

## *A Message from Mrs. Harris*

As the festive season approaches, Violet Way is alive with excitement and a sense of community. Preparations for Christmas are well underway, and the school is sparkling with creativity and joy. Our new Guardian Groups have brought a wonderful feeling of belonging, with every adult taking time to connect with their group of children.

A special thank you goes to Mr Bob for helping us bring Christmas magic to life with our beautiful real tree's -it's a true centrepiece of the season.

In assembly we have spoken about darker evenings and busy roads, we remind everyone to stay close to their grown-ups at drop-off and pick-up times to keep everyone safe.

The excitement continues with our annual Christmas Door Decorating Competition. Each class is working hard to create the most magical doorway, and the anticipation of crowning a winner is building! Amid all the festive fun, learning remains at the heart of everything we do. Lessons continue with focus and energy, sprinkled with moments of seasonal joy to make this time of year truly special. Please don't forget we have our Christmas Fair on Thursday





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>96.38%</b>
Reception	<b>95.4%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.96%</b>
Year 2	<b>99.25%</b>



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.**

## Home Achievements



## Lunchtime Awards



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

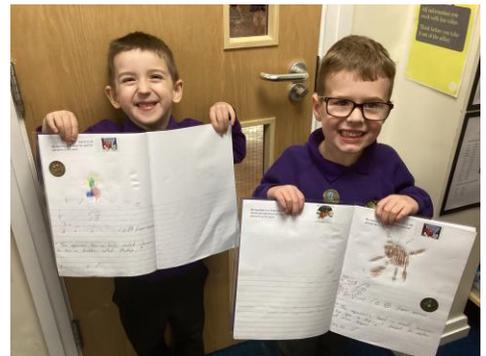
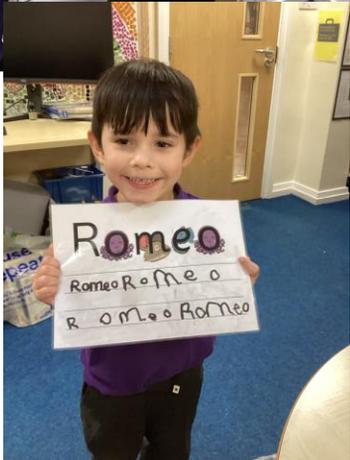
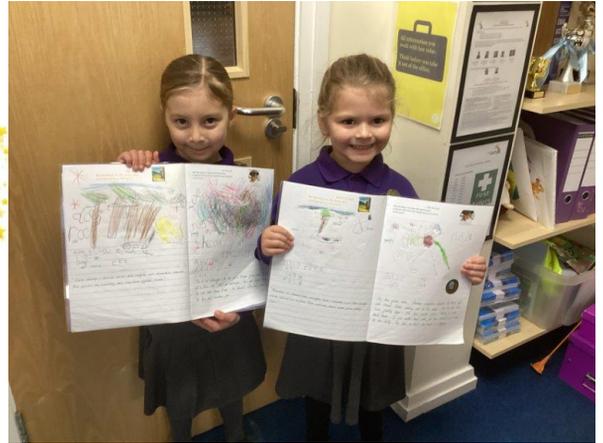


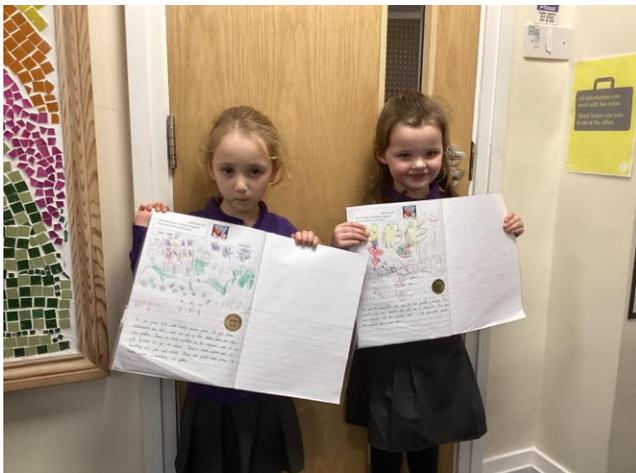
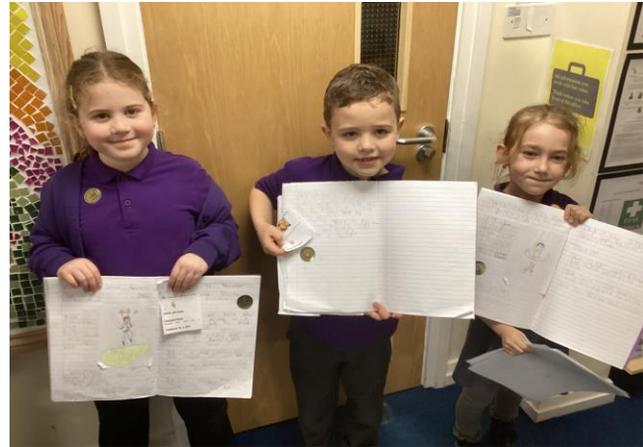
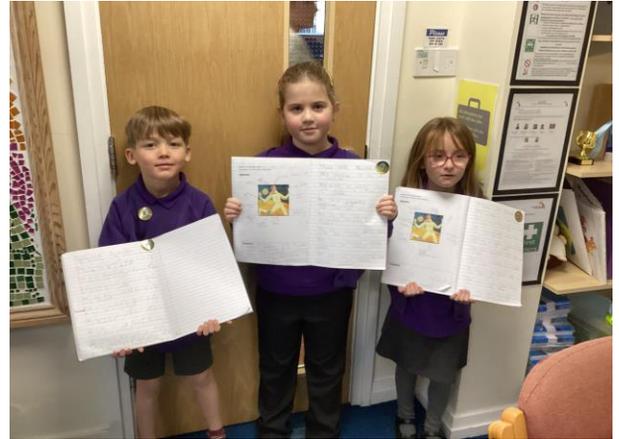
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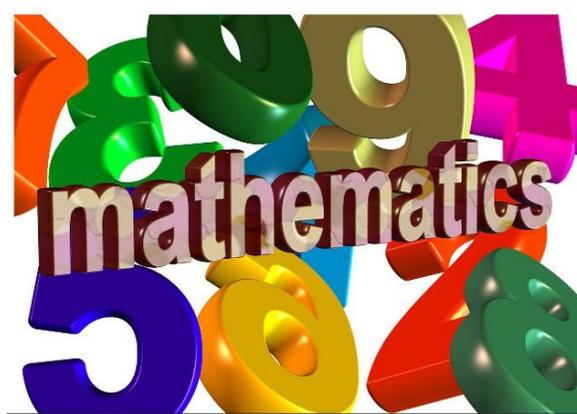


Year 2









1 minute maths is a free app that can be downloaded to support your child with their Maths learning. White Rose Maths suggest that 1 minute of speedy Maths practice can make a difference to a child's Maths understanding. In Reception we are using 1 minute maths to practice our subitising skills for numbers to 5. Subitising is a key skill that children in Reception and beyond need to learn, and frequently practice, in to make links with numbers later in their Maths journey. For Year 1 it is a great resource for the children to use to practice skills in addition and subtraction e.g. recognising 2 parts on a ten frame and in Year 2 it is fantastic for practicing their times tables and division also.





We have had a number of cases of theadworms in school, please be vigilant in checking children and encouraging handwashing at all times. Thank you





ONCE AGAIN,



## RIVERSIDE CHURCH

PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Magical Mayhem

JOIN US **FREE**

**SUNDAY 10.15 - 11:15 AM**

**7TH**

**DECEMBER**

PARENTS/CARERS TO STAY

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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)**

## 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 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

**Reception Christmas Play** – Thursday 11th December  
9.15am - Foxes, 10.15am - Badgers, 1.45pm - Squirrels

**Christmas Fair**- Thursday 11th December 3.30-5pm – wear anything and bring a bottle

**Christmas Jumper (uniform also) and Christmas Dinner Day** - Wednesday 17th December

**Year 1 Singalong (year 1 party clothes)**- 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

**Friday 19th December**- Party clothes and bring a donation for charity

**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><b>2ND TIME</b></p> <p>2 parents and 1 child = £320          2 children = 640          3 children = 960          4 children = 1280</p> <p><b>No discount for early payment</b></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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