

A Message from Mrs. Harris

We would love for you to join us at our next PTA meeting on 9th February at 2pm. We wouldn't be able to run many of the exciting events our children enjoy without the support of the PTA, such as Magical Mayhem, discos and fairs, so your involvement really does make a difference.

This fortnight, we have also welcomed parents into school to take part in our reading sessions, which has been a pleasure to see. Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Sudbury Hall, a venue we haven't visited before. The children were amazing throughout the day, and their behaviour made us incredibly proud.

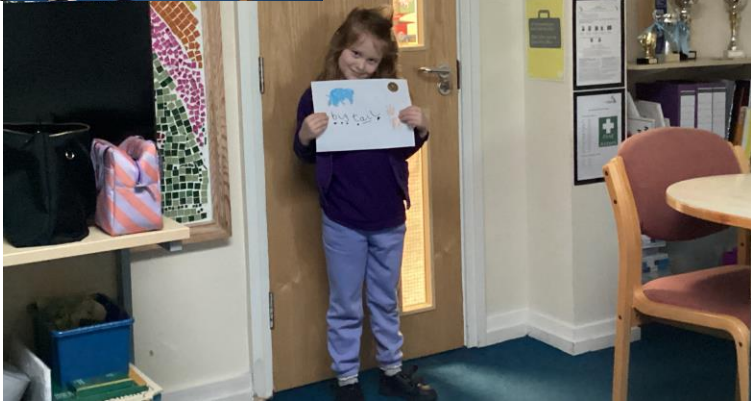
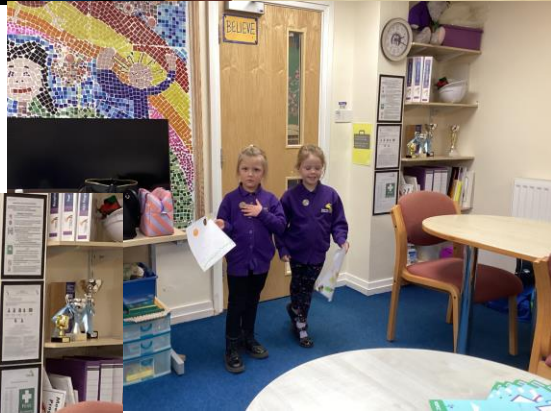
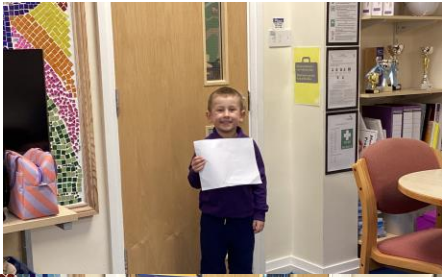
I am excited to see what happens on our Number day Friday 6th February, where we combine Numbers and maths with NSPCC. Remember to be creative with the costumes, and if you need any ideas, talk to your class teachers.

On Tuesday we welcome Birmingham Childrens hospital who are coming to speak to us as our chosen charity, we were thrilled to raise £188.82

We will also be welcoming NSPCC to speak to year 2 next week We have been dodging the rain this week and hoping for Spring to come soon. Have a great weekend,

See you Monday







Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.45%
Reception	97.49%
Year 1	91.65%
Year 2	97.64%



Congratulations to **Foxes 99.29%** 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



Home 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





Reading Open Sessions

Thank you to so many of you who attended our reading open sessions last week. We really hope that you found the sessions useful and they gave you some insight into how we teach reading here at Violet Way. We enjoyed welcoming you!

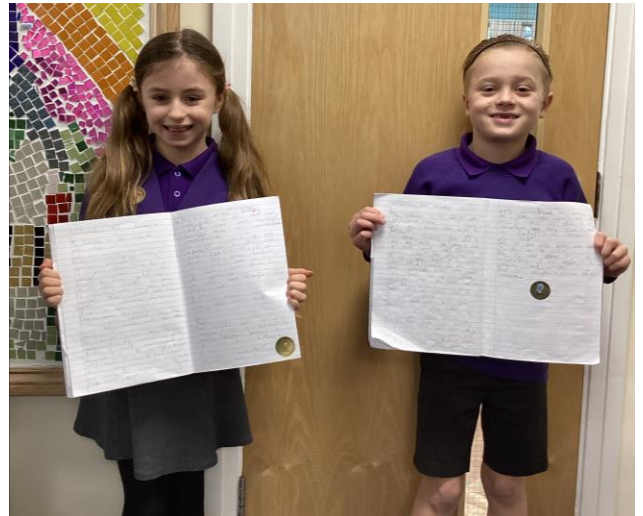
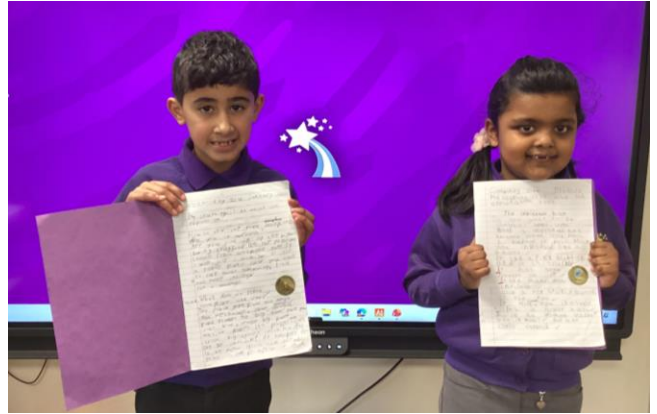


Year 2 Inventors

As part of the Year 2's English curriculum, the children were asked to be inventors and designed their very own invention! Mrs. Harris and Miss Nicholson chose the winning designs, and they even presented them in a Dragon's Den style!

They enjoyed reading the book 'Rosie Revere Engineer' first and completed some great writing throughout the unit.

Well done Year 2!





6th February- Dress Up



How about decorating a plain t-shirt or wearing your favourite sports top with a number?



Number Day



Dress up for Digits 'Be Inspired'



Could you be a human calculator, dice, domino or playing card?



Have fun and Dress up for Digits!

Tag us online:

#NumberDay

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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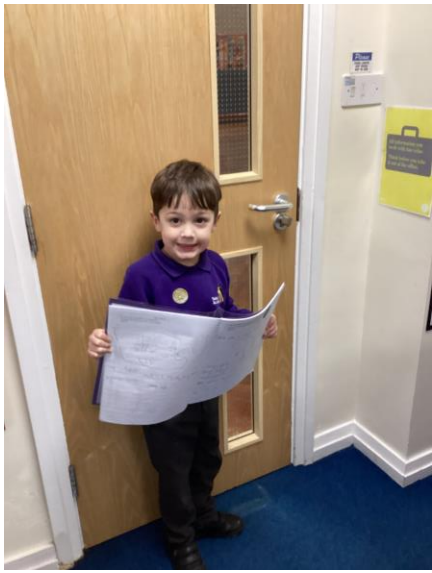
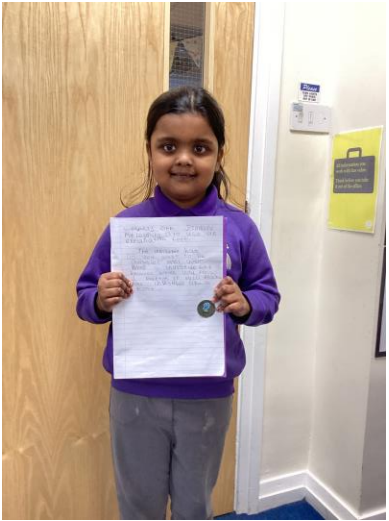
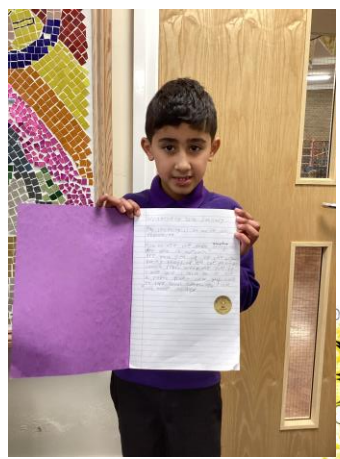
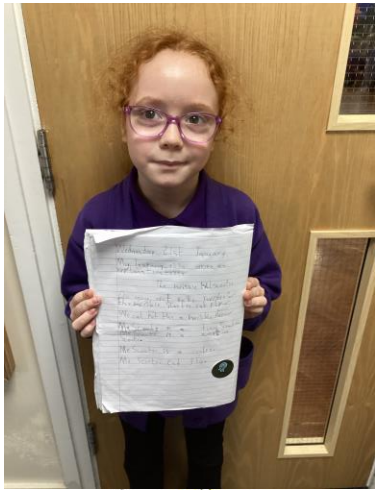
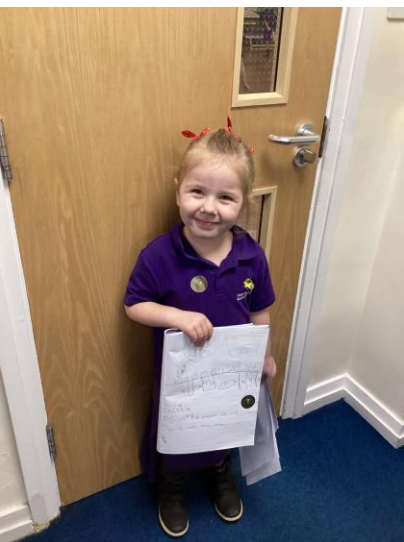
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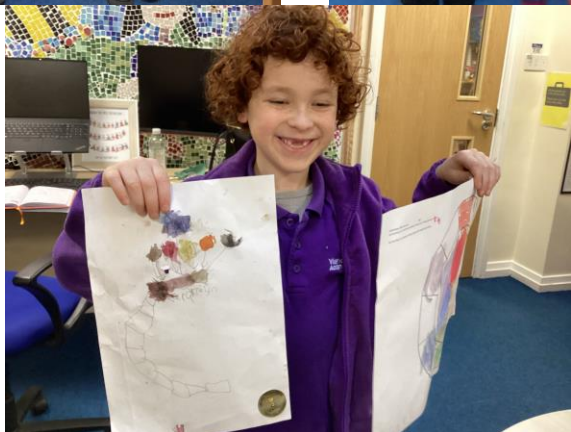
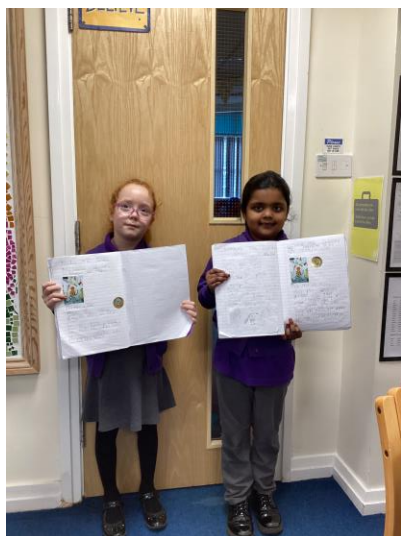
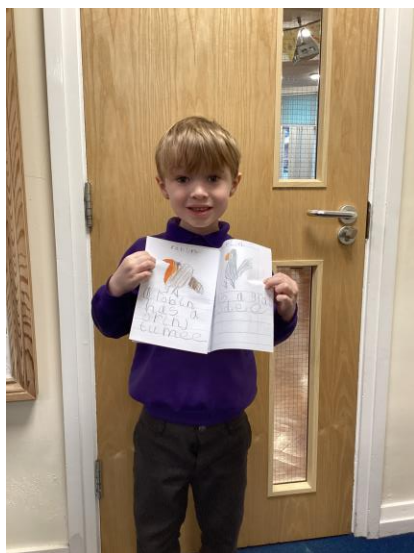
INSPIRING ALL TO EXCELLENCE



Magical Mayhem and Victorian Circus









Stapenhill Football



Huge thanks to Nick and Mrs Draycott for helping run our new to football club





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

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

National Storytelling Week – w/b Monday 2nd February

PTA: 9th February 2pm

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 6th February – dress as a number!

Parents' Evening –

Tuesday 10th February & Wednesday 11th February

Coffee Mornings: 6th February & 6th March

PTA meeting Monday 9th February 2pm

Year 2 trip to Birmingham Think Tank-

Wednesday 25th Feb





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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