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A Message from Mrs. Harris

What a busy two weeks it has been, the sun is shining (at times) and the pupils are enjoying learning. We have been busy in year 1 as they have been showing off their musical talents in assemblies to parents; they have made us proud, and we still have Ladybirds to go!

We have celebrated Mothers' Day last Friday, and it was wonderful to see so many wonderful interactions. Year 2 have been treated to a circus workshop to inspire their writing and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We have also had a Governor visit this week where our Governors Helen and David have met with History Lead to look at our curriculum alongside Edge Hill. This week has also had April Fool's day where some children found playing jokes fun all morning.

We had our coffee morning this morning, remember the first Friday of every month we have homemade cakes and a listening ear.

We still have lots to come with the Easter Bunny making a visit next Friday in preparation for the Easter Holidays.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Harris





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	93.36%
Reception	91.4%
Year 1	93.12%
Year 2	95.52%

Congratulations to **Dragonflies 97.2%** for being the class 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.**

Lunchtime awards



Home Achievements



This week we had so many awards such as dance, football, karate, swimming and gymnastics. Congratulations to you all and keep up the super work!





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



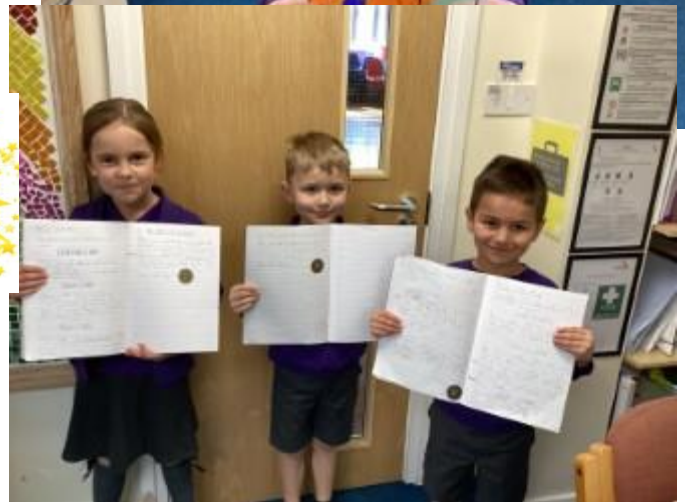
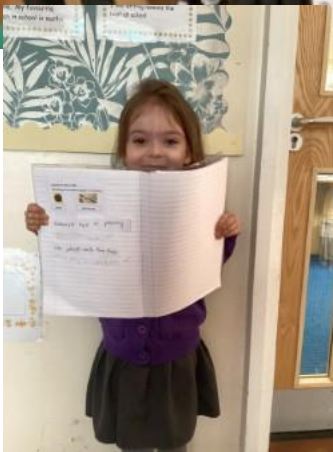
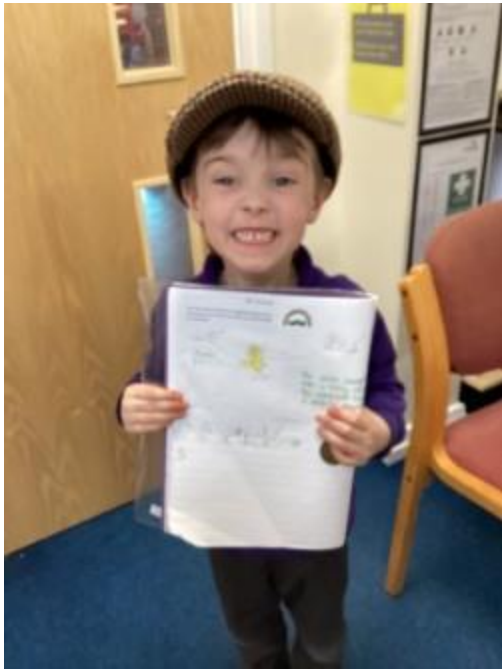
Year 1



Year 2











Walk to School Month

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Week this May. 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 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.



Gardening After School Club

After the Easter break Mrs. Jinks will be starting a gardening after school club on a Tuesday (3.15-4pm) for children in Year 1 and 2. The first session will be on Tuesday 29th April and the last on Tuesday 20th May. The club will go live on Arbor on Monday 7th April at 6pm. Please note that spaces are limited and are automatically offered on a first come, first served basis. If you have any gardening equipment, bulbs or seeds that you wish to donate, this would be much appreciated.



Tempest Class Photos

Tempest will be in school on Wednesday 9th April to take the children's class photographs.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, after 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Year 2 had a visit...



Magical Mayhem

<https://magical-mayhem.com/>



Violet Way EASTER Bingo



Join us on

thursday

April 10th at 5pm-6:30pm

pupils can come in their
own clothes and bring an
easter egg in preparation
for Easter Bingo



TICKET NOW ON ARBOR
ADULT TICKET £3
CHILD TICKET £1

maximum can purchase up to
2xAdult and 2xChild



The bread and butter thing.



**New Hub Opening:
BURTON**
from Thursday 16th January

**Burton Hub (behind the Town Hall)
22 Rangemore St, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2ED**

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Thursday at 2pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- Everyone who signs up before the 21st April 2025 will get their first order free.

It's really easy to sign-up:

- 1**  Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: **"BURTON HUB"**
- 2**  Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, Individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
- 3**  You'll get a text every Tuesday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the hub on Thursday at 2pm.
- 4**  Collect and pay for your goods from the BURTON hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

Bread and Butter thing – Shobnall Parish Council

This is something our staff have been talking about and looks to be a GREAT resource for Burton.

May Day Celebrations

Friday 2nd May

Reception: 9.15am

Maypole parade in the woodland

Year 1: 10am - Dragonflies

10.30am- Busy Bees

11am- Ladybirds

Short maypole dance- top carpark

Please remember to make your maypoles at home to bring in on the day!





Year 1 Music Concert





Year 1 Music Show

Year 1 would like to show off what we have been doing in Music- please join us at 9am on the following dates for a short concert:

One year 1 class left...

10th April 9am Ladybirds



Victorian Day

WOW! We have an exciting day coming in year 1.

On Tuesday 8th April, we will have a Victorian Dress Up day, If you need any support with outfits or ideas please speak to your class teacher.



DATES FOR THE DIARY!

In the Summer term we welcome parents to Forest school session:
Parent stay Forest school

145pm -245pm

Owls-9th May

Kestrels-16th May

Woodpeckers-23rdMay

Dragonflies-6th June

Busybees-13th June

Ladybirds-19th June(20th Inset day)

Foxes-27th June

Squirrels-4th July

Badgers-11th July





Forest School



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Book Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Guess the book character' competition for World Book Day. Here are our nine lucky winners who all received a fabulous new book!

We hope that you enjoy reading them.



Coffee Mornings

We are launching our Parent drop in coffee mornings. 9-10 first Friday of every Month.

2nd May, 6th June & 4th July



'Ready, Steady, Read' Sponsorship

Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who took part in the sponsored read. We raised an incredible amount of **£1641,61**. We are so grateful for your support and will be purchasing some new books with this money and the extra money from Usborne too. We will be buying new dictionaries for our Year 2 children to read alongside other lovely books too! THANK YOU AGAIN!





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Dear Parents,

I hope you're all doing well! After speaking with many of you, I've realised just how common the struggle with baby and child sleep can be. I know firsthand how exhausting it is—when I had my first, the sleep deprivation was a real challenge. It was such a tough time that I decided to train as a baby sleep consultant to help other parents navigate this stage with confidence and support.

Following recent conversations with some of you, I've been thinking about offering a **free Sleep Consultant Workshop** for parents at Violet Way Academy. This would be a supportive and informative session where I can share practical advice and answer your questions—coming from someone who's been there too!

To help plan the session, I'd love to know if you'd be interested in attending and what time would work best for you. Please take a moment to fill out this short questionnaire <https://forms.office.com/e/7trWU2R62E> so I can tailor the session to suit as many parents as possible.

Looking forward to hearing your thoughts!

Best wishes,
Beth Ayling





Dates For Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

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

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

What's Coming Up?

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

Parent Coffee Morning –First Friday of every month-
2/5 6/6 4/7

Year 1 Victorian Dress Up - Tuesday 8th April

NHS Height and Weight for Reception- Tuesday 8th April

Tempest Class photographs- Wednesday 9th April

Year 1 Music Concert-
10th April - 9am - Ladybirds

Easter Bingo- Thursday 10th April 5-6.30pm
Come as you please (plus Easter egg) 10th April

Sports Enrichment Day –
Friday 11th April

May Day Celebrations for Reception and Year 1-
2nd May -(note that Year 2 will not be doing
Mayday activities with parents as we will enjoy our
Y2 production with you instead)

End-of- Term – Friday 11th April

Reception trip- 30th April

Cake Shop- 16th May

Parent Stay Forest school-145-245

Owls-9th May

Kestrels-16th May

Woodpeckers-23rdMay

Dragonflies-6th June

Busy Bees-13th June

Ladybirds-19th June (20th June Inset Day)

Foxes-27th June

Squirrels-4th July

Badgers-11th July





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.

SPRING TERM 2025

Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	14/1	4/2	4/3	25/3
Squirrels	21/1	11/2	11/3	1/4
Badgers	28/1	25/2	18/3	8/4

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	15/1	5/2	5/3	26/3
Owls	22/1	12/2	12/3	2/4
Woodpeckers	29/1	26/2	19/3	9/4

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	16/1	6/2	6/3	27/3
Ladybirds	23/1	13/2	13/3	3/4
Busy Bees	30/2	27/2	20/3	10/4

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

