



A message from Mrs Harris

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Violet Way. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families, who have joined our school community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I am incredibly proud of all of our children. Over the past two weeks, they have settled back into school routines brilliantly, shown enthusiasm for their learning, and demonstrated the positive attitudes and behaviours that make Violet Way such a special place. They have made us all very proud.

Thank you to all families for your continued support as we begin the new school year. I would also like to express my appreciation for your understanding and cooperation regarding the recent changes to our allergy procedures and snack arrangements. These measures help us to ensure that Violet Way remains a safe and inclusive environment for every child.

This morning we held our first coffee morning of the year, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend. These informal gatherings are a great opportunity to connect with one another and with members of the school team. As a reminder, our coffee mornings take place on the first Friday of every month, and everyone is welcome to join us. We aim to provide a safe, supportive space where families can come together, share experiences and feel part of our school community. Please find enclosed the dates for this year's Forest School sessions and library visits. We know how much the children enjoy these opportunities and encourage families to make a note of the dates.

As we move further into the term, we look forward to sharing more of the children's achievements and experiences with you. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year at Violet Way.





Where have all the pupils photos gone?



Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our recent emails regarding photo permissions for the school newsletter.

We have received a mixture of responses, with some families declining permission and many others yet to complete their preferences. At present, this means we are unable to safely include photographs in the newsletter. If you have not already done so, please log into Arbor and confirm your photo permissions. If you think there may be an error or would like to check your current preferences, please contact the school office by phone or email.

Once all responses have been reviewed, we will consider how photographs can be used in future newsletters.

Thank you for your patience and support as we ensure that all children, particularly our most vulnerable pupils, are kept safe.



PTA MEMBERS

We Need You!

We are looking for new and existing
parents and carers to join our PTA
(Parent Teacher Association)!

Help us make a difference for our children
and school community!



Our next meeting is on
14th September
at 2pm

We look forward to
welcoming new members!

**All are
welcome!**

No experience
needed – just
a willingness
to get involved!



If you would like to join our PTA,
please email the school office with:

- ★ Your name
- ★ Your phone number
- ★ Your child's name and class

to then be added into our **WhatsApp group.**

Together we can
make a difference!



Allergy Policy

All parents should be aware that we have an Allergy Policy, which can be found on our website [academy policies](#) Some key important notes for parents:

- It the parents' responsibility to inform the school of any allergies by completing the information on Arbor or new entrant forms.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring any required medication is supplied, in date and replaced as necessary
- For the protection of the children in our schools **no nuts will be allowed in any area at any time. This includes any food that contains Nutella® or similar, peanut butter or any other foods containing nuts. These restrictions also apply to any packed lunches and snacks that are created or sent in from home** (The academy cannot check all lunchboxes and items brought into school, therefore will take measures as reasonably practicable).
- Products that are labelled "May contain nuts" will be accepted into schools as these pose minimal risk are labelled to protect the manufacturer.

Little Wandle

The Year 1 and Year 2 have started their reading practice sessions this week. We hope you enjoy the books as much as we do!

Please remember that the book is one that the children should be comfortably decoding and sounding out in their heads, if needed. They are practising reading the text fluently and with prosody. If you need any further guidance, there are some extremely helpful notes at the front and back of the books. This includes questions that you can ask and things to discuss so you can help them to understand the text too. Reception books will go home soon once they have started their reading practice sessions in a few weeks.

Please remember that the books are to be returned on **Mondays** and will go out on Wednesdays. If books are damaged or lost, a £5.50 replacement fee will be charged. Therefore, please look after them and return on time. Thank you so much for your cooperation in advance.





Violet Way Coffee Morning

A relaxed get-together for
Violet Way parents



First Friday
of every month



9.00 – 10.15



Go to Violet Way
office



Upcoming dates

- ♥ 2nd October
- ♥ 6th November
- ♥ 4th December
- ♥ January 8th

- ♥ 5th February
- ♥ 5th March
- ♥ 16th April
- ♥ 7th May
- ♥ 2nd July



Come along for a cuppa, a chat
and a bit of support!





P.E. Days

Below is a list of each class' P.E. days. On these days, please remember to remove any earrings at home or cover them with plasters. Please note that our staff are unable to do this for you. **Any earrings should only be plain studs, as part of our school uniform policy, and no other jewellery should be worn.** Please bring your child's labelled P.E. kit into school – if you haven't already done so – and these will stay at school until the half-term break when they are sent home to be washed. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher

Monday – Badgers and Woodpeckers

Tuesday – Kestrels

Wednesday – Busy Bees and Dragonflies

Thursday – Foxes and Ladybirds

Friday – Squirrels and Owls



Please be aware that Reception will not start their P.E. lessons straight away but will start in week 3.

Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's clothing and coats with their name. We do not want their lovely new clothes to get lost! We do have some spare school uniform by the office if you are in need of any which is free to take. Thank you!





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 Thursdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Tuesday. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

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Year 1 Tuesday Sessions

Dragonflies	22/9	13/10	10/11	1/12
Ladybirds	29/9	20/10	17/11	8/12
Busy Bees	6/10	3/11	24/11	15/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	23/9	14/10	11/11	2/12
Owls	30/10	21/10	18/11	9/12
Woodpeckers	7/10	4/11	25/11	16/12

Reception Thursday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	12/11	3/12
Squirrels	-	-	19/11	10/12
Badgers	-	-	26/11	17/12

Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Forest School Timetable

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Squirrels	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds
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
7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	2/11	9/11
16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12	4/1	11/1	18/1	25/1
1/2	8/2	15/2	22/2	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3	12/4
26/4	3/5	10/5	17/5	24/5	7/6	21/6	28/6	5/7

Wb19/4- Den

Wb 14/6 - Den



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Parent Forest School Dates - Fridays

Class	Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers	Den
	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM	Thursday PM	Friday PM	Friday PM
date	30/4	7/5	14/5	25/6	2/7	9/7	21/5	11/6	28/5	17/6

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

A polite reminder that the staff car park is not to be used by parents for dropping off or collecting children.

Even during quieter periods, vehicle movement within the car park creates a potential risk to the safety of our children and staff using the area.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us keep our children safe and ensuring the staff car park remains a secure environment for everyone.





Dates for Your Diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

- Inset day: Tuesday 1 September
Term Starts: Wednesday 2 September
Holiday: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
Term Ends: Friday 18 December
Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January

Spring Term 2027

- Term Starts: Monday 4 January
Holiday: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February
Term Ends: Thursday 25 March
Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April
Easter Sunday: Sunday 28 March

- **Summer Term 2027**

Term Starts: Monday 12 April
May Day: Monday 3 May
Holiday: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June

Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July

Holiday: Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 Sept

Violet Way INSET Days 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September - INSET

Monday 4th January - INSET

Friday 12th February - INSET

Friday 18th June - INSET

Wednesday 21st July - INSET

September

What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every

Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

COFFEE DATES

Wednesday 23rd September – 9am –

Reception Parent Reading Information Session

Thursday 24th September – 9am –

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Reading Information Session

Thursday 19th November -

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Open Sessions

Thursday 3rd December -

Reception Phonics Open Sessions

Parents Evening: 13th and 14th October



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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

5

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

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

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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2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

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

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Message from the Trust

Fierté Multi-Academy Trust is a successful and ambitious family of ten primary schools across Staffordshire, educating more than 2,200 pupils. Through our schools and Our Pride Our Joy nursery and wraparound provision, we support children and families from their earliest years through primary education.

Our vision, "Proudly inspiring all to excellence", drives everything we do. We are committed to providing the very best education, supporting every child to thrive, and working closely with our communities.

We are looking for parents, carers and members of the community who share our values and would like to help shape the future of our organisation as a Governor, Trustee or Director of Our Pride Our Joy. You do not need a background in education. We welcome people with experience in business, finance, law, leadership, governance, risk management or other professional fields, as well as those who can bring enthusiasm, commitment and fresh perspectives.

These voluntary roles offer a rewarding opportunity to:

- Help shape the strategic direction of our Trust, schools and Nurseries.
- Support and challenge leaders to achieve the best outcomes for children.
- Contribute your skills and experience to your local community.
- Make a lasting difference to the lives of children and families.

Full induction, training and ongoing support are provided, making these roles accessible to both experienced governors and trustees and those new to governance. Please contact Tony Hand, Vice-CEO for further information or to express your interest in one of the roles available: viceceo@fierte.org.



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