



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

What a super two weeks, Year 1 and 2 have had visits from our fire service, pupil progress meetings have happened with teachers where we discuss specifics of pupils and clear next steps. We have also had a staff twilight, really looking at leadership and how we lead subjects in our school. This week we have thoroughly enjoyed parents' evening; it is such a pleasure to hear the positive conversations happening and hear the joy from parents and carers about their children.

Today has been Enrichment Day. Every half term we try to engage the children in a sport they may not have always had access too. This is led by our sports lead, Mrs. Draycott, and we buy a company in for the day. This half term, children have loved non-contact boxing. We have other exciting plans to allow your children to experience different sports.

This last two days I have been lucky enough to go to Birmingham on a CST leaders conference, and feeling truly inspired about next steps for Violet Way.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>97.53%</b>
Reception	<b>97.42%</b>
Year 1	<b>98.79%</b>
Year 2	<b>96.34%</b>

Congratulations to **Ladybirds (99.61%)** 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.**

## Home Achievements



## 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 for the last fortnight!

### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2







## Scarecrow Competition



**Why not head to Garden King and see the Scarecrow Violet Way and the PTA created!**

**We think it's 'Wicked'!**





## Non-Contact Boxing



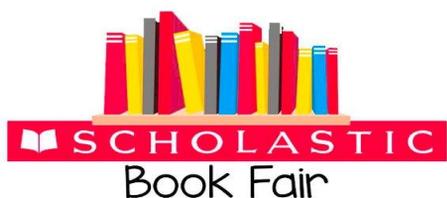
Liam, from Progressive Sports, was amazed at all of the classes today! He couldn't believe how sensible and talented they were. Well done Violet Way!





## Reading Ambassadors

Six new Reading Ambassadors have recently been chosen in Year 2. They will help to run the weekly Lunchtime Book Club, read stories to the younger children, recommend books and also help to keep the library nice and organised. You can easily spot them as they're wearing their Reading Ambassador badges; well done!



Thank you to everyone who came and supported the school by purchasing books and other items at the book fair. We raised nearly £300 to buy new books with!

## Parent Open Sessions

We are really looking to welcoming you in school soon so you can watch our phonics lessons! These will take place in your child's classrooms:

Thursday 13th November:

Year 1 - 9am

Year 2 - 9.30am

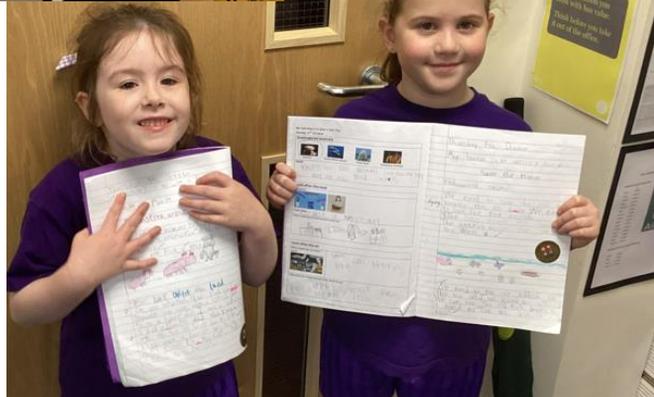
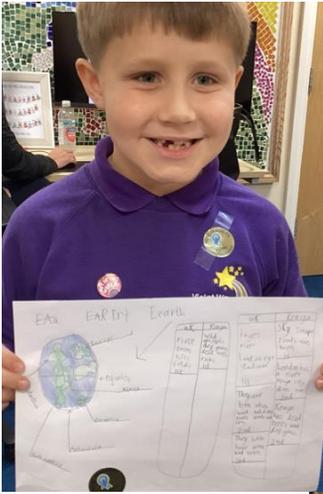
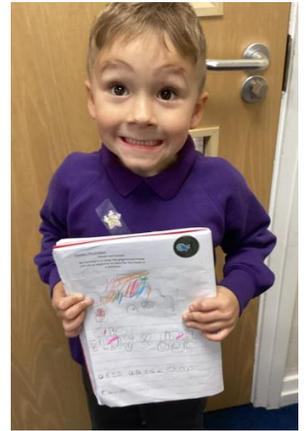
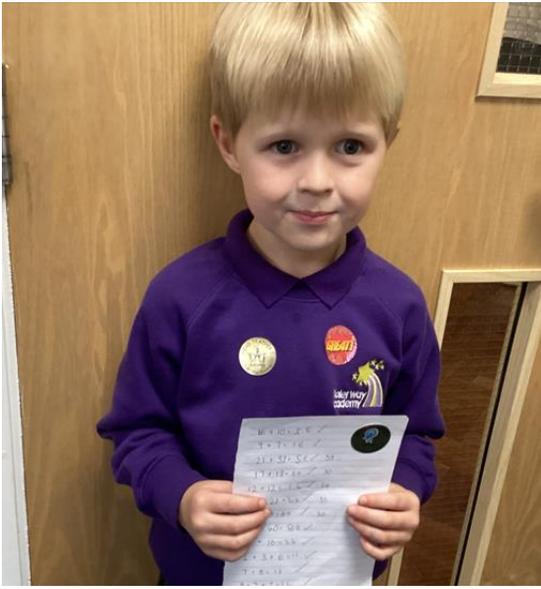
Thursday 20th November:

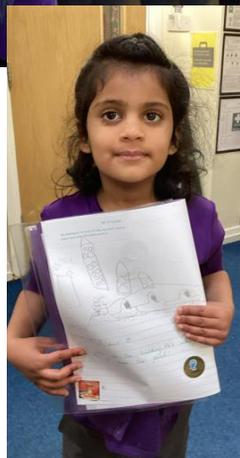
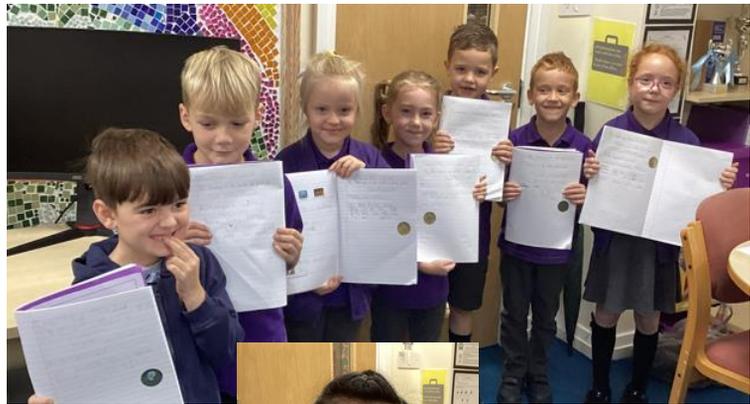
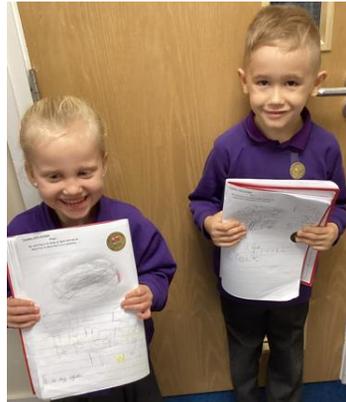
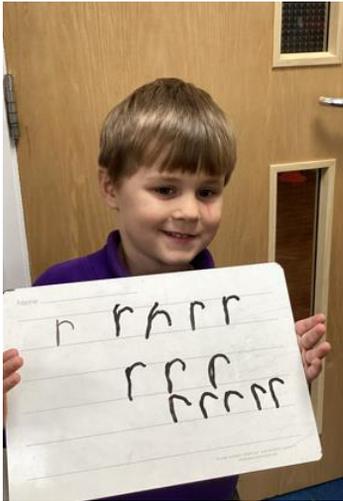
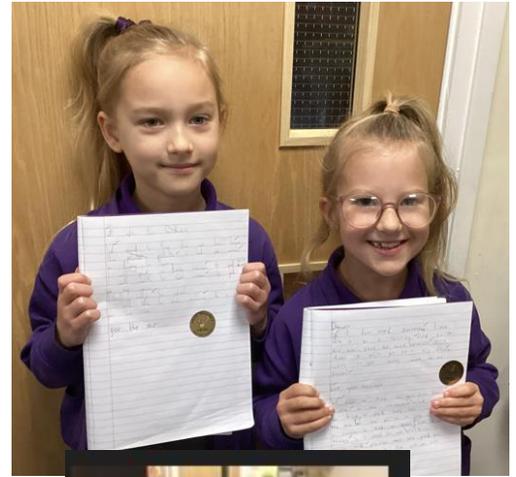
Reception – 9.05am

Please wait outside the main school gates once you have dropped your child off at school because we will need to register them first. The sessions will last for approximately 30 minutes.

If possible, please can only one adult attend the session due to limited space in the classrooms. We hope that you find the sessions useful in supporting your child's reading at home.









## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) Previous attachment FOR HALF TERM 2025



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

### BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 27th - 31st October 2025

### BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult. Scotland 13th - 17th Oct  
England & Wales 27th - 31st Oct

### BURGER KING

From 13th Oct - 2nd Nov, Kids Eat Free (via app)

### CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily 27th - 31st October

### COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE Daily Mon 27th Oct - Sun 9th Nov 2025

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

### FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct  
(Scotland) & Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

### FLAMING GRILL

1 Kids eats free, Mon 13th - 20th Oct (Scotland) &  
Mon 20th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales)

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

### HUNGRY HORSE

2 Kids eat free From Mon 6th - Fri 17 Oct (Scotland)  
& Fri 17th - Fri 31 Oct (England & Wales).

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### LAS IGUANAS

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

### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

### MORRISONS

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

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

### PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

### PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### SIZZLING PUBS

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

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

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## 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



# 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



# 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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> October-**

Whole School Enrichment Day – Non-Contact Boxing

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> November-** Children in Need- wear something spotty

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November-** Wreath making TA event. 5.30-7.30pm

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

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

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...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



### 3RD TIME

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**

