

## ***A Message from Mrs. Harris***

What a fantastic fortnight it has been at school! Our Reception children are settling in beautifully and have already begun their phonics journey—it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity grow each day.

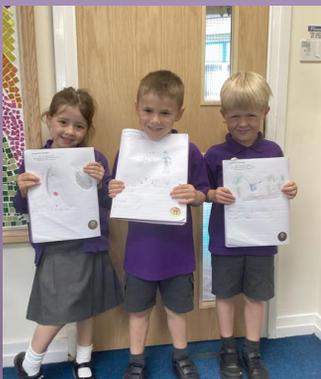
We've also hosted some engaging reading workshops, which were well attended and full of practical ideas to support reading at home. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to our English lead and Deputy, Miss Nicholson, for running them.

As part of my ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe, I've recently completed updated safeguarding training in my role as Designated Safeguarding Lead. Safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do.

Excitingly, we've also started training in a new coaching model that will support staff development and appraisals across the school. This initiative is already sparking great conversations and reflections among our team.

Finally, we continue to enhance our outdoor learning spaces, creating more opportunities for imagination, exploration and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Home Achievements



Welcome to our  
**Merit Assembly**

## Lunchtime

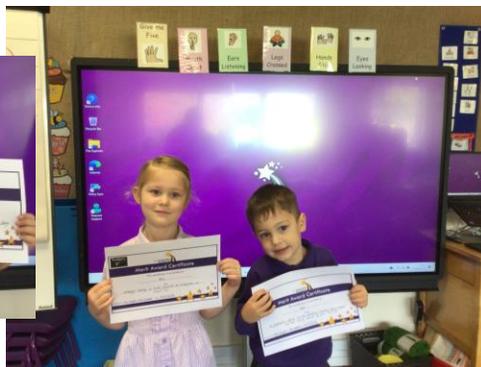
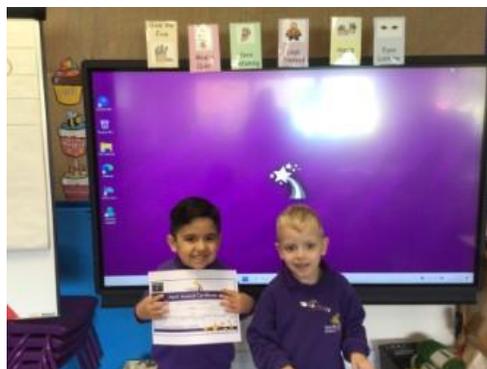




## Merit Award Winners

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

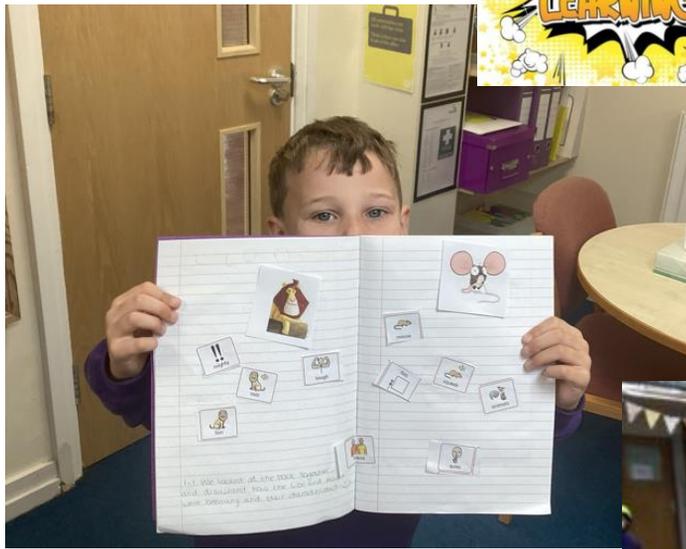
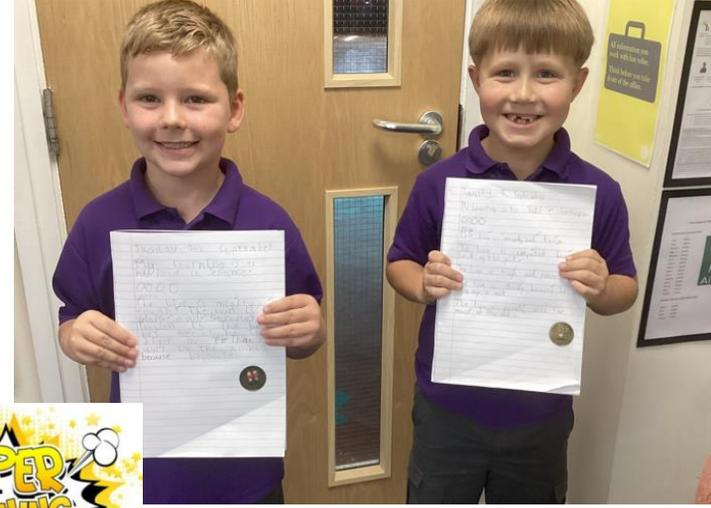


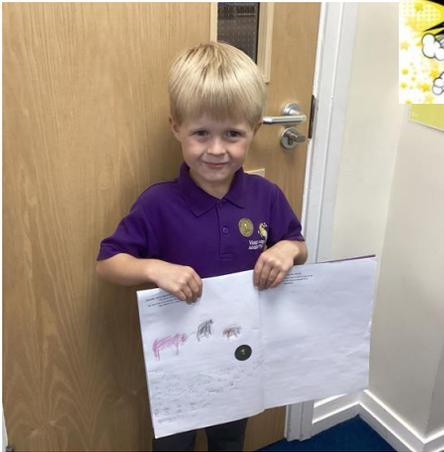
### Year 1



### Year 2









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



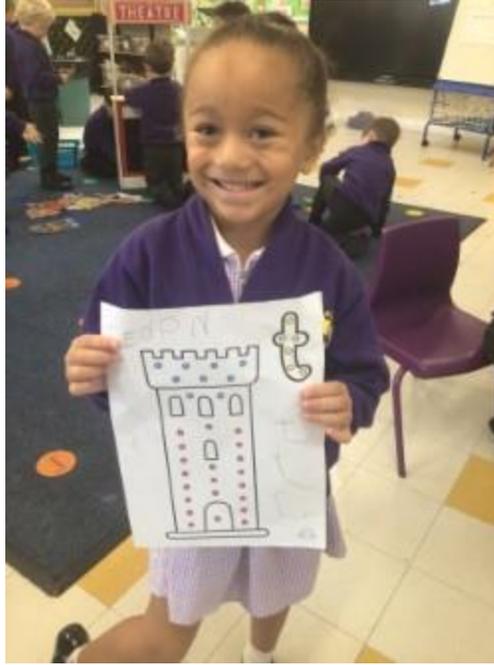
### Parking

We've recently received several complaints from local residents regarding blocked driveways and bins being moved inappropriately. While we understand that parking can be challenging at times, we must take these concerns seriously to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. As a result, we have requested an increased presence from parking attendants to help monitor the situation and ensure everyone is following the guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



COMMUNITY





# SCAVENGER HUNT



Living Streets is the UK charity for everyday walking and the people behind the Walk to School campaign. Find out more at:

[LIVINGSTREETS.ORG.UK](http://LIVINGSTREETS.ORG.UK)

**A dog**



**Fountain**



**Post box**



**Robin**



**Road cone**



**Street light**



**Gate**



**Park bench**



**Pedestrian crossing**



**Telephone box**



**Feather**



**Twig**



**Pebble**



**Butterfly**



**Brown leaf**



**Flower**



**Green leaf**



**Duck**



**Something smooth**



**Puddle**



**Squirrel**



**Something yellow**



**Ladybird**



**A foot print**



# COFFEE MORNING

FOR PARENTS & CARERS  
OF VIOLET WAY

FIRST FRIDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH

SAFE SPACE  
WITH A COFFEE  
AND MAYBE  
EVEN CAKE



4TH OCTOBER, 15TH NOVEMBER, 6TH DECEMBER  
10TH JANUARY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 17TH APRIL  
8TH MAY, 5TH JUNE, 3RD 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.

### AUTUMN TERM 2025

#### Reception Tuesday Sessions

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

#### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

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

#### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

<b>Dragonflies</b>	25/9	16/10	13/11	4/12
<b>Ladybirds</b>	2/10	23/10	20/11	11/12
<b>Busy Bees</b>	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 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

**Term starts:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 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

**Term & Academic Year Ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday 29th 2:15- PTA meeting**

**Tuesday 7th October** – School Photographs

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

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> November** - KS1 phonics open sessions

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception phonics open sessions

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





JOIN US FOR  
**St. Peter's Church Open Day**  
SATURDAY  
20TH SEPTEMBER  
11AM - 3PM

FREE ENTRY

Tea, coffee and cakes

Share memories  
(Please bring any photo's or memorabilia from your wedding)

Fun family activities

Look around the building

Tours up the tower  
(tower tour for age 8 and over only and subject to weather conditions)

4 STAPENHILL RD, BURTON-ON-TRENT, DE15 9AF

heritage open days

## School Council

Each class took part in a democratic vote recently to decide on their School Council Representative. They can easily be spotted proudly wearing their School Council badge and will soon take part in some training in how to lead some playground games. Well done to:

Foxes – Tommy C.

Kestrels – Poppy

Badgers – Owen

Owls - Hallie

Squirrels – Theo S.

Woodpeckers - Mia

Busy Bees – Luke

Dragonflies – Hunter

Ladybirds - Darcey





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**

**5**

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><b>2ND TIME</b></p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280 No discount for early payment</p>		<p><b>3RD TIME</b></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 <b>1 parent &amp; 4 children = £10,000</b> <b>2 parents &amp; 4 children = £20,000</b></p>
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