

A Message from Mrs. Harris

The past fortnight has been full of joy, community spirit, and exciting new initiatives. We started by celebrating kindness in style—our children proudly wore odd socks and went spotty for Children in Need, reminding us all how small acts can make a big difference. One of the highlights has been the launch of our Guardian Groups. This fantastic initiative brings together children from Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 into mixed-age groups, each led by a familiar adult—whether a teacher, teaching assistant, site manager, or office staff member. These groups give every child a sense of belonging and connection across the school, and we couldn't be more excited about the positive impact this will have.

As Headteacher, I've also had the pleasure of touring prospective parents for 2026 places. I am so proud of our children—time and again, they show superb respect and enthusiasm, making every visit a true showcase of our school values.

Our PTA wreath-making evening was another highlight—a wonderful opportunity for adults to come together, share creativity, and enjoy that special community feel that makes our school so unique.

Finally, it's been lovely to welcome parents into school to see just how amazing our children are at phonics. Watching their progress and confidence grow is always a joy.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of these moments. Here's to more kindness in the weeks ahead!

Happy Weekend





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.38%
Reception	95.4%
Year 1	94.96%
Year 2	99.25%



Congratulations to **Foxes and Owls (100%!)**

for being the classes 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

Well done to our Lunchtime Award children who all showed good manners to the staff in the dining hall.

Well done to the children who brought in their awards from outside of school. These included football, swimming and tennis 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





Guardian groups voted for most spotty





We had lots of parents and relatives visit each class this last fortnight for phonics, and what a joy it was! We hope you are as impressed as we are with phonics.

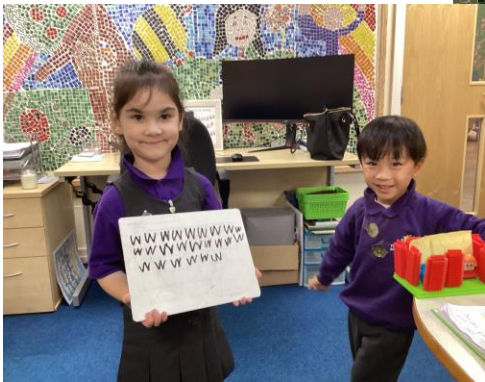
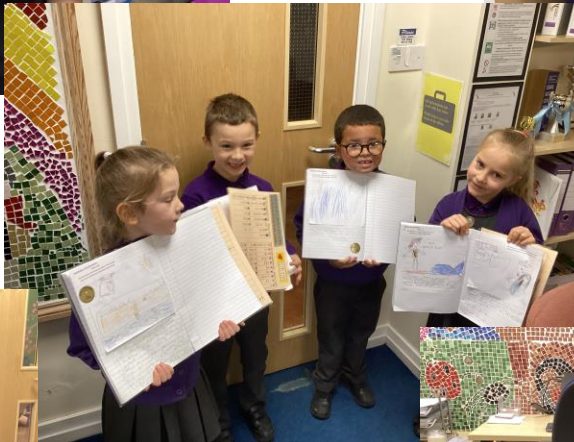
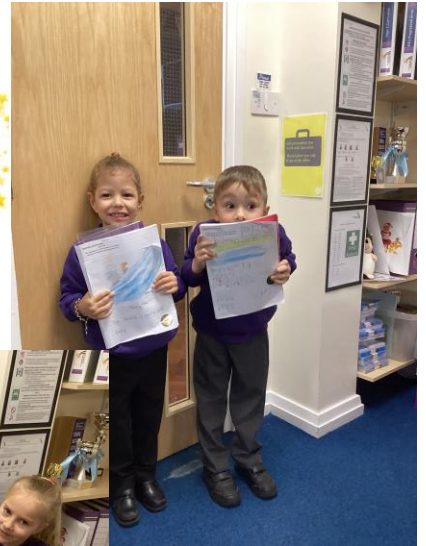
A huge thank you to our staff as well, not an easy thing to manage, but a great experience to give you all.

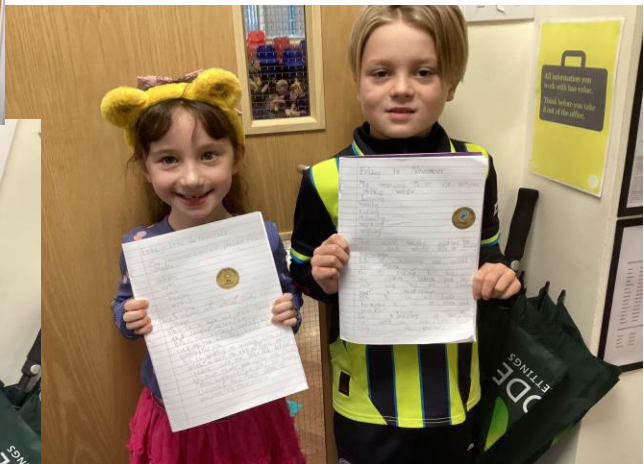
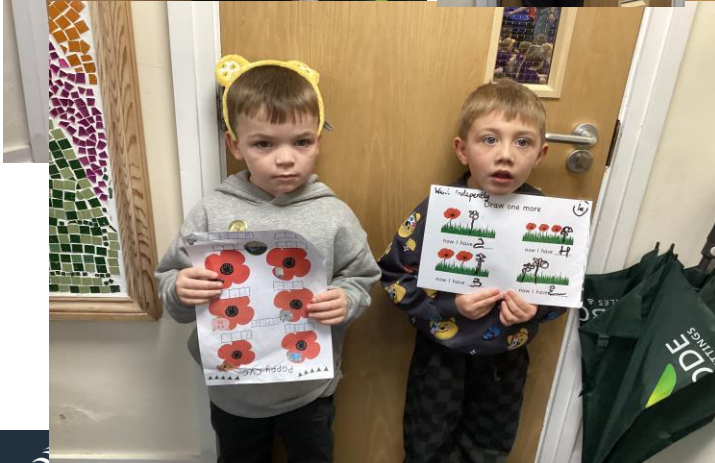
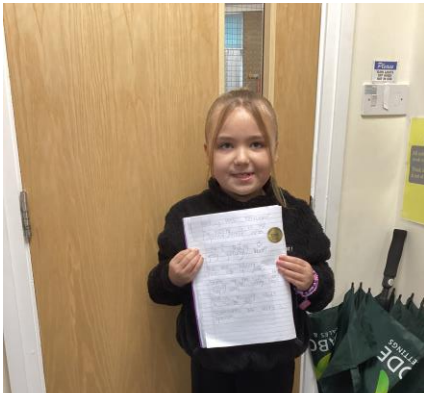
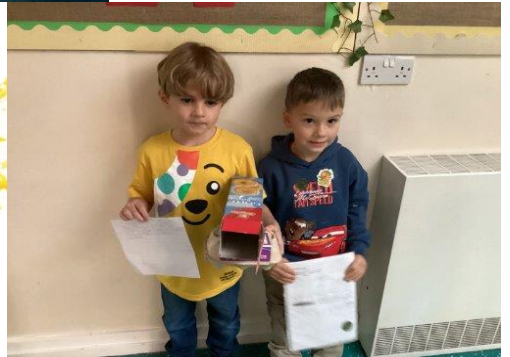
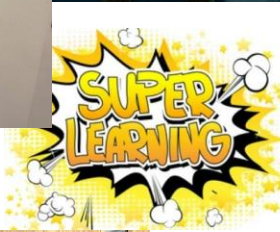


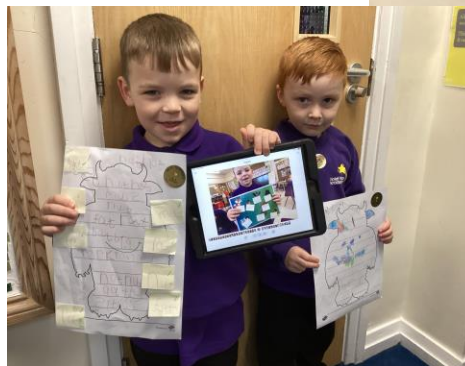
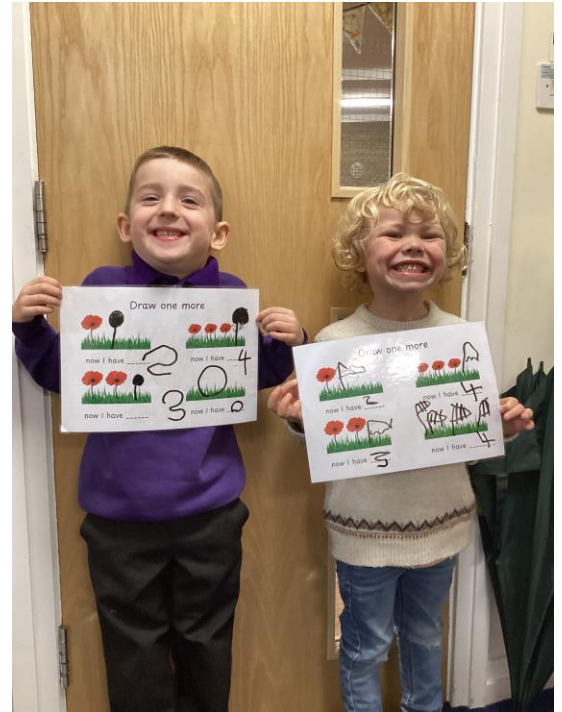
There will be reading open sessions coming up in January. The dates are in the 'Dates in the Diary' section and times will be in the next newsletter.















Forest School



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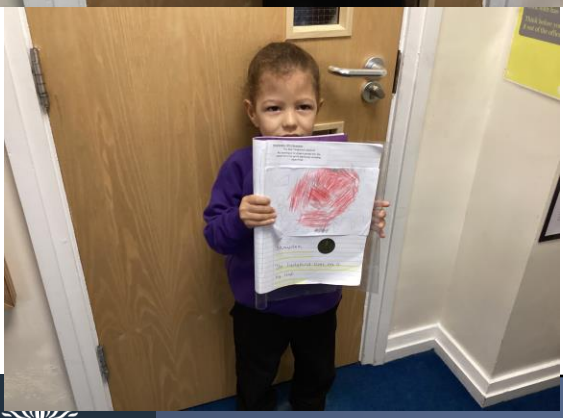
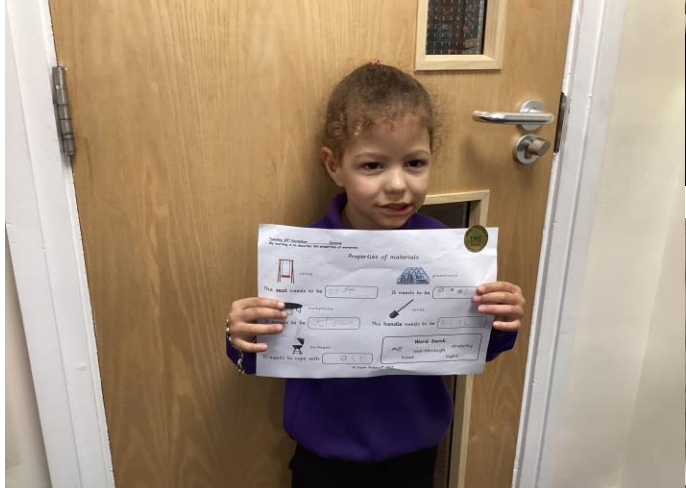
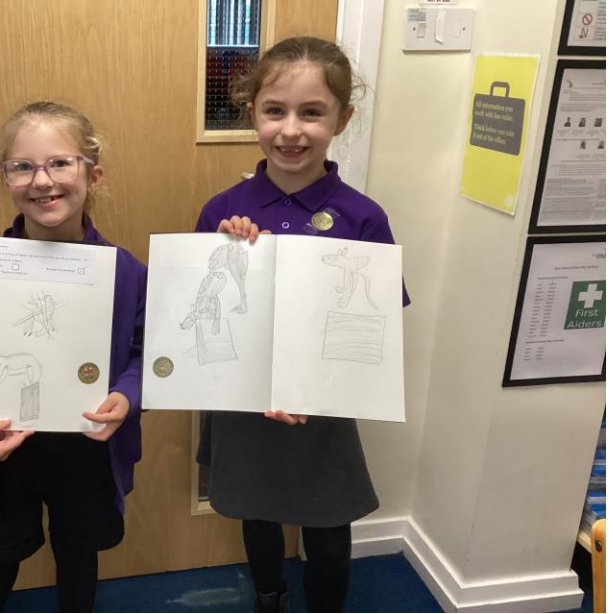
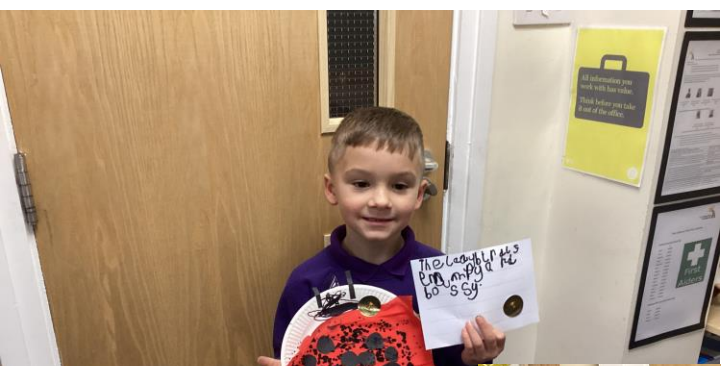
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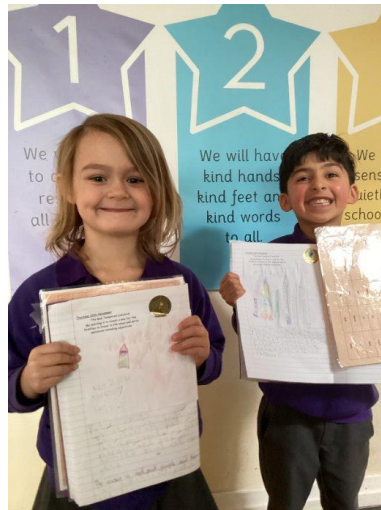
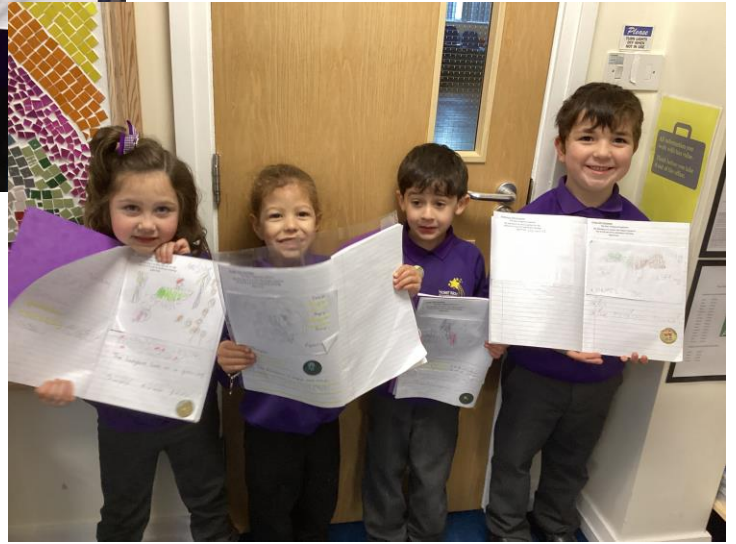




Winners of our Raisin Challenge









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)

Forest School Timetable

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

Reception Christmas Play – Thursday

11th December

9.15am - Foxes

10.15am -Badgers

1.45pm -Squirrels

Christmas Fair- Thursday 11th December

3.30-5pm

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner

Day - Wednesday 17th December

Year 1 Singalong- Thursday 18th

December

9.15am - Ladybirds

10.15am - Dragonflies

11.15am - Busy Bees

Year 2 Carol Concert at St. Peter's Church

– Thursday 18th December – 1.45pm

Reception Reading Practice Open

Sessions – Tuesday 20th January

Year 1 Reading Practice Open Sessions –

Wednesday 21st January

Year 2 Shared Reading Sessions –

Thursday 22nd January





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</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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