

We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind

## A Message from Mrs. Harris

Our assembly on Monday this week focused on our value 'We care', and in particular, helpfulness. We have also been working hard on behaviours and the expectations we have for our pupils in school, and in the corridors as well as the playground.

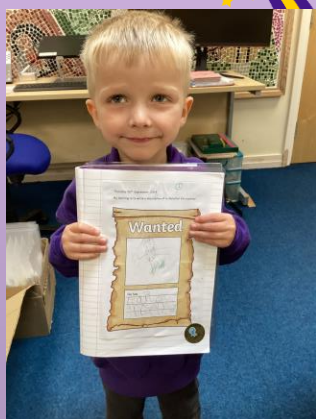
Our superb VWA Scarecrows Mrs. Cobweb, Incy and Wincy have been positioned in their new home at Garden King today. Thank you to our PTA for organising for us to be a part of the competition.

On Saturday we were overjoyed to have the Golden token at Tesco, so we can now start work on our outside classroom- this is amazing and we were thrilled! Watch this space!

We have had a busy week! On Monday we had a Trust learning walk, and we had some great feedback from teachers and Headteachers from other schools about our pupils at Violet Way. On Friday we originally had fencing activity, however this has been put back and we had skateboarding instead. What fun the children had and what a great opportunity.

Have a great weekend and see you Monday,

*Mrs Harris*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>96.2%</b>
Reception	<b>94.0%</b>
Year 1	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 2	<b>98.5%</b>



Congratulations to **Ladybirds & Woodpeckers (99.3%)** for being the classes 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.**

## Home Achievements

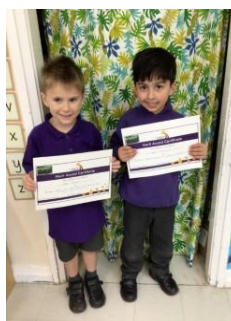


We celebrated awards for swimming, football, go karting, karate this week – well done!

## 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

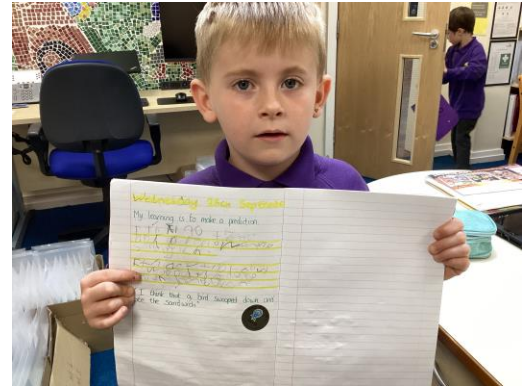
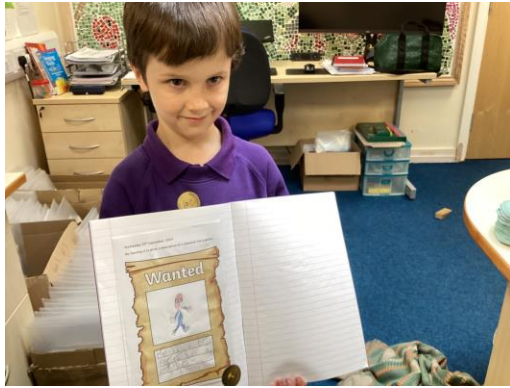






### Year 1

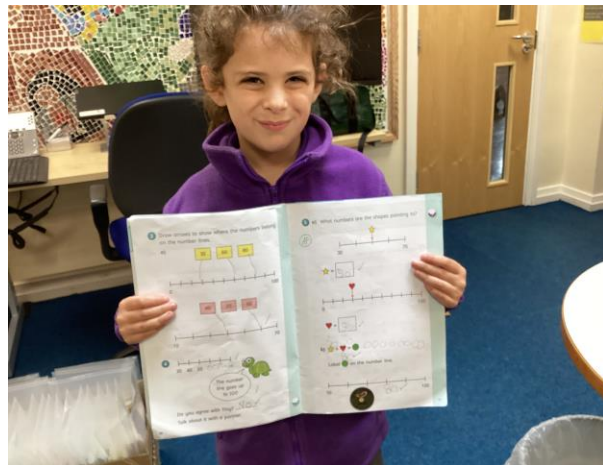
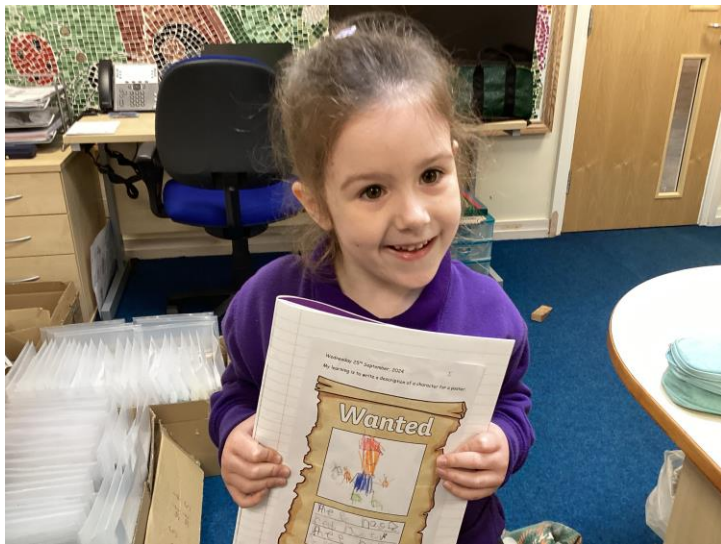


### Year 2





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## Enrichment Day

**Physical Education (PE)**

As part of our PE curriculum this year we are utilising our sports premium funding to provide 'Balanceability' lessons in Reception. The children are all really enjoying accessing these – staying active, developing their skills and having fun!



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## Skateboarding...





## Walk to School Month

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Month this October.

Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to school. For those that live too far away to walk the whole distance away and try parking 5-10 minutes from the school and walking the rest of the way. Walking also promotes a less congested environment around the school gate making it safer for everyone.

Lots of children have been enjoying scooting to school. You can leave scooters just inside the green gates.



## Parent Reading Workshops

We're teaching every child to read with



As you are aware, we have introduced the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme this year. We can't wait to tell you more about it! Therefore, we will be holding two separate meetings for Reception and Key Stage 1 parents which will give you more information and tell you lots of ways in which you can help your child at home.

**Monday 21st October** – 9am for **Reception** parents only

**Tuesday 22nd October** – 9am – for **Year 1 and 2** parents only

We hope to see you there, so you know more about this essential part of your child's learning.





## OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



### Reasons to take the right route and try walking during Walk to School Month



Walking to school instead of driving saves a family on average £400 a year



A 15 minute walk, cycle or scoot to and from school will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise



Most parents find too many cars around schools gates the most annoying part of the school run



Air pollution can be twice as high inside your car than outside of it



Research has shown that children who walk to school are more alert in the classroom



Over a third of parents say that their walk to school is where they find out most about their children



Idling Cars will increase air pollution by 30% during the school run



**So why not try walking to school one day a week?**

Pledge to walk to school at least one day a week in October at <http://Iwillwalktoschool.doingourbit.info>





## Introducing our VWA Scarecrow!



Thank you to the PTA for helping some of our pupils to create and decorate our school scarecrow which has been entered into the Garden King Scarecrow competition.

Our lovely, Mrs. Cobweb, Incy and Wincy have found home at Garden King's Pumpkin Woods. We will let you know how they get on in the competition!

From Saturday 28th September until the end of October, you can explore Pumpkin Woods at Garden King Garden Centre. There is a charge for accessing Pumpkin Woods. More information can be found [here](#).







## Reception September 2025

Do you know anyone that is starting school in September? If so, please have them call the office or email as we are doing tours.

6th November - 4pm

13th November – 10am & 4pm

Monday 25th November - 4pm



## Car Parking

Please be aware that the carpark at school is for **staff only**. This includes before and after school hours. This is for health and safety reasons, including safeguarding so we are aware of who is on site.

We thank you for your cooperation in advance.



**NO PARKING**

## Parent Workshops

We had a meeting with the Mental Health team, and they are going to run some parent workshops you may be interested in, all held at Violet Way:

11.10.24 Introduction to anxiety-915-1015

29.11.24 Sleep hygiene 915-1015

7.2.24 915-1015 Low mood 915-1015

Contact the office for more information.

[office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)





## Reading Books

We hope that you have all enjoyed the new reading books that your child has been bringing home. Please remember that these books go home on Wednesdays and are brought back to school on **Mondays**.

Also, in KS1, please remember that the children have already practised decoding, reading the book with prosody and understanding the text. They should be practising reading the book more fluently at home and also answering questions. There are some helpful notes to assist you at the front and back of each book.

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been assessed according to their phonic knowledge so they should be able to decode the book with some ease. Part of the programme is to reassess the children regularly, so the books should become more challenging to decode as they learn more sounds in the programme.

Please see workshops if you want to find out more

### Clubs to come,

Mrs. Harris will be running a Multi Sports (incl Tag Rugby) for a 5-week block on Tuesdays- starting 8 Oct (note not 15th due to Parents Eve). This will be for year 1 and 2- a forms will go out next week.

We have a Choir on Thursdays and next week a Karate club at lunch.

To come...

Year 1 staff will be running a Christmas craft after half term

Year 2 staff will be running a spring Gardening club

A school football club will come after Christmas





# Dates For Your Diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

**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

2nd September 2024

25th October 2024

6th January 2025

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

## What's Coming Up?

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

**School Photographs** - Wednesday 9th October

**Parents' Evenings** – Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October

**Harvest Assemblies** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Kestrels**- 9.10am

**Owls** – 9.30am

**Woodpeckers** – 9.50am

**Dragonflies** – 10.10am

**Busy Bees** – 10.30am

**Ladybirds**- 10.50am

**Squirrels** – 1.40am

**Foxes** – 2.00pm

**Badgers** – 2.20pm



**Reception Phonics Meeting** – Monday 21st October – 9am

**KS1 Reading Meeting** – Tuesday 22nd October - 9am

**INSET Day** – Friday 25th October

**YEAR 1 Disco**- 23rd October (time to be confirmed)

**Odd Socks Day** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Our famous cake shops are back:  
Sept 27th, Feb 7th, May 16th: @230

**Reception Nativity**- 12th December- Time to be confirmed

**Christmas Fair** - 13th December - after school

**Year 1 Christmas singalong** - 19th Dec- time to be confirmed

**Parent Lunches**-Year 2- Tues Nov 19th Owls, Wed Nov 20th Kestrels, Thurs November 21st Woodpeckers

Tuesday 17th December 2pm-**Year 2 Carol concert**- St Peters





# 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.

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

#### Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	5/11	26/11
Squirrels	-	-	12/11	3/12
Badgers	-	-	19/11	10/12

#### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	25/9	16/10	13/11	4/12
Owls	2/10	23/10	20/11	11/12
Woodpeckers	9/10	6/11	27/11	18/12

#### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	26/9	10/10	7/11	28/11
Ladybirds	3/10	17/10	14/11	5/12
Busy Bees	4/10 (note this is Friday)	24/10	21/11	12/12

## 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

