

A Message from Mrs. Harris

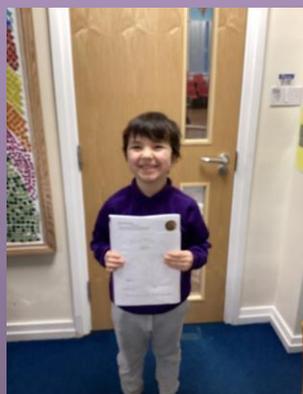
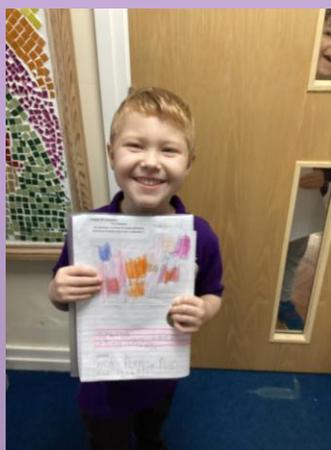
I can't believe this is the final newsletter of 2025! What an amazing term it has been—welcoming our wonderful Reception children to school, celebrating Harvest assemblies, phonics workshops, Christmas fairs, Santa visits, discos, the start of our Guardian group, Nativities, coffee mornings, assemblies, parents' evenings, and PTA meetings. That's without even mentioning the incredible progress and learning that has taken place!

A special thank you to all of you, our parents and carers, for your continued support and kindness. It's a privilege to work alongside our families.

Spring Library dates are on the Newsletter for your diaries too.

We also recognise that Christmas can be a difficult time for some. If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.82%
Reception	91.07%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	95.63%



Congratulations to **Kestrels (96.22%!)** 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

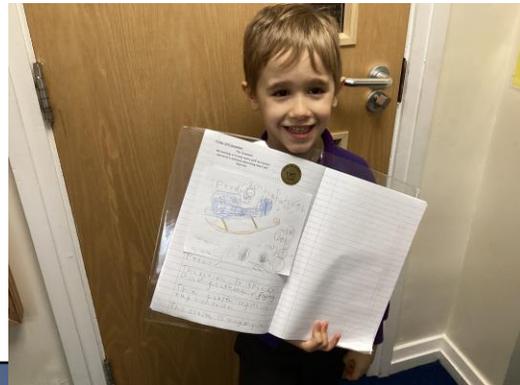
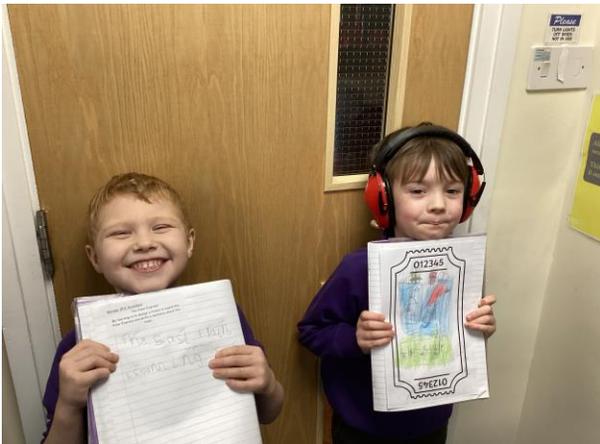
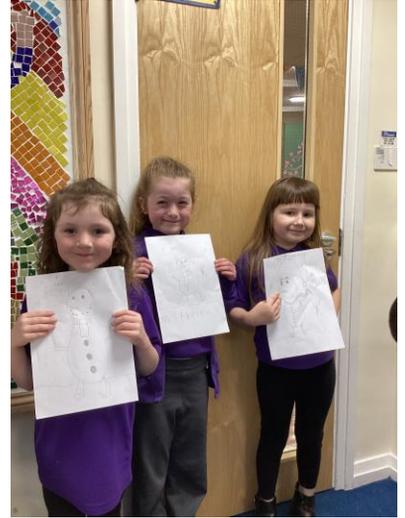
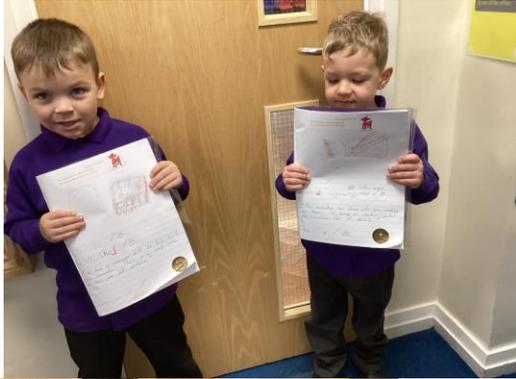
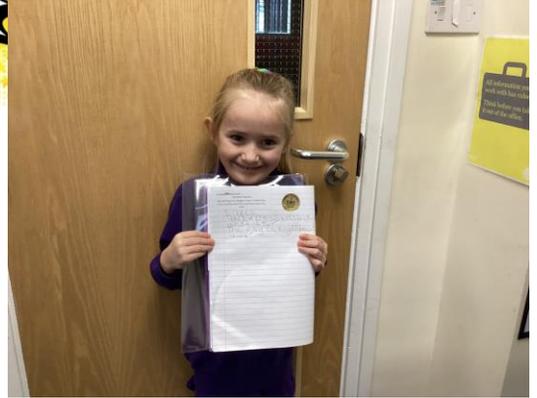
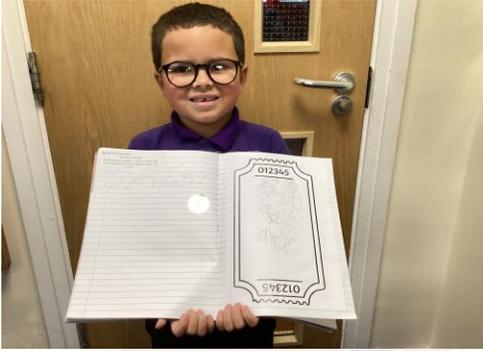


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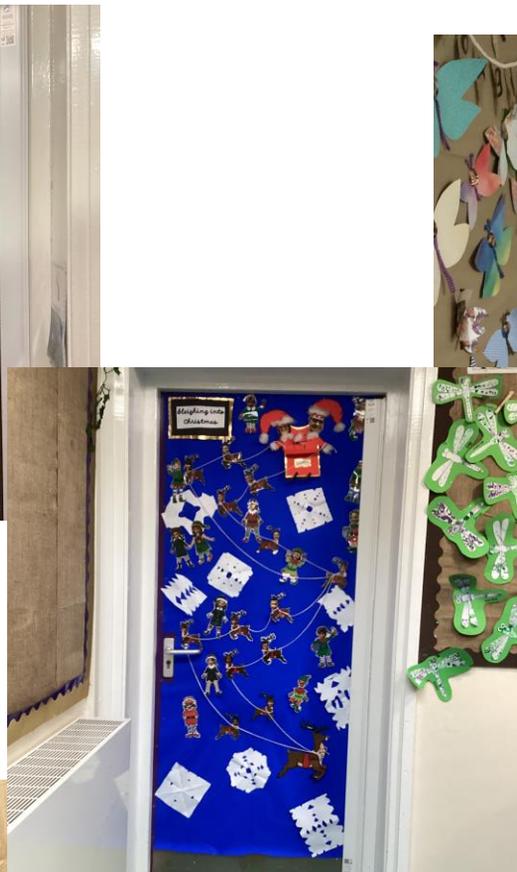
Year 2







Christmas Door competition



Just a bit of fun! Art lead Miss Barnard came to judge the doors with our school council







- 3rd place- Squirrels



- 2nd place- Snowdrops



- 1st place- Ladybirds





Santa came to Violet Way





Nativities





Year 1 sing-along





Year 1 Polar Express





Christmas Fair

- Thank you to the PTA and staff that made this possible, raising nearly £900





Christmas Dinner



A huge shout out to our Kitchen staff for making this such a wonderful day





Reading Ambassadors

Last Friday, our six Year 2 Reading Ambassadors read a story to our Reception and Year 1 classes. They were so brave and read with confidence. Well done to them!



Reading Open Sessions

Following the success of the recent phonics open sessions, next term we are pleased to hold further open sessions for you to come and watch. In Reception and Year 1 these will be our Little Wandle reading practice open sessions which usually take place three times a week. In Year 2, it will be our whole class shared reading sessions.

These will take place on:

Tuesday 20th January – Reception

9.10am - Foxes

9.30am - Squirrels

9.50am - Badgers

Wednesday 21st January – Year 1

9.10am - Busy Bees

9.30am - Ladybirds

9.50am - Dragonflies

Thursday 22nd January – Year 2

All classes at 9.10am

We hope that you can make it! We would appreciate just one person attending per child due to limited space. If there are any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Nicholson. Thank you.





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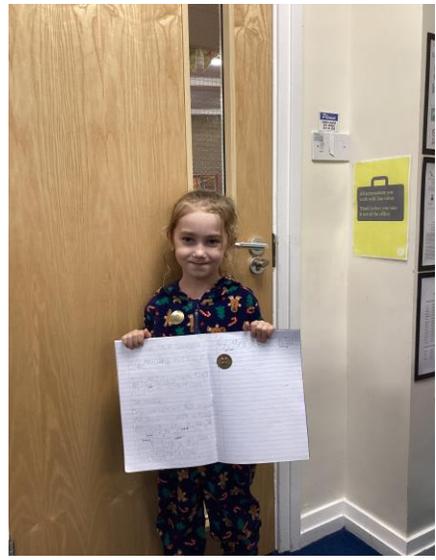
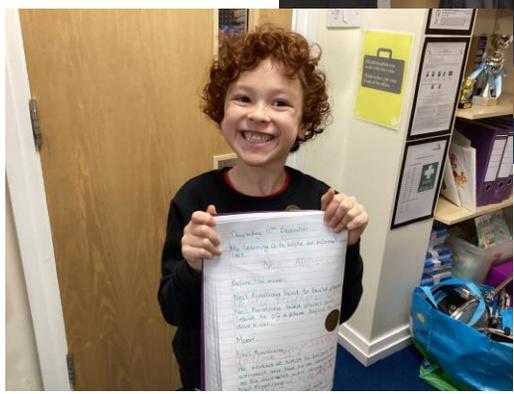
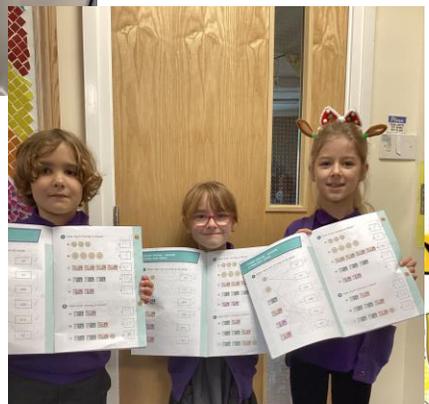
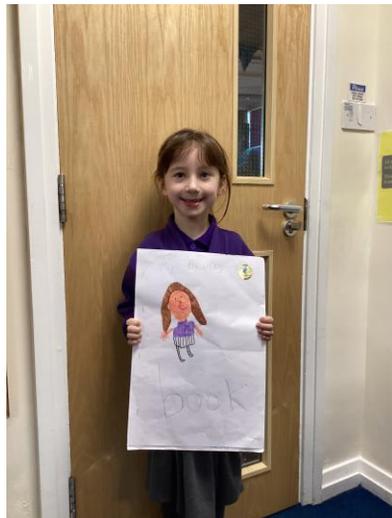
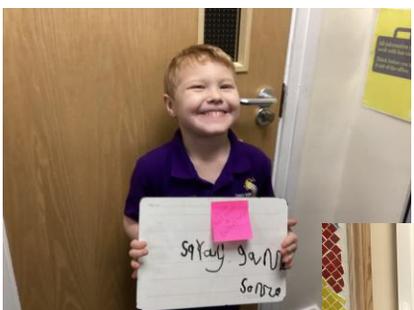


To VIOLET WAY ACADEMY

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £235.01







THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM IN SCHOOLS ARE **OPEN** OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026

If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.

We can help with:

- Low mood
- Anxiety
- Sleep difficulties
- Worry
- Panic

Burton and Uttoxeter
01283 504487

Cannock & Seisdon
01283 352113

Stafford
01283 504487

Tamworth & Lichfield
01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Spring

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.

SPRING TERM 2026

Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	6/1	27/1	24/2	17/3
Squirrels	13/1	3/2	3/3	24/3
Badgers	20/1	10/2	10/3	

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	7/1	28/1	25/2	18/3
Owls	14/1	4/2	4/3	25/3
Woodpeckers	21/1	11/2	11/3	

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	8/1	29/1	26/2	19/3
Ladybirds	15/1	5/2	5/3	26/3
Busy Bees	22/1	12/2	12/3	

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 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	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

Year 1 Trip to Sudbury Hall – Tuesday 20th January

Reception Reading Practice Open Sessions – Tuesday 20th January

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Year 1 Reading Practice Open Sessions – Wednesday 21st January

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Year 2 Shared Reading Sessions – Thursday 22nd January – 9.10am

National Storytelling Week – w/b Monday 2nd February

Parents' Evening –

Tuesday 10th February & Wednesday 11th February

Coffee morning: 9th January, 6th February, 6th March

6th February NSPCC Number day





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

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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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