



A Message from Mrs. Harris

The children of Violet Way have made us incredibly proud. Over the past week we have come to the end of our work with Stapenhill Football Club. The children have made terrific progress, and it was lovely to welcome parents in to see this for themselves at parents evening.

We were also visited by Birmingham Children’s Hospital, who came to speak to us and thank us for the work we have done and the money raised. It was beautiful to see how the children responded and how excited they were to begin making future plans. Please do continue these conversations at home, as the children will be developing their ideas further in the spring term.

We have also celebrated Number Day — another wonderful example of having fun with maths while raising money for the NSPCC.

Tomorrow is an INSET day. Staff will be in school for a packed programme, focusing on maths and behaviour in the morning, followed by SEND training, with a particular emphasis on communication and language in the afternoon.

On Friday, we held Enrichment Day, and the children thoroughly enjoyed archery, showing great bravery and respect throughout. Walking around during Parents’ Evening brought me great joy as a Headteacher. It was wonderful to see so many positive and supportive conversations taking place for the benefit of our children. As this half term comes to an end, we hope you all have a lovely holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on 23rd February. Have a happy and safe half term.

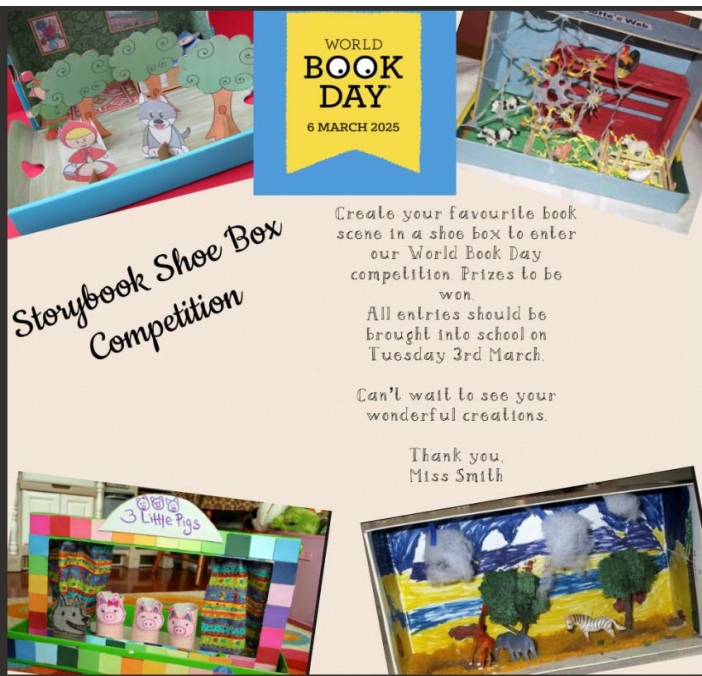




National Storytelling Week

Last week, the children enjoyed celebrating National Storytelling Week. This is just one event as part of the National Year of Reading which you may have heard about in the news. The idea of the week was to highlight the power of stories to connect and inspire.

Children in Reception enjoyed singalongs and story times through rhythm and rhyme and the other children read a wonderful book called 'I am Neferfitti'. The children created their own musical stories and wrote poems, based upon the story. The Year 2 children even performed their poems to the rest of the year group. Well done!



Storybook Shoe Box Competition

Create your favourite book scene in a shoe box to enter our World Book Day competition. Prizes to be won.

All entries should be brought into school on Tuesday 3rd March.

Can't wait to see your wonderful creations.

Thank you,
Miss Smith

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day once again!

The children will take part in fun activities on the day to promote reading for pleasure. On the day, please can the children come dressed in their pyjamas so they can enjoy listening to some bedtime stories being read to them by different members of staff at the school.

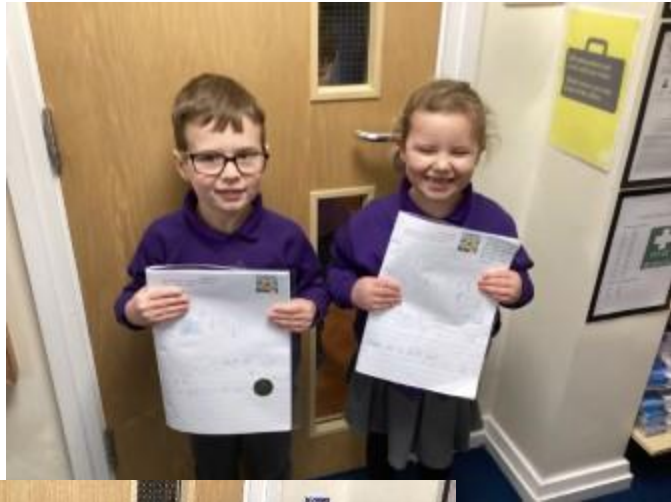
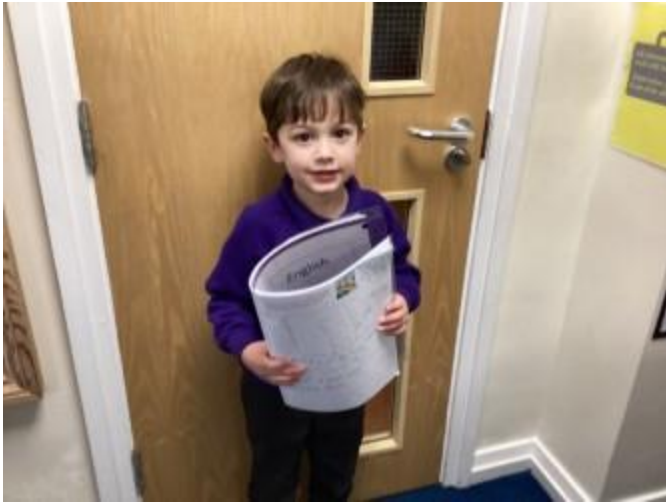
Also, there will be a competition run by Miss Smith who is our Art and DT subject lead(see above picture)

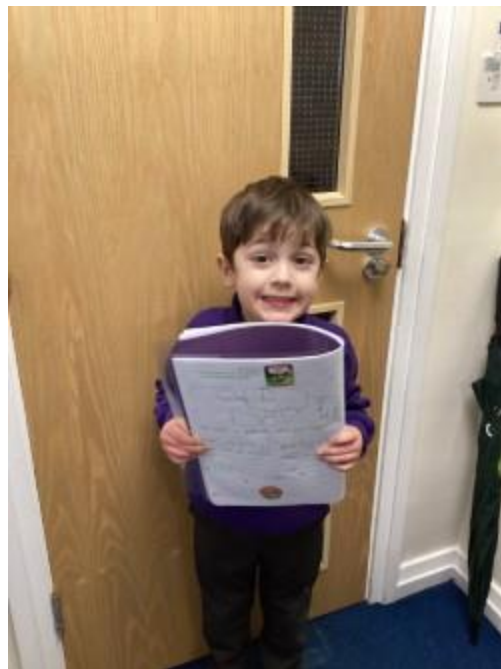
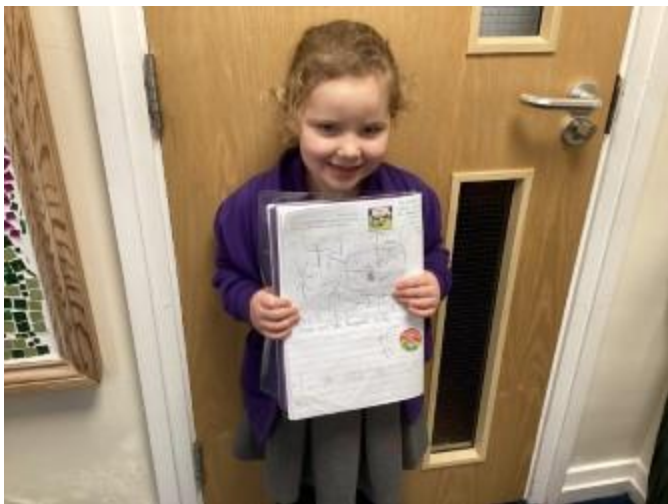




NSPCC Number Day









Chinese New Year tasters..



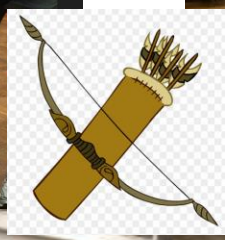


Visit from Birmingham Children's Hospital





Enrichment Day





Stapenhill Football beginners 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

Coffee Mornings – Friday 6th March

PTA meeting - Monday 9th March 2pm

Year 2 trip to Birmingham Think Tank-Wednesday 25th Feb

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March-wear pyjamas

'Magical Mayhem' for Reception – Monday 9th March

Reception Disco – Wednesday 25th March – 5 - 6pm





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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