



A Message from Mrs Kee

What a wonderful week it has been! Our Reception pupils were visited by the local PCSOs as part of their current 'Superheroes' unit of learning. The children asked lots of questions and enjoyed learning about the PCSOs role in our community. Our Year 1 pupils had a successful trip to Tutbury Castle. Their behaviour was exemplary, and we are very proud of them. They enjoyed the experience and were excited to tell me all about it upon their return! The children in Year 2 have been using clay to create alien sculptures, including using tools to add texture. The results were excellent!

We have received a letter of thanks from YMCA Burton for our generous foodbank donation. Thank you to all our families for your kindness and for supporting our local community.

I am pleased to be able to share some lovely news about Miss Rock. She has a wedding planned for this month. Miss Rock is very much looking forward to getting married, especially after having to postpone the occasion several times previously as a result of lockdown restrictions. In addition, she wishes to share the exciting news that she is pregnant.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and the focus is kindness. This links beautifully with our value 'We care' and our current PSHE focus about celebrating difference. The children will learn about the positive impact kindness has on us all as well as what to do if someone is being unkind to them.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	94.98%
Reception	94.87%
Year 1	95.80%
Year 2	94.34%



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week!



Congratulations to **Kestrels**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week.. again! 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.





The Writing's on the Wall



Thank you to everyone who has shared some writing that their child has completed at home. We have now started to add some of this writing to our display board in the hall so that everyone can see it. All children who have sent writing in have had a Star Writer badge shared on Marvellous Me too! Over the next few weeks if your children does any lovely writing such as Christmas lists, Christmas cards or letters to Santa please email them in for Mrs Williams to see and share k.williams@violetway.org

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks day

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week and will be kicking off with odd socks day on Monday! Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and highlights ways of preventing and responding to it. This year the theme is 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

The week will begin on Monday with Odd Socks day! Children can wear odd socks to school to promote individuality, acceptance, tolerance and kindness. Over the week, the children will watch videos, join in with circle times and complete activities linked to the Anti-Bullying Week theme of kindness. The work they do will build on our current PSHE theme of 'celebrating difference'.



In school, we encourage the children to use the following phrases 'please don't do that I don't like it / please stop that I don't like it' and, to support their understanding of what bullying actually is, we use STOP (Several Times On Purpose). It is also important that children know what behaviour is not bullying, for example, occasional loss of temper, hurting by accident, falling in and out with friends and minor disagreements.

Parents and carers can access information about Anti-Bullying Week by clicking on this link: [For Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)





Remembrance Day



On Thursday we marked Remembrance Day in school with a very special assembly in which children learned about the significance of the poppy. In this photograph, you can see some of our Reception pupils having a moment of silence and reflection for Remembrance day.

The children learned about the importance of peace and considered ways in which we can make peace part of our school through our choice of actions and words.

We are proud of the respect and understanding demonstrated by our pupils across the school.

Little Stars Singing Club

Mrs. Williams will be starting a singing club on Monday lunchtimes, initially for any Year 2 children who wish to attend. It will be weekly for 15 minutes before the children go into the dining room to eat their lunch.

They will be learning songs to sing at the Carol Concert being held at St Peter's Church in December.



Toy donations

We have agreed to be a toy donation station for Dereks Tree. Dereks Tree is a fantastic charity and any toys they receive will be distributed to families in need in the Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire areas prior to Christmas.

The deadline to make any donations is **Thursday 9th December**, please can you bring your donations to the office - we would love to be able to give the charity as many as we possibly can! Thank you for your support.

PTA request

Just a reminder that our PTA have asked for any donations of Christmas wrapping paper and tape. If you have any spare that you can donate, please bring it to the office to be passed on. Thank you for your help.





Flu Immunisations

The Flu Immunisation Team will soon be coming to Violet Way for our whole school children's nasal spray flu immunisations on **Wednesday 1st December**. In advance of this, they require parents to fill out a consent form.

Here is the link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> **Your school code is SS136762.**

The deadline for completing the form will be **9:00am on 29th November 2021**.

This vaccination is delivered by a nasal spray and recommended to help protect your child against flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation, it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. This vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. For further information please click on the following links:

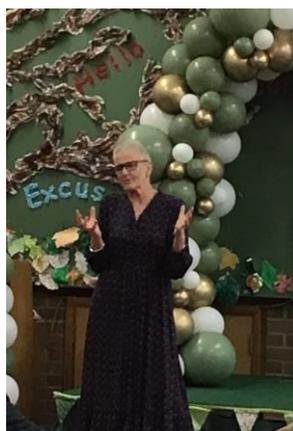
www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

Mrs Harrison's Retirement

Today at Violet Way, we hosted a small retirement event for Mrs Harrison. Mrs Harrison has worked at Violet Way and for Fierté Trust for the past 26 years and it was a pleasure to host an event to celebrate her career and wish her well for the future.

Some of our Year 2 children performed a beautiful live music and singing presentation. They played the steel pans and sang some of Mrs Harrison's favourite songs. Other schools within the Trust sent videos, which we presented on our large screen. We wish Mrs Harrison a very happy retirement.





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?

Reception 2022 Admissions – school tours – 4:00pm on Monday 8th November, Tuesday 9th November, Wednesday 16th November

Anti-Bullying Week Theme: One Kind Word – week commencing Monday 15th November

Odd Socks day celebrating individuality and uniqueness – Monday 15th November

Children in Need - Friday 19th November – Wear yellow or spots or both! Pay £1.00 by Parent pay, which will be donated to Children in Need

Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2 – week commencing 22nd November

Flu immunisations – Wednesday 1st December

Reception Christmas performances (x3) Times TBC – Tuesday 7th December

Year 1 Christmas performances (x3) Times TBC – Wednesday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day (plus a very special visitor!) - Thursday 9th December– Wear your Christmas jumper (or a red, green, or sparkly jumper for example). Pay £1.00 to support Save the Children

Christmas Carol Concert - at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13th December

