

A Message from Mrs. Harris

A great two weeks with lots of busy activities.

SEN Conference Insight

I was delighted present with **Mr. Malcolm** at a recent conference on **Special Educational Needs**. It was both an honor and privilege.

Coffee Morning with Mrs. Dawson – A Lovely Turnout!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a very successful **coffee morning** with Mrs. Dawson. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our school community. Your feedback and presence are always appreciated! :)

Fire Service Visit – Year 2

Our Year 2 pupils had an exciting visit from the **local Fire Service!** The children learned about fire safety, explored the fire engine, and even got to see the engine. A big thank you to our local heroes for making learning so engaging and memorable.

PTA Planning Underway

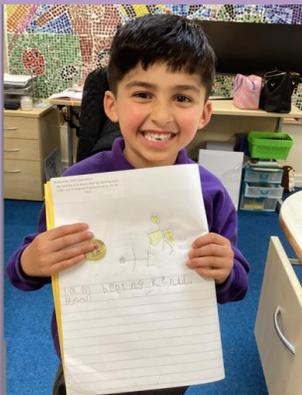
We've officially started **planning our next PTA events!** Early meetings have been full of energy and creativity — thank you to all the parents and carers who are getting involved. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned!

Library

It has been great to see the library mornings opening again. (Reception after half term)

Reception children and Key stage 1 (years 1 and 2) have been mixing this week, it's been a joy to watch the interactions and see the kindness of our play leaders.

Have a great weekend one and all.





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.01%
Reception	95.96%
Year 1	98.55%
Year 2	93.37%



Congratulations to **Ladybirds 100%** 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





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

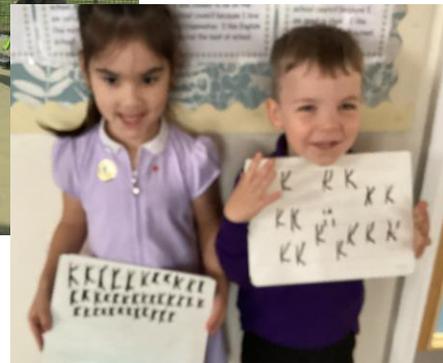
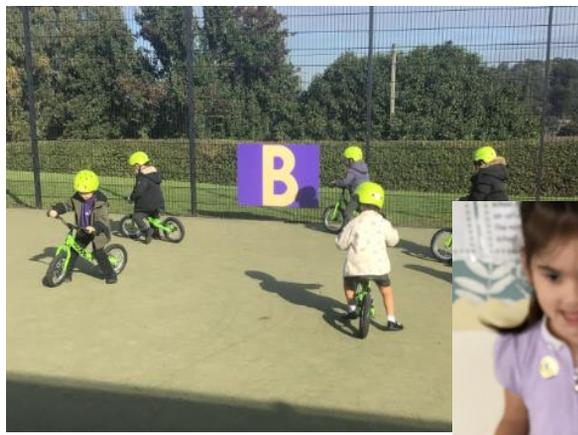
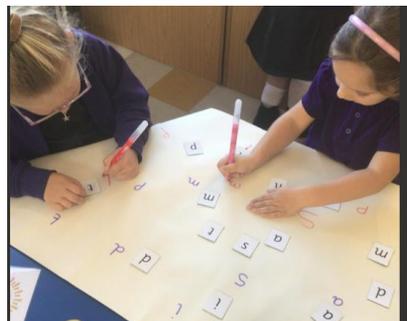


Year 1



Year 2







Could someone you know be the teacher who inspires the next generation?

 – **29th September 2025: DfE Find opens for applicants to search through teacher training courses.**

 – **6th October 2025: DfE Apply opens for applications for a September 2026 start.**

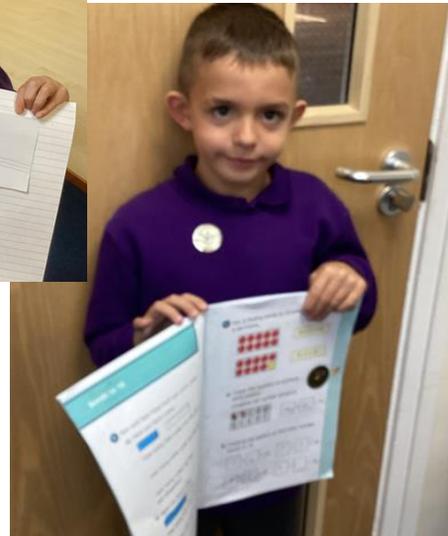
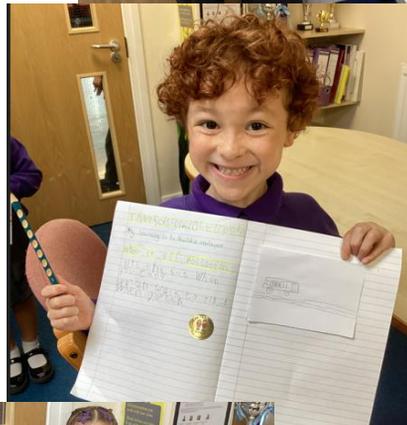
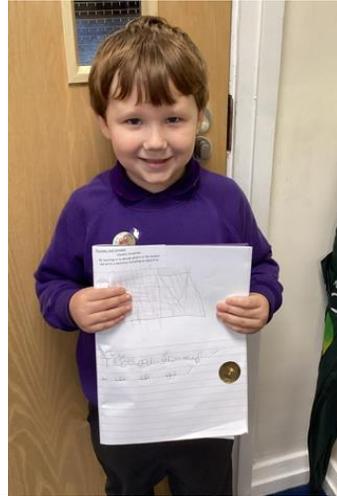
<Insert School> are pleased to work in partnership with The John Taylor SCITT to offer local placements and valuable classroom experience to the teachers we need tomorrow, today!

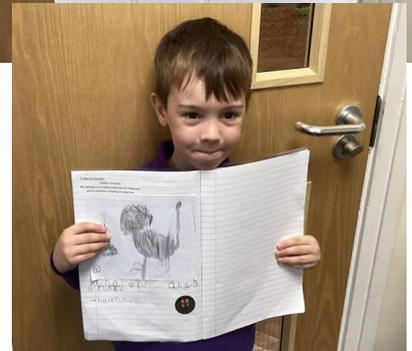
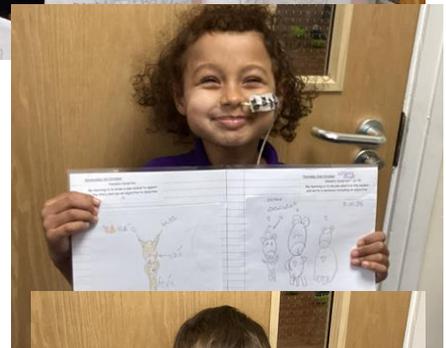
The John Taylor SCITT is an accredited provider of Initial Teacher Training that offers;

- Experience of leading over 400 teachers through to Qualified Teacher Status since 2015.
- 40 Placement schools across the East and West Midlands, in your local area.
- Primary (3-7), Primary (5-11) and Primary (5-11 with SEND Enhancement) routes
- Secondary (11-16) routes in; Art, Biology, Chemistry, D&T, English, French, German, Geography, History, Maths, PE, Physics and Religious Studies.
- All routes can be offered on a PGCE with QTS or QTS Only basis.
- All routes can be studied either on a one-year full time or two-year part time basis.

Discover more and sign up for an upcoming Train to Teach event at: <https://jtscitt.co.uk/>







Reading Books

Please remember that Little Wandle reading books should be returned to school on **Mondays**. Also, it is so important that the books are looked after and returned in the same condition. Please do not put water bottles in the children's bags when the books are also in there as they have a tendency to leak and damage the books. If this happens, you will be asked to pay the £5.50 for its replacement.

Thank you for looking after the books and supporting with your child's reading at home.



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

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

Tuesday 7th October – School Photographs

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October - Parents' Evenings- live 3/10

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.

Friday 14th November- Children in need- wear something spotty.

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

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>2ND TIME</p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320 2 children = 640 3 children = 960 4 children = 1280 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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