



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

**Message from Mrs Harris,**  
A message with lots of thanks!



What a busy week it has been- and it has only been 4 days!  
We had a lovely day on Tuesday celebrating Mayday- your children were a delight to watch, we had singing, parades, maypole dances and wonderful Maypoles. Thank you to all families for their support as well as the lovely positive feedback.

We have also had Laches Wood for our year 2s this week, they were a credit to Violet Way in the way they behaved and their attitudes, they had a wonderful time, I also want to do a shout out to our staff that took them, going above and beyond paid hours to ensure our pupils have the best time and are safe, they are a credit to Violet Way as well, so I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment.

Mr Bill and Mrs Dawson have also spent time preparing the woodland for our parent forest school sessions, We hope you enjoy the visits (hopefully) nettle free.  
Thanks to the hard work and commitment we can do these events, hopefully the sun will stay shining on us this weekend,



Mrs Harris



## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>94.04%</b>
Reception	<b>91.89%</b>
Year 1	<b>95.42%</b>
Year 2	<b>94.81%</b>

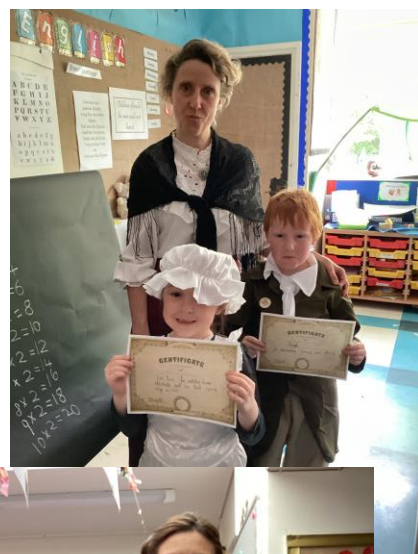
## Achievements

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

### Reception



### Year 1



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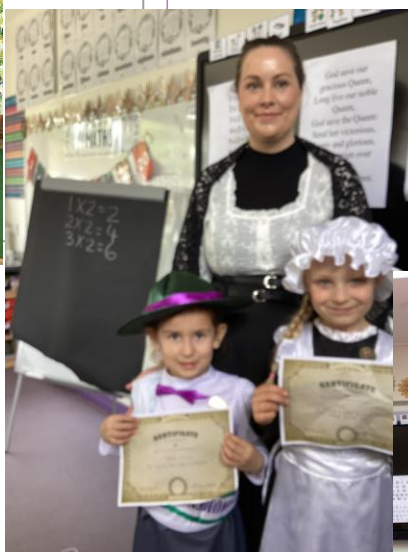
**WELL DONE!**



Congratulations to **Badgers** **98.3%**

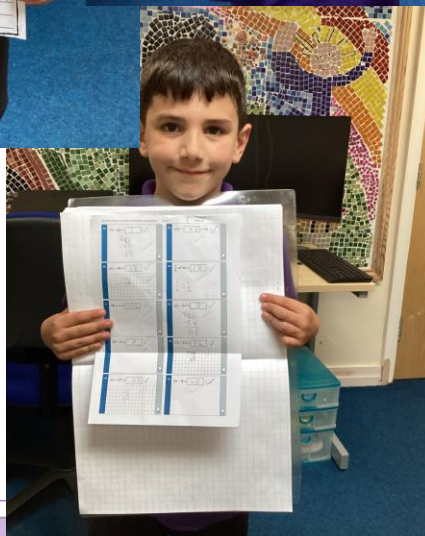
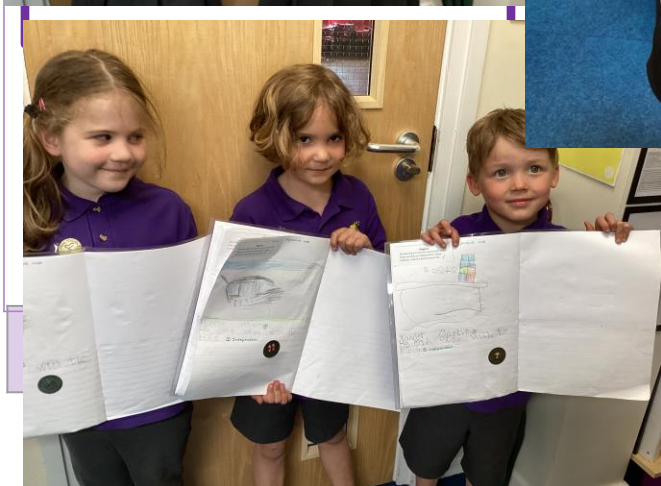
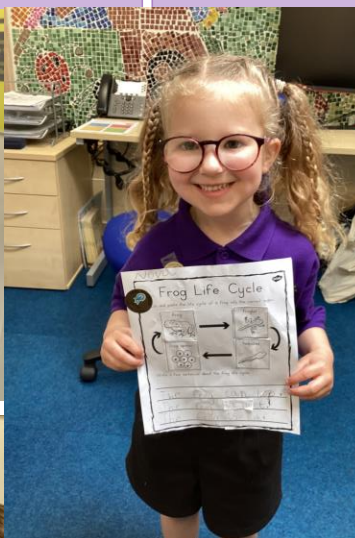
for being the class with the highest attendance this week! Well done for your fantastic attendance this week.

## Home Achievements





## Amazing learning



## Staffing news

**Miss Cullumbine** will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, she has a very exciting opportunity at Branston Locks Primary school, while we are extremely sad to see her go, we wish her every luck in September.

**Mrs Holford** will also be leaving us shortly and moving on to new adventures at a different school. As the face of our school she will certainly be missed by us all but we wish her every success in the future.

## After School Clubs- Summer Term 2

**Dance and Movement Club-** (Summer 2- Year 2) Thursdays after school until 4.10pm

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

**Multi-sports Club-** (Summer 2- Year R) Mondays after school until 4pm.

**A Microsoft Forms will be sent out via Marvellous Me on Monday 13th May at 4pm. We will contact the children who have received a place via Marvellous Me on Wednesday 22nd May. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.**





## Parent Forest School Session



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!



### Parent Inclusion Coffee Morning Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 – 10.00

Please join us for our next parent inclusion coffee morning on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 -10.00**. We will be looking at ways to support children through changes and transitions as well as giving you an opportunity to share your own experiences or questions. All our welcome to attend. If you would like any more information please speak to Mrs Magill or Marie Dawson. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Gentlemens day.

To celebrate Fathers day please join your child/grandchild on the 14th June for activities:

- Reception 9-10
- Year1- 10-11
- Year 2 11-12



**Due to space please have one adult per child**

### Sports Day

- We have sports day booked at Paulet
- 10th July 915- Reception
- 11th July 915- Year 2
- 11th July 10;45- Year 1





## May Day





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## Laches Wood Year 2 Visit





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## Year 1 Victorian 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 (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 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

**Parent Forest School Sessions** - w/c 13<sup>th</sup> May and 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Parent Inclusion Coffee Morning**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 – 10.00

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

**Break up for Half-Term** – 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Gentlemen's Day**- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Reception - 9-10am  
Year 1 - 10-11am  
Year 2 - 11am-12pm

**Year 1 Walk to Burton**- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Fayre** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 3.30 - 5pm

**Year 2 Leavers' Disco** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – 5-6pm

**Sports' Day** -  
10<sup>th</sup> July- Reception – 9.15am  
11<sup>th</sup> July -Year 2- 9.15am  
11<sup>th</sup> July-Year 1- 10.45am

**Year 2 Leavers' Performance at Edge Hill** -  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm & 6pm

**Year 2 Graduation**- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Kestrels- 9.15am  
Owls- 10am  
Woodpeckers-10.45am





## 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.

