



A message from Mrs. Harris

While we continue to review and manage photo permissions, there will unfortunately only be a limited number of photographs included in our newsletters for the time being. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this.

It has been another busy and productive week at Violet Way Academy. Miss Nicholson, our Deputy Headteacher and English Lead, has been holding Little Wandle information sessions for parents to help them understand the phonics and reading journey within their child's year group.

Little Wandle is an incredible programme that supports us in developing confident, successful readers. We firmly believe that if children can read well, they can access the wider curriculum and truly thrive. Last week, we held a fantastic PTA meeting with some exciting plans being developed to both enhance opportunities for our children and raise valuable funds for the school. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our PTA and look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks.

This week, I also met with Rocksteady Music School, and I am delighted to share that they will be relaunching their music programme at Violet Way after half term. Rocksteady gives children the opportunity to join a band, learn to play an instrument or develop their singing skills, culminating in a mini concert performance at the end of the term. Participation is available through a paid subscription. If this is something that may interest your child, please contact the school office for further information.





Reading Ambassadors

Six new Reading Ambassadors have recently been chosen in Year 2. They will help to run the weekly Lunchtime Book Club, read stories to the younger children, recommend books and also help to keep the library nice and organised. Their job is to promote reading for pleasure across the whole school!

You can easily spot them as they're wearing their Reading Ambassador badges; well done!



Little Wandle

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to our reading information sessions this week.

We hope that you found them useful!

Please remember to look at the Little Wandle website for more information:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

Later on this term, there will be open sessions where you can watch – and participate! - in your child's phonics lesson in their class. The dates are in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section and more details will be in the next newsletter.

We hope you can join us then!





School Uniform Reminder

Just a reminder that we do have a school uniform policy. Children should wear black or grey trousers/skirts, a purple school top/jumper (this does not need to be branded), and sensible school shoes. We feel when our children come in feeling proud they will remain proud.

Please remember that we have spare uniform tubs available in Reception. If your child has outgrown any uniform items that are still in good condition, we would be very grateful for donations. Equally, if you would like to look through the uniform for items in your child's size, please feel free to help yourself.

Please make sure all clothes are labelled- including coats

Thank you for your support.

Book Fair

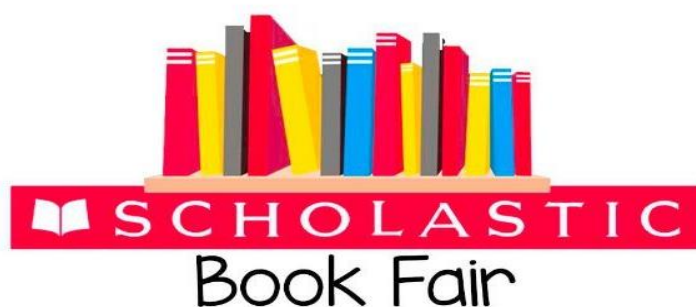
The school will host a book fair which has some brilliant books on sale and helps us to raise funds for new books.

It will be open on the following dates in the school hall:

Tuesday 13th October – after school during parents' evening

Wednesday 14th October – after school until parents' evening

Thursday 15th October – after school until 4pm.





Violet Way
Academy

Together
we can make
a difference

Harvest Festival Food Bank Collection

We are collecting tinned
and dried food items to donate
to our local Food Bank.

Small
items make
a BIG
difference!

Please bring in any items you can
from the list below. Every little
bit helps!

Thank you
for your
support!



♥ Tinned or dried food only please ♥
e.g. pasta, rice, cereal, tinned soup, beans, fruit,
vegetables, tuna, sauce, biscuits, etc.

Thank you for helping to support
our local community



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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 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.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

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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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!





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.





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

What's Coming Up?

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

w/b Monday 28th September -

Sponsored Poetry Recital Week

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October -
Parents' Evening

w/b Monday 12th October -

Scholastic Book Fair

Harvest Assemblies-Friday 23rd October

Join us for a **short** class assembly-

9:10 Kestrels

9:30 Owls

9:50 Woodpeckers

10:10 DragonFlies

10:30 Busy Bees

10:50 Ladybirds

1:40 Squirrels

2:00 Foxes

2:20 Badgers

Thursday 19th November -

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Open Sessions

Thursday 3rd December -

Reception Phonics Open Sessions





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



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FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160



+ £160



+ £160



+ £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

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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



+ £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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Wendy Bates School of Dancing

FUN AND FRIENDLY

DANCE CLASSES

FOR AGES 3-4 YEARS & 4+ YEARS

Nursery BALLET & TAP

FOR AGES
3-4
YEARS

A GENTLE, PLAYFUL INTRODUCTION
TO DANCE THAT BUILDS CONFIDENCE,
COORDINATION AND A LOVE
FOR MOVEMENT!

WEDNESDAYS
5:15-6:00PM

OR

SATURDAYS
9:00-9:45AM



Rainbow BALLET, TAP & Ballroom

FOR AGES
4+
YEARS

A BRIGHT AND BUSTLING CLASS
INCLUDING BALLET, TAP AND
BALLROOM DANCE!

WEDNESDAYS
5:00-6:00PM

OR

SATURDAYS
10:00-11:00AM



..... COME ALONG FOR A FREE TRIAL LESSON!

SPACES ARE LIMITED - BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL TODAY!
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, PLEASE EMAIL:
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