



I have thoroughly enjoyed the last fortnight. Our Harvest assemblies were a real highlight, and the children never cease to amaze me with their confidence, bravery and enthusiasm. All nine classes brought me great joy, and it was wonderful to see so many children shining in front of an audience.

We also re-launched our Guardians initiative this week and I have sent you an email regarding this- but it's was a GREAT re launch and well worth chatting to your children about.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term and enjoy some well-deserved quality time with your families. Next half term promises to be another busy and exciting one. We have lots to look forward to, including visits from the Fire Service, Reception Nativity performances, Year 1 sing-alongs, Christmas crafts, Santa visits, pantomimes and, of course, the wonderful learning experiences that make Violet Way such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another successful half term.



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Sponsored Poetry Recital Week



Thank you again to everyone who helped to raise money for the sponsored poetry event.

We were overwhelmed with how much you raised – over £2100! The teachers enjoyed choosing some of the new resources for their classroom reading areas. We can't wait to show you them during the reading open sessions.

Eco Champions

In Year 2, the children recently wrote a text about how they can help to look after the planet. This was after reading the text 'Lots' in English. Following this, three Eco Champions were chosen in each class. This was based on their ideas how they can help at school. They will help Miss Nicholson to save energy, recycle, help look after the school grounds and many other things.

Well done to them!





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TALENT SHOW

IN CLASS

We need YOU!

Get creative, be brave and show us your amazing talents!

It could be...

singing • dancing • magic • comedy
playing an instrument • art • or something else you're proud of!

TALENT SHOW DAY IS 6TH NOVEMBER!

We kick start the day with

ROCK STEADY BAND

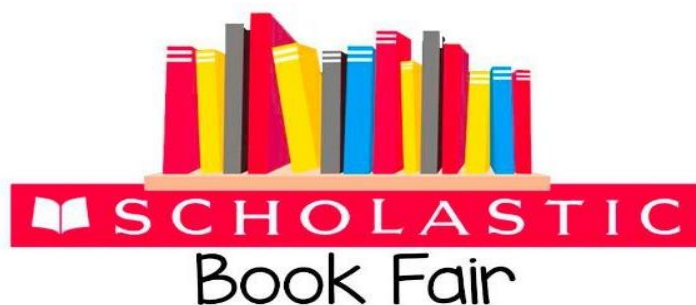
Let's make it a day to remember!





Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped to support the school at the book fair last week. Due to the amount of sales, we raised over £270 to spend in books! We purchased some brilliant texts to support our English curriculum. So, **thank you again!**





Strictly Come Dancing

BBC
Children
in Need



Strictly 26

DANCE STEP CHALLENGE



Get your dancing shoes on and
take on the Strictly 26 Dance Step Challenge
for Children in Need!



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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KIDS EAT **FREE** (OR FOR £1)

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE	Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm.	MARCO PIERRE WHITE	Kids under 12 eat FREE daily with an adult spend.
ASDA	Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend.	MARSTON'S PUBS	Kids eat for £1 during the October half term.
ASK ITALIAN	Kids eat FREE October 9 th – 31 st via Perks App.	Morrisons	Kids eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend.
BELLA ITALIA	Children eat for £1 with any adult main.	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM	Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day.
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE	2 kids eat FREE breakfast with 1 paying adult.	Premier Inn	2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast.
Bills	Kids eat FREE Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October.	PRETO	Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult.
BREWDOG	Kids eat free this October with KIDS EAT FREE bookings.	PUREZZA	Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal.
CAFE ROUGE	Kids eat FREE 12–4pm every day of the week.	SA BRAINS PUBS	Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays.
CHIQUITO	Kids eat FREE during all school holidays.	Sizzling Pubs	Kids eat for £1 , Every Monday to Friday, 3 – 7pm.
Dobbies Garden Centres	Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch.	TABLE TABLE	2 kids eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult.
FARMHOUSE INNS	2 kids eat free during the October Half Term.	TESCO	Kids eat free weekdays with an adult purchase.
FLAMING GRILL	1 kid eats free weekdays this October half term.	TGI FRIDAYS	Kids eat FREE with any adult meal (Via App).
Frankie & Benny's	Kids eat FREE during school holidays.	THE REAL GREEK	Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend.
FUTURE INNS	Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.	Travelodge	2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast.
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS	Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day.	Turtle Bay	Kids eat free with a £15 adult spend via app.
Harvester	Kids eat for £1 until November 1 st 2026 via App.	VILLAGE HOTELS	Kids eat free via the village app.
(H) HUNGRY HORSE	2 kids eat for £1 this October Half Term.	WHITBREAD INNS	2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast.
IKEA	Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am.	YO! SUSHI	Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays.
LAS IGUANAS	Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App.	Zizzi	Kids eat free weekdays in school holidays.





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.



heat
HEAT & EAT

Every Thursday 3.30pm to 7pm at

NumberOne
FERRY STREET

You are very welcome to join us for
company, warmth and a free bite to eat.

www.thecommunitychurchburton.co.uk



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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?

Thursday 19th November -
Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Open Sessions

Thursday 3rd December -
Reception Phonics Open Sessions

13th November- Children in Need- accessories (eg headbands) can be worn

4th December- Panto (Children only)

10th December Reception Nativities 9times TBC)

17th December Year 1 Christmas singalong- times TBC





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



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

