



- We care
- We are brave
- We celebrate individuality
- We leave no one behind

## A Message from Mrs Kee

Following their transition days, our Reception pupils started their Violet Way journey on Monday this week. Welcome to you all, including our new families that have joined us this year. We hope that you quickly get to know our staff and become accustomed to our routines.

I am extremely pleased to report that the children all look really smart in their Violet Way Academy uniforms. It makes a significant difference to the children's attitudes to school and ensures that they all feel part of our Violet Way Academy family.

The children have all made an excellent start back, both with their good behaviour and positive attitude to learning. We have introduced our academy vision and values with the children and support them in understanding these through our 'in the moment' interactions. For example, on the playground we have been talking about our value 'We care' when the children are playing fairly, sharing and being kind to each other.

In our assembly this week we have been talking about the power kind hands and kind words can have, making us feel positive and happy.

Our [school website](#) continues to be updated and developed and I would appreciate your feedback with regards to what works well and what could be developed further from a parental perspective. Any constructive feedback would be appreciated – please pop an email to [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org).

On the last count we had **92%** of parents connected to MarvellousMe. Thank you so much for your support with this! In order to use the MarvellousMe app as our primary tool for communicating with parents, we need this to be 100%. If you need any help connecting, please do let us know and we can help. Wishing you a relaxing weekend. See you next week, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole School (this week)	97.30%
Reception	98.49%
Year 1	97.39%
Year 2	96.05%



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week.

These children have been awarded a Merit certificate this week for following our Golden Rules, showing our school values or demonstrating the star learner principles.

We are very proud of you!

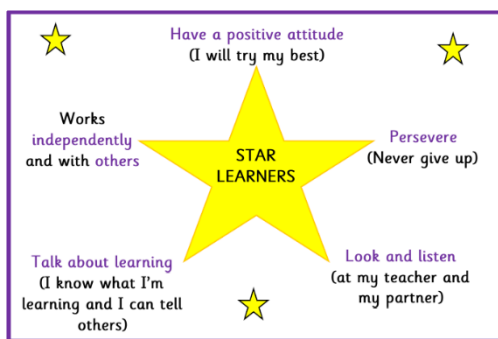


Congratulations to

### Foxes and Kestrels

for both being the classes with the highest attendance this week with **100%**! Well done on your fantastic attendance this week.

**Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**





## Library Sessions

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to library sessions. These are an opportunity for you to choose a library book with your child in the morning when you drop off. Parents can go to their child's class through the entrance the children usually go in through. There will be a member of staff by the entrance and you will be asked to sign in.



The idea is that we continue to promote a love of reading and books with our children and offer parent the opportunity to choose a book with their child. Parents can attend any sessions they can and please do not worry if you cannot attend all of them as there will be lots of opportunities over the academic year.

Thank you to parents for sharing your ideas. Next term, we intend to change the days of the library sessions for each year group so that parents that are unable to attend this term, will hopefully get the opportunity to pop in during drop off in the Spring or Summer term.

Our first curriculum event (a longer parent session in school) is for KS1 parents and will be focused around reading. More details below!

## KS1 Reading Curriculum Event

Thank you to Mrs Williams, who is organising our first curriculum event for parents on Thursday 16th September. The focus will be on reading. Parents of pupils in Y1 and Y2 will have the opportunity to come into school to spend some time in class watching the children during a phonics session and find out a bit more about how we teach phonics and reading at Violet Way during a presentation from Mrs Williams. There is also a chance to find out ways in which you can support your child at home with reading, including how to use our new online Reading Diaries through our MarvellousMe app.



Year 1 parents can sign into the office after drop off then go into class with their child from 9am. They will then attend a meeting in the hall at 9.30am. Year 2 parents can attend a meeting in the hall at 9.30am then go into class with their child after this session.

We hope you are able to attend but if not, please don't worry, we will be posting the presentation slides on our website.

There will be further curriculum events planned during the academic year and we will aim to give parents as much notice as possible.







## Parent and Toddler Group

We are planning to start our Parent and Toddler session on Tuesday mornings for parents with pre-school children. These ran very successfully prior to the Covid disruption. Mrs Kee has met with Mrs Jo Smith, who runs the sessions, to ensure the risk assessments have been completed and confirm the session times.

The sessions will run 9:00am-10:30am every Tuesday at a cost of £2.00 per family. The first session will be on Tuesday 21st September. Please go to the side entrance by the steps (adjacent to the sports court). The catering team will supply a plate of fruit and juice for the children and there will be hot drinks and toast available for purchase.

### Can you help?

Mrs Smith is purchasing some new resources for the group but has said that parents at Violet Way have always been wonderful at donating toys. She has requested that any parents that have clean, good-quality toys suitable for toddler group that they wish to donate (for example, large floor jigsaws, chunky plastic cars, dolls or other toddler toys that can be wiped down) be brought to the school office by Tuesday 14th September. Many thanks for your support.

## Coffee and Cake

Mrs Kee met with Linda Smith (Fierte Trust Catering Lead) this week to finalise the details of our coffee and cake afternoons. They will be 2:00pm-3:00pm every half term on the following dates:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July



On these dates, parents can come along in the afternoon between 2:00 and 3:00pm, buy some coffee or tea and a cake and give yourself some 'me-time'! Mrs Kee will be attending these afternoons so you can come along to talk with her about what is working well at school and what could be improved further, or just to have a chat about the weather! If you need to speak to Mrs Kee at anytime, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment

## School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 13th October to take our children's individual photos and sibling photos so make sure your children are looking as smart as ever! There will also be an opportunity in the morning between 7:45am and 8:45am for parents to come along with any siblings that don't attend Violet Way, younger or older, to take any family shots.





# 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 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## What's Coming Up?

**Curriculum Morning (Reading focus) – Year 1 and Year 2 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Parent and Toddler sessions** begin on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September (9:00am-10:30am)

### **Y1 Packington Farm trips -**

**Ladybirds – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Busy Bees – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Dragonflies – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

### **Tempest individual school photographs –**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

### **Harvest Assemblies – YR, Y1, Y2 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

October (please send in non-perishable food donations for the food bank into school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October)

**Anti-Bullying Week** Theme: One Kind Word – week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks day** celebrating individuality and uniqueness – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2 – week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Flu immunisations – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**Christmas Carol Concert** at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December **TBC**

