

A Message from Mrs Kee

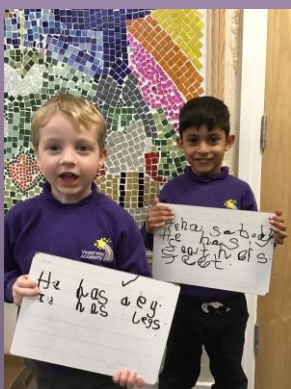
Our chicks have grown! The children have been fascinated to watch our chicks grow and develop. They have caused quite a stir and have inspired children's conversations and writing in Year 1.

The focus of our assembly on Monday was preventing air pollution. It is Air Aware week in Staffordshire. Did you know that an idling vehicle around school will release around 150 balloons worth of pollution into the air every minute? We hope you will support us in reducing the pollution around school in the air that our children breathe. Do your bit by choosing to switch off on the school run, or even better still, why not try an alternative active travel method of getting to school such as walking, cycling or scooting?

Our Forest School sessions with parents were well attended and everyone seemed to really enjoy their time in our school woodlands. Thank you to Mrs Dawson who planned and delivered our forest school sessions with all nine classes! There was only one wet day for Woodpeckers, but they still made the very best of it and the children came back into school laughing and chatting excitedly about the experience.

We have had a great day dressed in red for Comic Relief – thank you for supporting a brilliant cause. Remember to put on your odd socks on Monday for Down Syndrome Awareness day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	93.53%
Reception	91.23%
Year 1	91.29%
Year 2	97.87%



Congratulations to
Owls



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.**



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Merit Award Winners



FIERTÉ

MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

INSPIRING ALL TO EXCELLENCE



School Meals

Children at Violet Way enjoy lunchtimes and even our youngest pupils are so independent in the dining hall. It is brilliant to see that children are continuing to try hard to eat what is on their plate and prevent food waste. There are lots of clean plates everyday. Well done – keep it up!





Forest School Parent Sessions



Our parent forest school sessions were enjoyed by all. A very special thank you to our forest school leader, Mrs Dawson, for organising and delivering every session.





Comic Relief

COMIC RELIEF

We had a lovely day today
dressing in red and raising
money for Comic Relief.



RED NOSE DAY

Thank
you for
your
support!

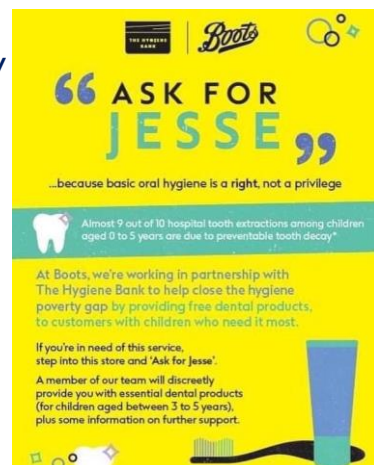




Ask Jesse

High street chemist, Boots, has launched a new initiative to help families that are struggling to afford oral hygiene products. Many people are struggling to cover costs, with fuel, energy bills and groceries all going up and national insurance payments set to increase. By simply 'asking for Jesse' at Boots stores, parents and carers will be able to benefit from free supplies. The initiative aims to help children aged between three and five years old. Studies suggest that tooth decay is the leading cause of hospital admissions among children in the UK and there are fears that rates could get worse as the cost of living increases and dental teams continue to tackle treatment backlogs. Schemes like the new Ask for Jesse initiative can make a huge difference to families that find it difficult to afford to buy hygiene and personal care essentials. Has your child had a check up at the dentists?

Call the Dental Advice Line 0300 123 0981 option 2 for South Staffs for information about dentists in your area.



World Down Syndrome Day

Violet Way is a fully inclusive school. We are one big family and we respect each other, celebrating our differences. On **Monday 21 March**, we are asking children to **wear odd socks** for World Down Syndrome Day. This day is important for us as a school because it aligns with our school value 'We celebrate individuality'.

You may remember children wore odd socks for Anti- Bullying week to promote individuality, acceptance, tolerance and kindness and we feel that this is also appropriate for World Down Syndrome Day.

We will take the opportunity to celebrate inclusion and we would love everybody to join in. To help celebrate we are asking pupils to wear odd socks – the bolder the better! We will encourage children to remember and reflect on anti-bullying week when they also wore odd socks. #InclusionMeans #WorldDownSyndromeDay





We our library!

We hope parents enjoyed attending the grand opening library sessions over the last couple of weeks. The children really enjoy visiting the library and having such a lovely place to sit and read a book. Our library offers our pupils a space to relax, browse and read for pleasure. We know that a solid foundation in reading is crucial to a child's success as they progress through school and then in later life. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

[Why is reading so important? | Pearson UK](#)



Please see opposite for the dates of the parents library morning sessions for the rest of the term.



Week beginning: 21st March	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Foxes
Wednesday	Kestrels
Thursday	Dragonflies
Week beginning: 28th March	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Squirrels
Wednesday	Owls
Thursday	Busy Bees
Week beginning: 4th April	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Badgers
Wednesday	Woodpeckers
Thursday	Ladybirds





Mother's Day Play and Stay

Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, is a day to honour mothers, mother figures or special women in our lives, such as, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunties, teachers or family friends. Many people make a special effort to say thank you. They might take cards and gifts to her or just take time to look after her, doing jobs so she can relax on Mother's Day.



To honour the special women in our children's lives, we are holding a Mother's Day play and stay morning at school. Each year group have planned a range of activities for you to enjoy with your child on **Friday 25th March**.

Please see the details below:

Year group: Reception

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Logistics: Please arrive at school at the usual time, go through the green gates and wait outside your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

Year group: Year 1

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Logistics: Please go to the green gates and straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

Year group: Year 2

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Logistics: Please go to the green gates and straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.





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?

World Down's Syndrome day – Monday 21st March
– wear odd socks 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

Tempest Class photos – Wednesday 6th April

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

