

A Message from Mrs. Harris

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see the children return with such energy and positivity, and we are especially proud of our Reception pupils who have made a fantastic start to their school journey. Their confidence, kindness, and curiosity have already made a big impression, and we're so pleased to welcome our new families into our school community.

As we settle into the term, we'd like to gently remind everyone about our school uniform expectations. We ask that children wear their full school uniform each day, including **black school shoes**. We understand that sometimes things get lost or outgrown, so please don't worry—we have **spare uniform tubs available in the school office** if you need anything. Just pop in and we'll be happy to help.

At the back we have dates for library session and Forest School for you to be aware of, as well as any special assemblies! Apologies as there was an extra date on the website for Inset- correct insets are on the date Newsletter section.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a happy and successful year ahead, working together to help every child thrive.





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!



Year 1



Year 2





We have added to our playground...

We are developing our playground so that pupils can create in imaginative play sparking curiosity, so far it is having a great impact on behaviour and bumps! As we continue to develop this area, we will let you know.

Pod one- Obstacle course



Pod two-Tuff trays



Pod three- Stage and dress up

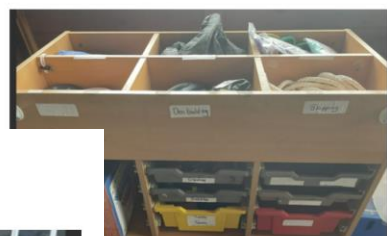




Pod four -Water trays



Pod five- Shelter



Pod six- Kitchen



Pod seven- Relax



Extras





Violet Way Needs You...

We had a good number of Year 2 parents last year that volunteered so we have a real gap. Therefore, please consider if you can help, whether that's in the PTA, or on a school trip. We understand that lives are so busy, but we are reliant on our wonderful parents/grandparents to help us. If you can, please email the office for a pack office@violetway.org



Parking

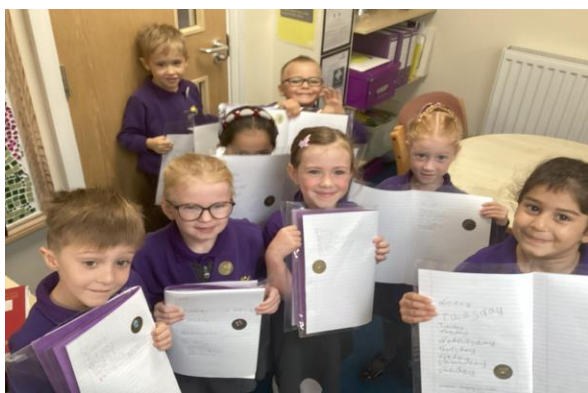
As part of our site security and safety, please can parents not park in our staff carpark. This includes dropping children off at care club in the morning as this can be a particularly busy time of day with staff arriving.

Please also be aware of areas where you cannot park outside of the school and consider our neighbours when doing so. Thank you in advance.





First week back...





P.E. Days

Below is a list of each class' P.E. days. On these days, please remember to remove any earrings at home or cover them with plasters. Please note that our staff are unable to do this for you. Any earrings should only be plain studs, as part of our school uniform policy. Please bring your child's labelled P.E. kit into school – if you haven't already done so – and these will stay at school until the half-term break when they are sent home to be washed. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Monday – Squirrels and Woodpeckers

Tuesday – Ladybirds

Wednesday – Busy Bees and Dragonflies

Thursday – Foxes and Kestrels

Friday – Badgers and Owls

Please be aware that Reception will not start their P.E. lessons straight away but will start in week 3.



Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's clothing and coats with their name. We do not want their lovely new clothes to get lost! As mentioned earlier, we do have some spare school uniform by the office if you are in need of any which is free to take.
Thank you!





Allergen Policy

All parents should be aware that we have an Allergen Policy, which can be found on our website [Violet Way Academy - Trust Policies](#). Some key important notes for parents:

- It is the parents' responsibility to inform the school of any allergies by completing the new entrant's form.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring any required medication is supplied, in date and replaced as necessary.
- For the protection of the children in our schools **no nuts will be allowed in any area at any time. This includes any food that contains Nutella® or similar, peanut butter or any other foods containing nuts. These restrictions also apply to any packed lunches and snacks that are created or sent in from home** (The academy cannot check all lunchboxes and items brought into school, therefore will take measures as reasonably practicable).
- Products that are labelled "May contain nuts" will be accepted into schools as these pose minimal risk and are labelled to protect the manufacturer.

Little Wandle

The Year 1 and Year 2 will start their reading practice sessions next week. We hope you enjoy the books as much as we do! Please remember that the book is one that the children should be comfortably decoding and sounding out in their heads, if needed. They are practising reading the text fluently and with prosody. If you need any further guidance, there are some extremely helpful notes at the front and back of the books. This includes questions that you can ask and things to discuss so you can help them to understand the text too. Reception books will go home soon once they have started their reading practice sessions in a few weeks.

Please remember that the books are to be returned on **Mondays** and will go out on Wednesdays. If books are damaged or lost, a £5.50 replacement fee will be charged. Therefore, please look after them and return on time. Thank you so much for your cooperation in advance.





Arbor Information

Please remember to order a dinner for your child every day on Arbor. The class teachers do check that every child has ordered one in the morning, but some are unsure what the meals are, particularly if they are new.

Dinners can be ordered up to 8am on the day but it's easier to order them in advance – either the night before or for the whole week. Snacks can also be ordered on Arbor in the same way, but fresh fruit is available for all children.

If you are having any difficulties accessing or using Arbor, please contact the school office who will be happy to help. Thank you.



Head Lice

Please be mindful as you come back to school to check your children hair regularly.





Welcome Reception





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 2025

Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	4/11	25/11
Squirrels	-	-	11/11	2/12
Badgers	-	-	18/11	9/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	24/9	15/10	12/11	3/12
Owls	1/10	22/10	19/11	10/12
Woodpeckers	8/10	5/11	26/11	17/12

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	25/9	16/10	13/11	4/12
Ladybirds	2/10	23/10	20/11	11/12
Busy Bees	9/10	6/11	27/11	18/12

Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1 w/b	2 w/b	3 w/b	4 w/b	5 w/b	6 w/b	7 w/b	8 w/b	9 w/b
8/9	15/9	22/9	29/9	6/10	13/10	20/10	3/11	10/11
17/11	2/11	24/11	1/12	8/12	5/1	12/1	19/1	26/1
2/2	9/2	23/2	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	13/4	20/4
27/4	4/5	11/5	18/5	1/6	8/6	15/6	22/6	29/6





Dates for Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Holiday: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025
Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026
Holiday: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026
Holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13th April 2026
May Day: Monday 4th May 2026
Holiday: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

Term & Academic Year Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

Violet Way INSET Days

1st September 2025
 5th January 2026
 13th February 2026
 19th June 2026
 20th July 2026

What's Coming Up?

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

Wednesday 17th September - 9am - Reception Parents' Reading Information Session

Thursday 18th September - 9am - KS1 Parents' Reading Information Session

Tuesday 7th October – School Photographs

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October - Parents' Evenings

Friday 24th October – Harvest Assemblies
 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

Friday 17th October-
 Whole School Enrichment Day – Non-Contact Boxing

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day - Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Thursday 13th November - KS1 phonics open sessions

Thursday 20th November - Reception phonics open sessions

Thursday 18th December – 1.45pm - Year 2 Carol Concert at St. Peter's Church





Please may I gently remind parents that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring children are in school and learning every day. We understand that family time and holidays are important, but we are required to follow national attendance guidelines, including issuing fines where necessary. These decisions are not made by the school directly, and any money collected from fines goes back to the County, not to us.

We know this can be frustrating at times, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to give every child the best possible start in life.

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 1 parent = £640
 Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.


1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160
4 children & 2 parents = £1280
 Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

<p>2ND TIME</p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280</p> <p>No discount for early payment</p>		<p>3RD TIME</p> <p>A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child 1 parent & 4 children = £10,000 2 parents & 4 children = £20,000</p>
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Toddler Group

Toddler group started this week and fun was had by all! The sessions take place every Tuesday 9:00am -10:30am £2 per family. The staff always provide a range of lovely activities and resources for the children to explore as well as some planned craft activities. If you have a pre-school toddler, just pop along to see them – they would love to welcome you to the group.



Toddler Group
Come and join us
every Tuesday
during term time
9:00am – 10:30am.
Just £2 per family!

