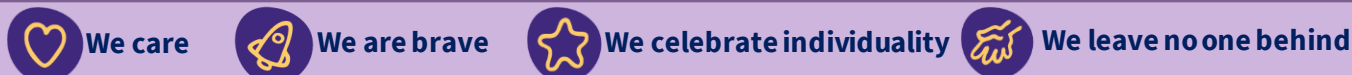




Summer Term



A Message from Mrs Harris

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher for Violet Way Academy, and very much look forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and community. I have had numerous opportunities over the last few weeks to visit Violet Way Academy, and each time I've been struck by the school's family feel and pupils kindness. I truly believe in the ethos that we, as a Trust, have as core values, celebrating individuality, bravery, leaving no one behind and caring. I believe this can all be done with high expectations on curriculum and the way we teach day to day.

My previous role in Tamworth led me to create new ways to link with the community, as well as develop new policies on behaviour, mental health and inclusion. My success as an inclusion lead enabled me to network with schools and lead SEN networking events both locally and across the county. Some of my proudest experiences link with inclusion where I have been fortunate enough to sit on a panel in London writing the 'Social Emotional and Mental Health in schools' guidance by NICE as well as chairing primary and secondary inclusion meetings supporting vulnerable pupils. From my experience of being a Deputy, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school. I know first-hand how important relationships with parent and carers are, and one of the reasons I continue to be a Governor at my own children's school.

With this in mind, there will be a number of events coming up where I hope to meet you, including coffee mornings and drop ins. These meetings will take place at different times and on different days to enable as many of you as possible to find a slot that is convenient for you, so that as many families as possible will have the opportunity to attend.

I will endeavour to use my Senior Leadership experience gained at other schools within the Trust to continue to drive the high standards at Violet Way Academy.

I will also be available at the school gate before and after school, so please do say come and say hello. , *Mrs Harris*





Attendance



Whole school (this week)	95.66%
Reception	96.36%
Year 1	94.56%
Year 2	96.09%



We care



We are brave



We

Congratulations to
Foxes

WELL DONE!

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

Home Achievements



Lunchtime Awards



Achievements

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

Reception



Year 1

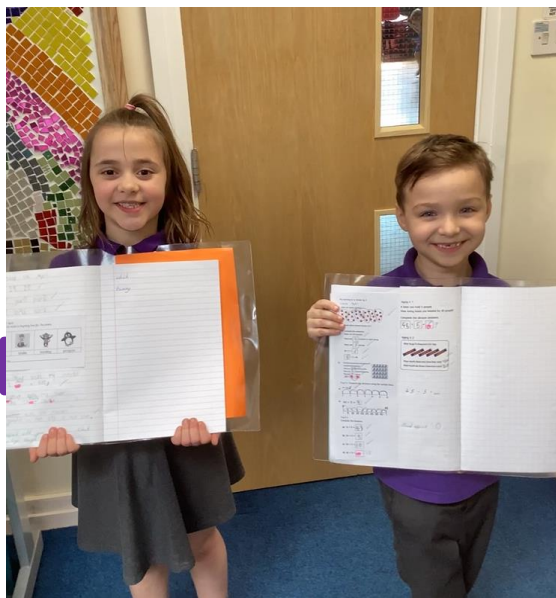


Year 2





Amazing learning



Parent Forest School Sessions

As already stated in the dates section, our Parent Forest School sessions will take place during your child's normal session w/b 13th May and 20th May. Please arrive at 2pm and dress according to the weather – it can get quite muddy in the forest! I am sure that you will enjoy taking part!

New Staff

Welcome

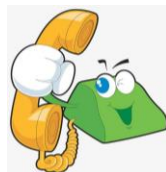


We have Mrs Hulland starting as a TA in Reception this week.

Welcome!

Just a few reminders

- Please encourage your pupils to leave you at the gate, we have plenty of staff to support getting them into class or take messages.
- If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact your child's class teacher, for more specific conversations please email or speak to the office so that they can direct accordingly as we have our Family worker, SENco and Deputy who can support as well as our new Headteacher.



Allergies

A quick reminder that unfortunately we cannot accept foods to be given out for birthday's due to our school policies and number of allergies.





Easter Events



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](#)

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported the school at the Easter Bingo event. The event managed to raise £543.50 for the school which is amazing! A huge thank you also to the brilliant PTA for organising the event.



May Day



Reception and Year 2 parents, please encourage your child to make a Maypole- if you need any ideas or support, please ask your class teacher and we will help.

Tuesday 7th May

Reception: 9.15am

Maypole parade in the woodland

Year 1: 10 am - Dragonflies

10.30 am- Bees

11am- Ladybirds

Short maypole dance and song- top car park

Year 2: 3.00pm Maypole visit to classroom, song and parent parade with child to leave school- EYFS and year 1 feel free to watch





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 (parent session), 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 (parent session), 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

Year 2 Twycross Zoo Trip – Wednesday 17th April

Reception Disco – Wednesday 24th April - 5-6pm

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

May Day celebrations – Tuesday 7th May

Reception - 9am

Year 1 - 10am

(10 am - Dragonflies

10.30 am- Bees

11am- Ladybirds)

Year 2 - 3pm

Year 2 Laches Wood Trip – Wednesday 8th May

Parent Forest School Sessions - w/c 13th May and 20th May

Year 1 Victorian Day – Friday 10th May

Reception Conkers Trip – Thursday 16th May

Break up for Half-Term – 24th May

Summer Fayre – Thursday 20th June – 3.30 - 5pm

Year 2 Leavers' Disco – Wednesday 10th July – 5-6pm





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.

