

A Message from Mrs. Harris

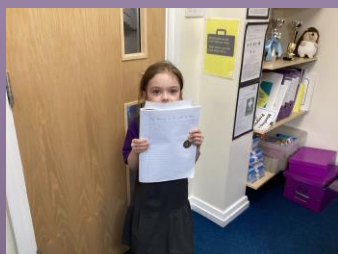
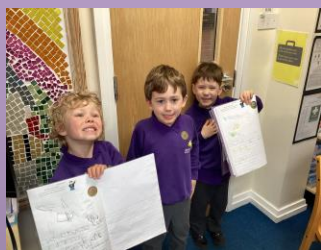
We have enjoyed a wonderful fortnight at Violet Way. We were delighted to welcome a number of schools to visit our Den provision, where they were able to see how we support some of our children. It has been a pleasure to share our practice and celebrate the inclusive work taking place across the school.

In *Guardians*, the children took part in a competition to create drawings showing what they would like to be when they are older. These were proudly presented during our Merit Assembly on Friday. It was fantastic to see so many children dressing up, talking confidently about future careers, and raising aspirations.

Today, we also celebrated May Day. Reception led a wonderful parade, and Year 1 truly wowed us all with their beautiful Maypole dancing. It was a joyful celebration and a lovely way to bring our school community together.

We hope you enjoy the extended weekend, with Monday being a Bank Holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

Stay safe and enjoy what is left of the sunshine.





Attendance

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Whole school (this week) | 97.65% |
| Reception | 98.09% |
| Year 1 | 97.62% |
| Year 2 | 97.2% |



Congratulations to **Squirrels 99.62%** 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 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





Edge Hill
Academy



The Violet Way
Academy
and Nursery



Save the Date!

Thursday 18th June



Stall Holders Wanted!


Local Businesses & Crafters




Performers Wanted!

Dance, Sports & Clubs




 **Date:** Thursday 18th June


 **Time:** From 3:30pm onwards (Min. 2 hour stay)


 **Stall Fee:** £10



For more info or to book, contact us using the below email addresses:

 **Edge Hill Academy**

 office@edgehill.fierte.org

 **Violet Way Academy**

 office@violetway.org

To help us create a vibrant mix of stalls, please let us know what you'll be selling when you get in touch – this helps us avoid too many of the same type and ensures a great experience for everyone!



We look forward to hearing from you!





Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

| | Owls | Kestrels | Woodpeckers | Dragonflies | Busy Bees | Ladybirds | Foxes | Squirrels | Badgers |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Friday PM | Friday PM | Friday PM | Friday PM | Friday PM | Friday PM | Thurs PM | Friday PM | Friday PM |
| date | 1/5 | 8/5 | 15/5 | 22/5 | 5/6 | 12/6 | 18/6 | 26/6 | 3/7 |

Dates for your diaries, all being well weather wise we will be inviting parents to join us for the above Forest school afternoon sessions.
2pm arrive at the school office





HELP MAKE OUR

SUMMER FAYRE

WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS & UNWANTED GIFTS

Your kind donations will help us raise money, bring our community together and make our **Summer Fayre** a huge success!

- TOYS & GAMES
- NEW GIFTS
- TOILETRIES & GIFTS
- BOOKS & PUZZLES
- CHOCOLATES & TREATS
- HOMEWARE & MORE!

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL – EVERY ITEM HELPS!

PLEASE DROP DONATIONS TO: → **SCHOOL OFFICE** BY: → **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

LET'S MAKE THIS SUMMER FAYRE THE BEST ONE YET!





May Day





Reception went to visit the zoo!



Amazing behaviour by all!
Well done Reception.





Aspirations Day





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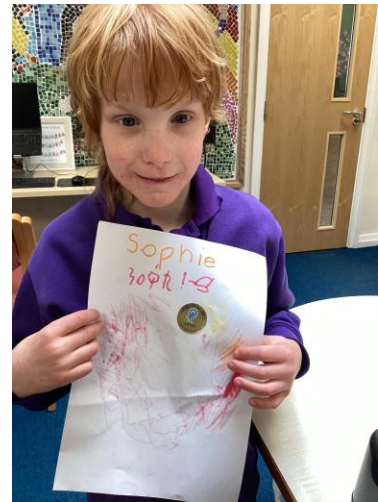
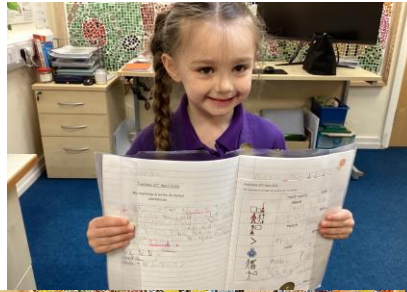
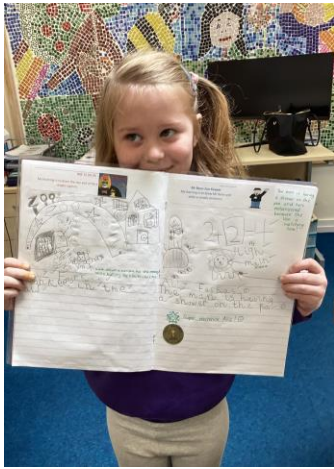
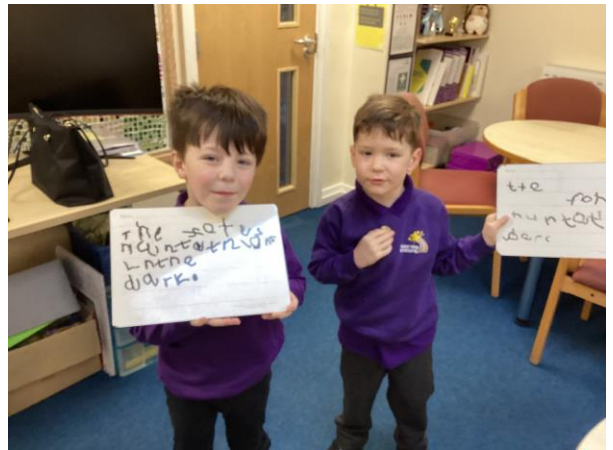


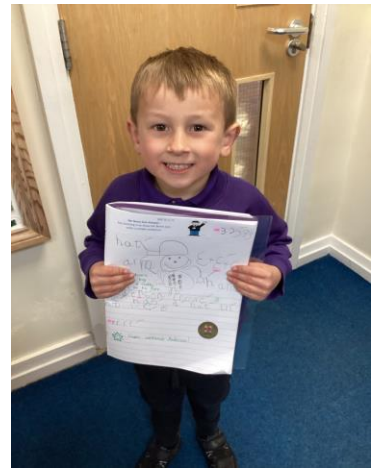
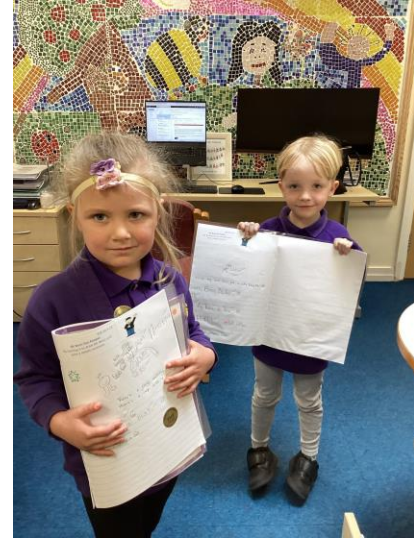


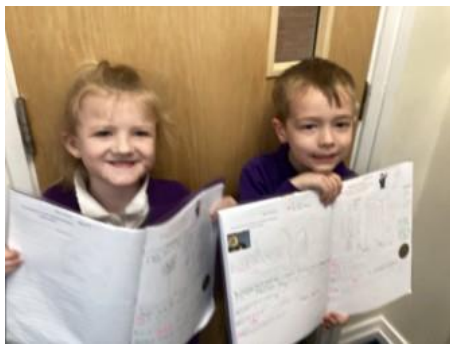
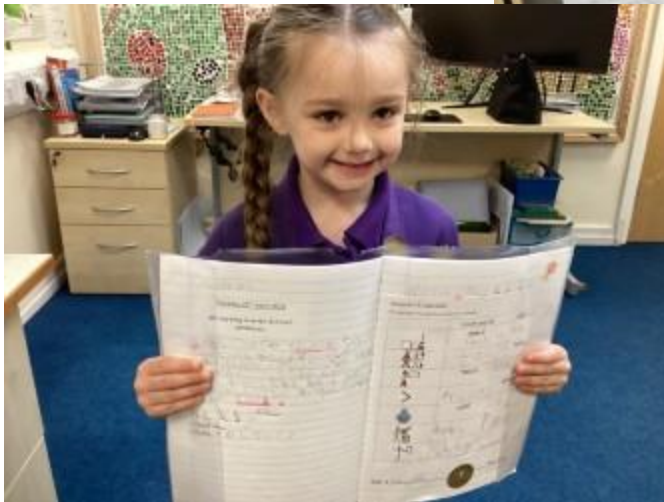
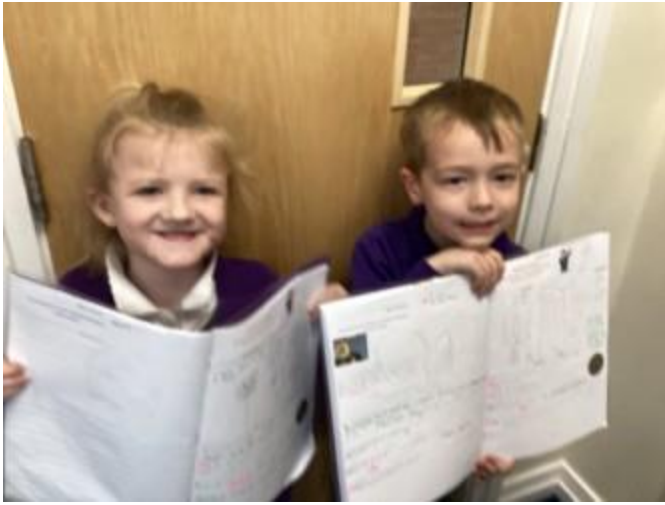


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Library and Forest School Dates

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.

SUMMER TERM 2026

Reception Tuesday Sessions

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|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Foxes | 14/4 | 5/5 | 2/6 | 23/6 |
| Squirrels | 21/4 | 12/5 | 9/6 | 30/6 |
| Badgers | 28/4 | 19/5 | 16/6 | 7/7 |

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Kestrels | 15/4 | 6/5 | 3/6 | 24/6 |
| Owls | 22/4 | 13/5 | 10/6 | 1/7 |
| Woodpeckers | 29/4 | 20/5 | 17/6 | 8/7 |

Year 1 Thursday Sessions

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|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Dragonflies | 16/4 | 7/5 | 4/6 | 25/6 |
| Ladybirds | 23/4 | 14/5 | 11/6 | 2/7 |
| Busy Bees | 30/4 | 21/5 | 18/6 | 9/7 |

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

19th June 2026
 20th July 2026

What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every
 Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2
 per family

Coffee Morning – Friday 8th May

Y1 Farm trip- w/c 18th May

Tuesday 16th June- Reception Sports' Day
 AM- time TBC

Wednesday 17th June- Year 1 and Year
 2 Sports' Day - time TBC

7th & 8th July Year 2 Performances- time
 and tickets TBC

Wednesday 8th July - Year 2 Disco

Thursday 16th July - Laches Wood - Year
 2 Trip

Friday 17th July- Y2 graduations in
 morning- times to be confirmed





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...

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| <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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