

A Message from Mrs Kee

What a fantastic first week back after the half term holiday it has been! Parents' evenings were a real success, and it was lovely to see those parents that were able to come into school. We were pleased to be able offer both in person and on-screen meetings. On the whole, the Teams meetings worked well, although I know there were a couple of technical difficulties so thank you for your patience with this.

Our Chair of Governors, Mr. Collinson, came into school on Monday morning to carry out a learning walk. He visited all year groups with a focus on reading, writing, maths and EYFS provision. His contribution was most welcome as, together, we identified key strengths and areas in which we could develop further. We look forward to inviting him back into school again soon.

The children have really enjoyed the current whole school focus on poetry and rhymes. They have been rehearsing ready for their performances on Friday next week. World Book day was a wonderful day for all. I was so sad that I had to miss it, however I was delighted to hear about how much they enjoyed it when I returned to school today. The children really enjoyed wearing their PJs and sharing their favourite stories with each other. They loved the 'teacher swap' for story time and have written some lovely story settings. I have enjoyed reading to different classes this week and will have read to every class in school by the end of next week. The children have also been so excited each day for the bedtime story, trying to guess which member of staff and story it will be next! We hope you have all been enjoying the stories. They are still all accessible through our website. Who will it be today? [Violet Way Academy - World Book Day 2022](#)

Our brand new library opened today and every class enjoyed a story time in there. The feedback from the children has been really positive. They told me: "It is lovely!" "Thank you, it is such a nice library" "I can't wait to show my mum!"

On that positive note, I wish you all a positive weekend, *Mrs Kee*



We ❤️ books!



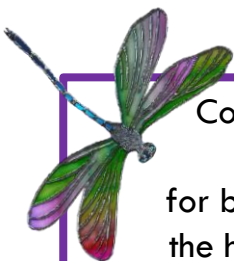


Attendance

Whole School (this week)	95.88%
Reception	93.38%
Year 1	97.35%
Year 2	96.97%

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. This week we were very close to this! Well done everyone.

It is important for children to be in school everyday. If they are not here, they can't learn. If there is a genuine reason for absence, please ensure you let the office know.



Congratulations to
Dragonflies

for being the class 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.**



Merit Award Winners



Achievements



These Y2 pupils have achieved a distinction in dance, a martial arts belt, a skiing medal and a football trophy.

Well done!



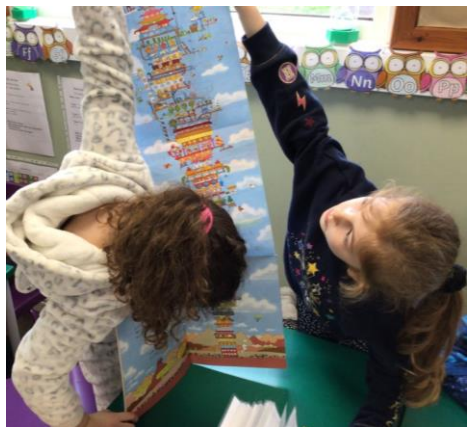


World Book Day at VWA

You all spent a grand total of £780.30 at our Scholastic Book Fair this week, which means you have earned us £390.12 in reward money to spend on books for our new library!

Thank you

Thank you so much for raising awareness of the importance of reading on children's life chances by engaging with our World Book day experiences. The children really enjoyed dressing in their PJs for World Book, sharing their favourite books with their peers and engaging in a range of book-focused activities! We have lots more happening over the next few weeks, including our library sessions with parents and more bedtime stories.



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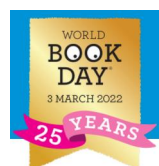
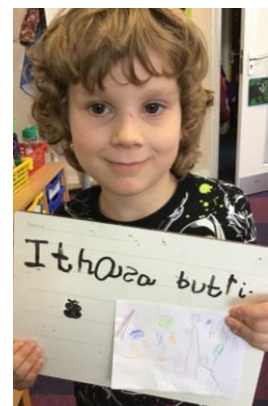
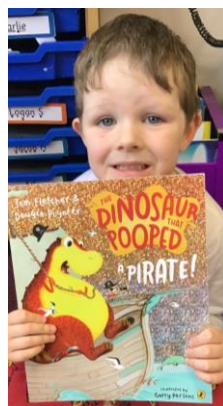
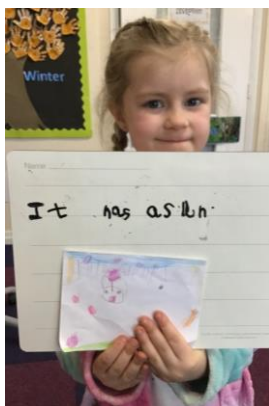
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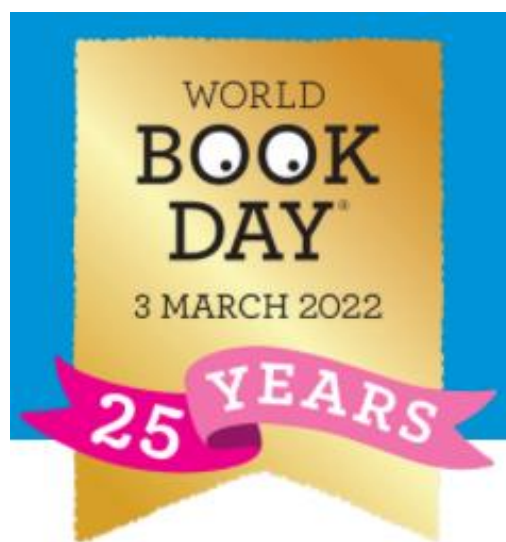
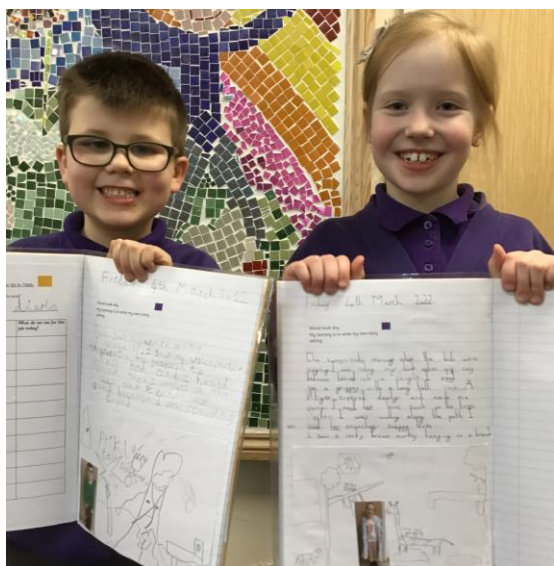
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World Book Day at VWA



Remember, **reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background, or income** (Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development).

Sharing stories together for just **ten minutes a day** will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together **anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime!** In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.





VWA's New Library Grand Opening!

World Book Day 2022 celebrations continue! Our brand-new school library was opened today. Children in every class went into the new library for their class story time. We are all so pleased with it and cannot wait for parents to join us over the next few weeks for our parent library sessions. We hope parents can join us in our brand new library from when the gates open in the morning until 9.00am on the following dates. Children and parents should go straight to the library on these days (it is in the mobile classroom on the playground).

Monday 7th March – Kestrels

Tuesday 8th March – Badgers

Wednesday 9th March – Ladybirds

Thursday 10th March – Squirrels

Monday 14th March – Owls

Tuesday 15th March – Foxes

Wednesday 16th March – Woodpeckers

Thursday 17th March – Dragonflies

Friday 18th March – Busy Bees

After we have completed our 'grand opening' library sessions, we will return to our regular parent library sessions, where you can come into the library with your child once every three weeks to change their library book with them. We have had to make a slight amendments to the dates and we will add them to the next newsletter, however, it is looking as if Reception library mornings will be on Mondays, Year 1 on Thursdays and Year 2 on Wednesdays.

Fun Competition!

Thank you to those parents that have entered their child into the competition by paying £1.00 on Parent Pay. For children that have already paid, they have chosen their characters this afternoon.

Miss Evans is going to leave it open over the weekend for any last minute entries who will have the opportunity to choose a character on Monday.

The child that has chosen the winning book character from each class will win a book prize!





Forest School Dates

Parent Forest School Sessions – Please note change to start time!

We are delighted to be able to invite parents to a Forest School session with their child. You'll be able to experience some of the activities children participate in during their Forest School sessions and join in! **Please see below updated Parent Forest School Sessions from 1.40pm on the following days:**

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On the day of your child's Parent Forest School session, please arrive at the main green gates for a 1.40pm start and staff will greet up to take you up to the woodlands. Our woodlands can get muddy during the winter months, so wellies or boots are advised. We hope many of you will be able to join us. Please be aware, Forest School sessions happen in most weathers but in the case of particularly bad weather, the dates may have to be changed and sessions may not be able to go ahead. We will inform parents via Marvellous Me if this is the case.

Forest School Sessions Spring Term 2

The following shows the days and dates your child will have Forest School next half term. Be aware that some changes may have been made to the days your child had Forest School this half term. Class teachers will also send Marvellous Me updates to remind you about Forest School dates. If you are unsure, please get in touch with your child's class teacher via Marvellous Me.

Week 1:

Monday pm	Tuesday pm	Wednesday pm	Thursday pm	Friday pm
Year 2 Owls	Reception Foxes	Year 2 Woodpeckers	Year 1 Dragonflies	Year 1 Busy Bees

Week 2:

Monday pm	Tuesday pm	Wednesday pm	Thursday pm	Friday pm
Year 2 Kestrels	Reception Badgers	Year 1 Ladybirds	Reception Squirrels	Nurture Groups GD <u>children</u> / Planning

Week 1 Groups: 28/2 14/3 28/3

Week 2 Groups: 7/3 21/3 4/4





Parent Support

HOPE Virtual Parent Support Supporting your Child through Bereavement



Tues 15th March 7pm / Thurs 17th March 10am

- ⇒ Understanding the grief process for a child/young person
- ⇒ How to prepare a child for an expected bereavement
- ⇒ Resources and sign posting information
- ⇒ Managing your own grief while supporting your family

What a wonderful project, amazing advice, thank you!

These sessions are really useful and very re-assuring

HOPE Parent Support Sessions;

a safe place to find information, chat and learn from each other through shared experience.

To find out more contact your HOPE mentor in school or Keddie on 07508 176043

keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com

Register HERE



[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

As a parent myself, I know that parenting is a wonderfully rewarding but challenging job.

Life can throw so much at us as parents and it is important to know that there is support available. We all need a bit of help sometimes.

We will always do what we can to support parents and we are there to listen and help. We can also signpost to other forms of support.

The NSPCC offer lots of support and advice pages on their website. Parents can access it here: [Support for parents | NSPCC](#)

If you are struggling and need help, please do get in touch.
Mrs Kee

For parent support, there is lots of help out there. Please click on the links below:

[Parenting support services | Action For Children](#)

[Services and support for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

[Parent support - Care for the Family](#)

[Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)



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Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April

Inset day: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June

What's Coming Up?

Grand Opening - Library sessions with parents – week commencing 7th March and 14th March

Forest school sessions with parents - week commencing 7th March and 14th March

Food Waste Action Week – Week commencing 7th March

Year 2 Parents SATs Meeting– Wednesday 16th March @ 9am

Red Nose Day– Friday 18th March Children can come into school wearing red.

World Down's Syndrome day – Monday 21st March – wear blue and yellow and donate £1.00

Mother's Day Play and Stay sessions – Friday 25th March
 Year R - 9:00am
 Year 1 - 10:00am
 Year 2 - 11:00am

Chocolate Bingo! Thursday 31st March 4:30pm – Please bring chocolate egg donations into school on this morning

Easter Egg hunt in the Woodlands with the Easter Bunny – Thursday 7th April

