today. We wish her well on her new adventure as she joins a Special School teaching and leading on behaviour, curriculum development and EYFS.

Our new Headteacher, Mrs Harris is excited to start her journey at Violet Way. She will be joining us after the holiday but has already visited school the meet and talk to the children, staff, leaders and parents over the last term, including visiting us during our Easter Bingo. Mrs Harris fully believes and embodies the vision and values of Violet Way, and we know she will be welcomed by our wonderful Violet Way community.

We will also be welcoming Lianne Hulland to Violet Way. She will be our new teaching assistant working in Squirrels class in the summer term.





A message from the Trust CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy term is nearly over, with much to celebrate. As ever, we appreciate your commitment and support to your child's school life. Please see below a few updates:

Leadership and Management

There are some changes taking place over the next term in relation to leadership.

- Mrs. Michelle Kee is leaving her role as Headteacher at Violet Way Academy. We thank her for her considerable commitment and hard work. Mrs. Becky Harris will be picking up the baton as Headteacher following the Easter break.
- Mrs. Sonia Burke, Deputy Headteacher at Dosthill Primary, is moving to the new Free School Presumption (Garden Village Academy) after Easter as Headteacher. Mr. Richard Gould has been appointed as Head of School at Dosthill from July 2024.
- Mr. David Shakeshaft will be overseeing both Dosthill Primary Academy and Ankermoor Primary following the Easter Break as Executive Headteacher.
- Mrs. Kerry Davies, currently at Anker Valley Academy, has secured a post at Wilnecote Junior School as Assistant Headteacher of Inclusion.
- Mrs. Rebecca Bradshaw will undertake the role of Assistant Headteacher at Heathfield's Academy after Easter.

We appreciate that with ten schools there will be changes now and again. Our aim is to ensure that transitions are seamless and that leaders are supported to undertake their new roles as quickly as possible.

Garden Village Primary

Our new Free School Presumption, Garden Village Academy, continues to be built very rapidly. Significant engagement with the school community and other local schools has taken place, led by Tony Hand (Vice-CEO) as Project Lead. We expect the building to be handed over officially on July 22nd, 2024. There are already 21 confirmed places in the Reception year group and much interest in the Nursery provision. Please look at the Trust website for more information on Garden Village Academy.

Trust Wide Parent Survey

We received a response from 554 parents regarding the Edurio Trust Parent Survey. Immense thanks to the many parents who took the time to complete the questions. The results will be shared with school leaders and the Trust Board for further consideration. We value your insights. Thank you.

Recent Inspections across the Trust

We are delighted to report that both Ankermoor Primary Academy, Anker Valley Primary Academy and Edgehill Junior Academy have all received 'good' judgments in recent Ofsted inspections. The hard work and commitment of staff, parents and leaders has supported these positive outcomes.

The vast majority of our parents work with our schools in a respectful and supportive manner. This is crucial for us to maintain positive working relationships. Ultimately, this benefits our children. We continue to challenge any behaviour that is less than acceptable whether directly or indirectly e.g., through social media because ultimately this detracts from our job, which is to educate our children.

I hope you will enjoy some time with loved ones during Easter. We look forward to welcoming you back after the Easter break. Mrs Maria Hamblin





Keeping Active at Easter!

Dice Challenge

Throw 2 dice!



Dice 1
Tells you which exercise to do.



Dice 2
The number on the dice X10 is the number of seconds to do the exercise for.

Keep playing until you've done each exercise at least once!



Dancing to music



Kicking a ball at a target



Balancing on your bottom



Holding a plank for as long as you can



Touching your toes



Practise your skills

Handstand against a wall



Rolling onto your back and sitting up again



Skipping



Balancing on one leg or on a wall



Bouncing a ball





What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.



Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children start pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult is not looking



Emotional

You see a crying child run towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home is catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent



Neglect

You see a child wearing the same dirty clothes everyday and who steals food from other children



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You are not causing problems but it could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, then they can't help.

We appreciate that sometimes the holidays can be challenging but you can get help.

Helplines

Childline call 0800 1111

Young Minds text 85258

Samaritans call 116 123

Shout crisis messenger text 85258

Is this OK? online chatbot and 1-2-1 chat

Domestic Abuse helpline call 0808 2000 247

Safeguarding

If you are worried about an adult or a child, it is important that you report it immediately.

For emergencies and immediate danger call 999 for police assistance. For concerns about a child in Staffordshire call 0300 111 8007. Emergency out of hours: 0345 604 2886.





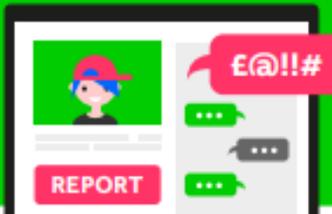
Internet Matters six tips for keeping children safe while online gaming

internet matters.org



1 Take an active interest in the games your children are playing to get to grips with how they work and why they enjoy playing them

2 Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and talk about what kind of language is being used. Make sure your child knows how to do report abusive or anti-social behaviour



3 For younger children, use 'airplane' mode settings on your tablet or smartphone. That way, they can play offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know



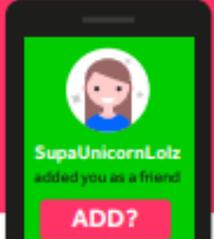
4 Use PEGI ratings and App store ratings to ensure your children are playing age appropriate games. Help children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't



5 Gaming can be very addictive, so agree boundaries and how long they're allowed to play for and with whom they are allowed to play online with. Remind them that people may hide behind fake profiles and not be who they say they are



6 Teach your children to protect themselves by thinking critically – remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks






Five top tips to manage children's screen time

Help your child make the most of their time on and offline

1 Set a good example with your own device use

Children will tend to model their behaviours on you, so if you start reading a book, they may follow your lead.



2 Talk together about the time they spend online

Understand what they're doing, and explain your concerns.



3 Agree an appropriate length of time that they can use their device

Put in place a family agreement to set some boundaries and don't break them.



4 Get the whole family to unplug and create 'screen free' zones at home



5 Use technology and apps to help manage screen time

For example, the Forest app enables them to grow a beautiful forest each day they don't use their phone for a set amount of time. The iPad's 'Guided Access' limits the time you can access any given app, which can be great for younger children.



60%

60% of parents are concerned their kids don't have interests outside the web

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Parents of 12-year-olds are most concerned about lack of offline interests



Children aged between 11 and 16 post on average 26 times a day





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Summer 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, 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

Foxes	9/4	30/4	21/5	18/6
Squirrels	16/4	7/5	4/6	25/6
Badgers	23/4	14/5	11/6	2/7

Year 1 - Thursdays

Dragonflies	11/4	2/5	23/5	20/6
Ladybirds	18/4	9/5	6/6	27/6
Busy Bees	25/4	16/5	13/6	4/7

Year 2 – Wednesdays

Kestrels	10/4	1/5	22/5	19/6
Owls	17/4	8/5	5/6	26/6
Woodpeckers	24/4	15/5	12/6	3/7

Forest School Sessions – Summer 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: 15/4, 29/4, 13/5, 3/6, 17/6 and 1/7.

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: 8/4, 22/4, 6/5, 20/5, 10/6, 24/6 and 8/7.





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 19th July

Holiday: Monday 22nd 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 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 22nd July (disaggregated)



What's Coming Up?

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

End of Term - Friday 22nd March

Summer Term starts – Monday 8th April

Class Photographs – Wednesday 10th April

Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip – Wednesday 17th April

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

May Day Bank Holiday – 6th May

Year 2 Laches Wood Trip – Wednesday 8th May

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

Year 1 Victorian Day – Friday 10th May

Reception Conkers Trip – Thursday 16th May

Break up for half term – 24th May

