



## Message from Mrs. Harris

What a wonderful and busy fortnight it has been!

From the excitement of transition activities to the joyful rehearsals for our Year 2 play, the school has been buzzing with energy and enthusiasm.

We've enjoyed pirate picnics, danced the night away at the leavers' disco, and welcomed parents during our coffee mornings. We continue to create moments into next week when we have our Art week, Mrs. Draycott has worked hard on ensuring the children have a brilliant creative week- it's exciting!

In assemblies we have introduced new zones in the playground, we have got monkey bars, bottle flipping zones, stage and dressing up- with imaginative structure we think playtimes will develop into a wonderful are and time of day.

Thank you all for your continued support and for making these last few weeks so special. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend!





## Attendance

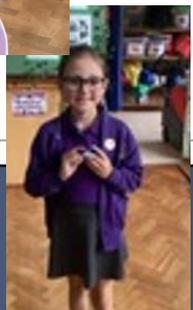
Whole school (this week)	<b>94.63%</b>
Reception	<b>93.01%</b>
Year 1 	<b>96.69%</b>
Year 2	<b>94.33%</b>

## Home Achievements



Congratulations to **Busy Bees 99.54%** 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





## 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

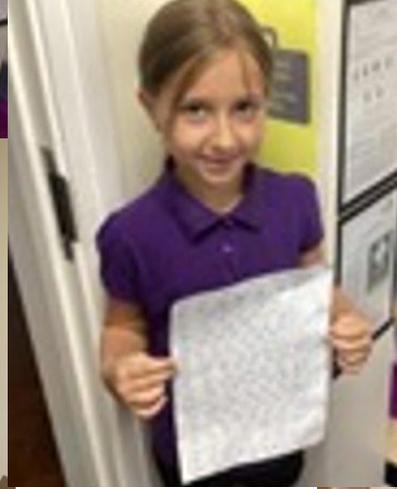
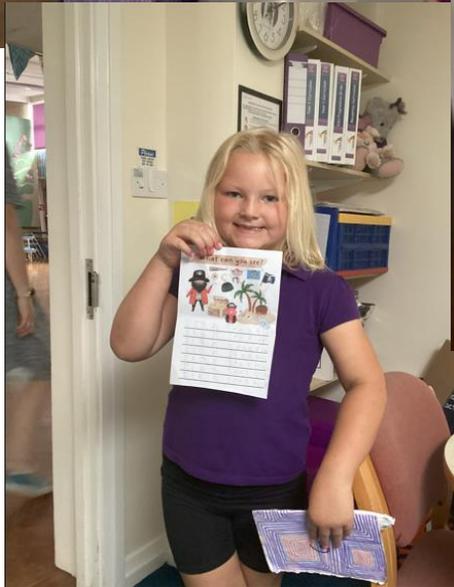
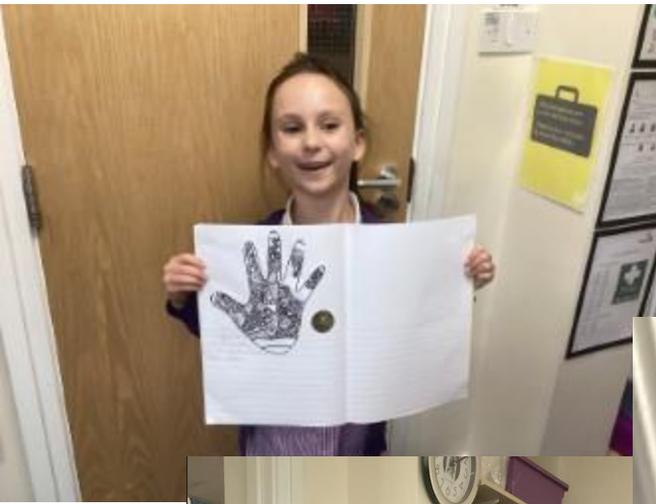


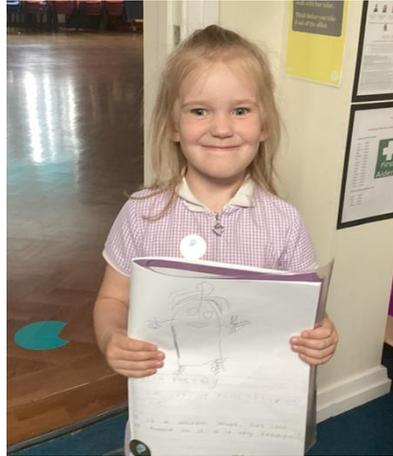
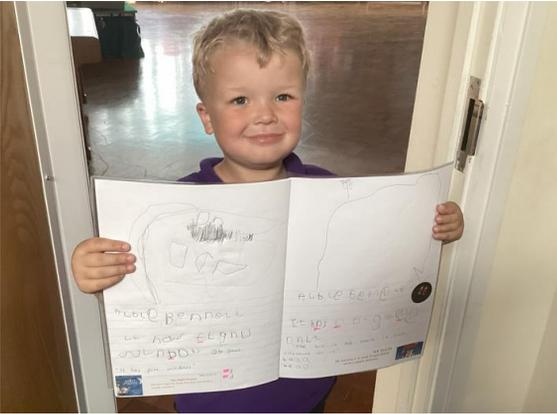
### Year 1



### Year 2









## Year 2 Leavers Disco











## Pirate Picnic







## Parent lunch continues...





THE  
**READING**  
AGENCY

**Summer Reading Challenge**

# Story Garden



Every year The Reading Agency hold a Summer Reading Challenge. This is a really exciting time and there is a different theme each year.

This year, the theme is 'Story Garden' which is full of enchanting worlds, all kinds of creatures and plants, outdoor adventures and fascinating facts! You can either register online or at Burton Library.

The Summer Reading Challenge begins tomorrow and lasts throughout the summer holidays. It is a great way to promote a love of reading when the children are not at school and their reading continues to improve during this time as well. There is no cost involved so you can explore lots of free resources! We hope that you take part in the challenge and then show us your certificate in an assembly in September. The free resources can either be downloaded online or picked up at the library. The online link is below:

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Have fun reading!





## 4<sup>th</sup> Burton (Edge Hill) Scout Group

4<sup>th</sup> Burton are looking for new Beaver Scouts to start a new term in September!  
For Fun, Friendships, and Adventure that get you thinking as well as doing!

Aged 6 – 8 years

Monday 18:15 to 19:30

For more information/taster session please email [4thburtonbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:4thburtonbeavers@gmail.com)

Or follow the website link: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/groups/10012183?loc=WS1&page=92&slug=4th-Burton-on-Trent-%28Edge-Hill%29>





## Water Safety

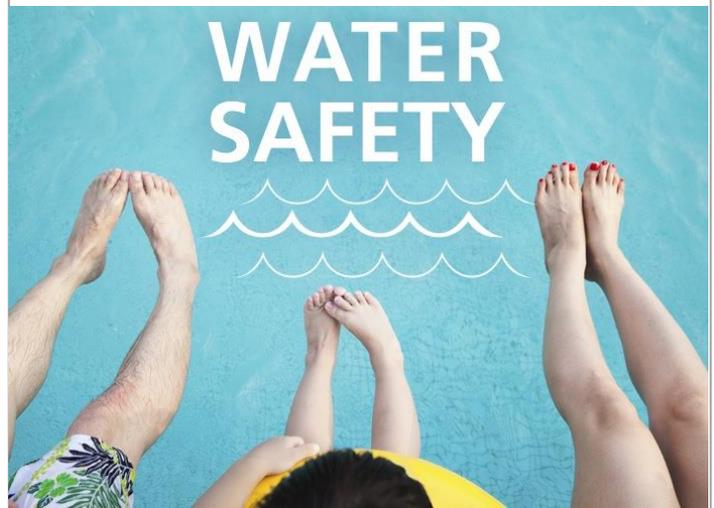
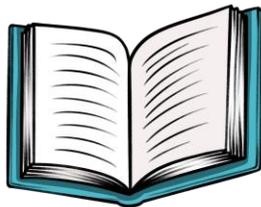
As the hot weather continues, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking parents to ensure their children are safe around water. Whilst it might be tempting to take a dip in canals, rivers and lakes this can be dangerous due to unknown hazards. Ensure your child knows how to “float like a starfish” should they get into difficulty. There is a short-animated video they can watch [The RNLI's Seaside Safety Song - YouTube](#)

If you have a mobile phone, download the free What3Words app which can be used to report a precise location in an emergency: [Download the free what3words app | what3words](#)

For more safety advice, visit our website here: [Water safety](#)

## Books

As we are nearing the end of the academic year, please can all library and reading books be returned to school. If any Big Cat Little Wandle books are not returned, you will be sent a letter asking for a £5 replacement fee. Thank you!





## 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.

#### SUMMER TERM 2025

##### Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	29/4	20/5	17/6
Squirrels	6/5	3/6	24/6
Badgers	13/5	10/6	1/7

##### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	30/4	21/5	18/6
Owls	7/5	4/6	25/6
Woodpeckers	14/5	11/6	2/7

##### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	1/5	22/5	19/6
Ladybirds	8/5	5/6	26/6
Busy Bees	15/5	12/6	3/7

### 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





# 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

21st July 2025

## What's Coming Up?

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

**Parent Stay Forest School**-1.45-2.45pm  
Badgers-11th July

**Year 2 Performances** – tickets live on Arbor  
**6pm on 9th June**

8th July- 2pm

9th July-2pm and 5pm

**Fierte Arts Festival**- w/c 7th July

Wear blue on 7th July and donate £1 via Arbor

**Year 2 Laches Wood Trip** – Thursday 17th July

**Year 2 Graduation**- Friday 18th July

9.15am - Kestrels

10am - Owls

10.45am - Woodpeckers





For those that want to book ahead, here are next year's dates: Please note 2025-2026 academic year.

- **Autumn Term 2025**
- **INSET Day (1):** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025
- **Term starts:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025
- **Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- **Term Ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025
- **Holiday:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025
- **Spring Term 2026**
- **INSET Day (2):** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- **Term starts:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- **INSET Day (3):** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Holiday:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Term Ends:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- **Holiday:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- **Summer Term 2026**
- **Term starts:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- **May Day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- **Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- **INSET Day (4):** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- **Term Ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- **INSET Day (5):** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026
- **Holiday:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 onwards

