

A Message from Mrs Kee

Next week I will stand before the whole school and say farewell to our Year 2 pupils. We are so proud of their learning journey at Violet Way. They have grown as individuals, with their own ideas, thoughts and opinions. I am always so proud of how kind and caring they are towards each other, and I know they will continue to champion each other as they move to Year 3. Although we will be sad to see them leave, they are ready for the next stage of their educational adventure, and I hope they continue to Reach for the Stars!

I cannot quite believe this is my final newsletter of the year! The children at Violet Way have inspired me everyday, since that first day in September. They are thoughtful, kind and motivated learners, who live our values everyday. The staff at Violet Way are nurturing, knowledgeable and care about the academic and personal progress of our pupils. I thank them for their drive and passion – they make a difference everyday. Thank you also to our parents who have supported us throughout the year, which at times has been challenging. I look forward to continuing to work together with pupils, parents, staff and Governors to ensure our pupils have the best possible educational experience at Violet Way.

Thank you for your continued support, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	92.38%
Reception	91.02%
Year 1	89.31%
Year 2	96.67%

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to all our Merit Award winners this week. Well done!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Home Awards

Lots of home achievements this week – well done everyone and thank you for sharing your achievements with us!



Congratulations to
Kestrels

for being the class with the joint
highest attendance
this week! Well done
for your fantastic attendance
this week.





School Reports – Parent Comments

All end of year reports have been sent home with pupils today. The reports provide parents with information about their child's progress, wellbeing, behaviour and attendance. Please click on the following link to provide parent comments on your child's report and complete our online survey. The survey is open now and will be available until Friday 22nd July. Thank you.

Click below:

[PARENT REPORT COMMENTS AND SURVEY](#)

Feeling hot, hot hot!

The weather is predicted to be very hot on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please ensure children apply a high factor sun cream before school and wear a sunhat.

We will use the forest area at break times as it is cooler, and children will be able to drink plenty of water as required. As an additional measure, children will be allowed to come to school in loose, appropriate clothing that helps keep them cool. The summer uniform dresses and polo shirts are already a good option, but you may prefer children to wear PE kits as they will be cooler in these.



Year 2 - Production and Graduation

We are looking forward to the Y2 production at the Brewhouse. They have been rehearsing and are very excited about the upcoming performances.

Y2 Graduation is on Wednesday 20th July at the following times:

Kestrels – 9.15am

Owls – 10am

Woodpeckers – 10.45am





Reception's Seaside Day of Fun!





Sports day



Our children enjoyed participating in the sports day races.

It was lovely to hear how they supported and cheered each other on.

During the award ceremonies back in school, the children gave each other thumbs up and were proud of everyone for participating as well as those that placed first, second and third.



Mrs Kee was talking to a child in Year 1, who was a little disappointed at not winning a medal. However, they talked about her strengths in art, drawing and writing. She had a think about it and then said, "Actually, I'm really kind too!" she went on to tell Mrs Kee how proud she was of her friends that had placed in the races. What a shining example of our school values – well done!



Staffordshire summer holiday ideas

Find out what's on in Staffordshire by visiting the Enjoy Staffordshire [website](#). You can find information about parks, local walks and sporting events on during the summer holiday in Staffordshire. You can also make use of local amenities, such as the library – remember you can sign up with your local library to enter the Summer Reading Challenge (detailed further in this newsletter).





Activ8 Day is on Monday!

Through our partnership with the Star Foundation, we have arranged an 'Activ8' day for all pupils, in return for donations of clothes, bags, shoes and books.

Please bring any donations of clothes, bags, shoes and books into school on Monday 18th July in exchange for a fun day of STREET DANCE for pupils. Donations to brought into school in a bag please.

Each class will be able to participate in a street dance lesson with a qualified teacher and have fun moving to the music! Y2 have a dress rehearsal at the Brewhouse in the morning and are scheduled in for their street dance session in the afternoon.

9:15-9:45	Foxes
9:45-10:15	Squirrels
10:15-10:45	Badgers
10:45-11:15	Dragonflies
11:15-11:45	Busy Bees
11:45-12:15	Ladybirds
12:15-1:30	LUNCH BREAK
1:30-2:00	Kestrels
2:00-2:30	Owls
2:30-3:00	Woodpeckers



Library and Reading Books

Please ensure ALL books from school are returned to school before the holiday so that we can stock take and replenish the library shelves.

If anyone has lost or misplaced books, we would request a small donation to support us in replacing them.

THANK YOU





Litter and hedges

We have noticed there seems to be a surge in litter along the path leading from Violet Lane to school. Although we plan to take some children out to litter pick, the path is mainly used by our pupils and parents. Please can you ensure that litter is not dropped and is taken home instead to be put in a bin. This will help to keep our local environment clean and tidy. Thank you.

Mrs Kee has contacted the council to try and get the hedges/weeds cut back (at the bottom that are not part of our land). The council have responded to say they do not maintain the land. However, if enough parents complain, they may reconsider. Please contact Reception@eaststaffsbcs.gov.uk to lodge your complaint.

Clubs at Violet Way

Burton Albion and Mini Athletics after school clubs have now finished! We will be starting the clubs again in September, week commencing Monday 12th September. Club information will be sent out on a Microsoft Form via MarvellousMe on Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th September. Clubs we have running in September are:

Tuesday – Y2 Mini Athletics

Wednesday – Y2 and Y1 Mini Athletics (extras)

Thursday - Y1 Mini Athletics

Friday - Y1 and Y2 Burton Albion

Please be aware that, in order to allow pupils in Reception to settle into their new school, there will not be an option for Mini Athletics until the second half of the Autumn term. So, for the first half term, there will be an extra class for Y2's on a Wednesday (and this will be topped up with any Y1s if there are spaces). This will change back to 1 day a week per year group after October half term.

Change to snack in September

Following a survey presented to parents earlier in the year about snack choices, in September we will be changing our snack menu to offer more variety and choice. We will be setting up a snack menu on ParentPay and parents will be able to order daily, like meals, rather than toast all in one go for the term. You will see two items on ParentPay, main snack and drink snack, with brand new options for your child to choose from, including toast, pancakes, watermelon, milk and apple juice! You can order multiple weeks in one go, or each morning **before 8:00am**.




























Holiday ideas for health and wellbeing



Treasure Hunt

Find the treasures, then use them to inspire you to write a story or poem!

Something to do with outer space 	Something you can eat 	Something you can read 	Something made of metal 	Something to do with monsters 	Something square shaped 
Something star shaped 	Something with a number on 	Something a superhero would wear 	Something with lots of numbers on 	Something to write with 	Something a snowman would wear 
Something that grows 	Something a cowboy would wear 	Something you can put on your head 	Something that could go in a sandwich 	Something a pirate would wear 	Something with a letter on it 
Something you use in the shower 	Something triangle shaped 	Something with a flag on it 	Something used to play sport 	Something hexagon shaped 	Something to do with dinosaurs 
Something a builder might use 	Something smooth 	Something you can open 	Something to measure things with 	Something rough 	Something you can see through 





Wellbeing ideas

The holidays are a wonderful time of year, but they can also be overwhelming and stressful at times. Here are a couple of holiday ideas for children!

Mindfulness dancing - The goal is that they listen to music, then dance in a way that makes them feel good, and notice how their body moves as they dance. Don't overthink this one, just put on some fun music on and get groovin'!

Prompts:

- Instruct them to move how they feel their body wants to move and parents, you should get some dancing in too.
- Whatever song comes on, how does your body want to move?
- Why did you want to move that way?

Mindfulness Walk - mindfulness is all about paying attention to the moment in a non-judgmental way. It can help people connect to their bodies and can also reduce stress. Use the prompts below when going on a mindfulness walk.

Your Mindfulness Walk



How do different surfaces feel - soft, hard, smooth, rough?



write here!



What smells can you smell - flowers, grass, food, car engines?

write here!



Your Mindfulness Walk



How does the air feel around you - warm, cold, damp, fresh?



write here!



What can you see and hear around you - cars, birds, rustling trees?

write here!



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Staying happy and safe over summer

We appreciate that for some people, the holidays can be challenging but there is always help available.

Helplines for children and young people

Childline call 0800 1111

Shout crisis messenger text 85258

Young Minds text 85258

[Is this OK?](#) online chatbot and 1-2-1 chat

Helplines for adults

Samaritans call 116 123

Domestic Abuse helpline call 0808 2000 247

For confidential advice and support with behaviour, parenting, child development, emotional health and well-being text Chat Health 07520 615722.

Safeguarding

As a parent, carer, relative, neighbour or member of the public you may be concerned about the welfare and safety of your own child or a child you know. If you are worried about an adult or a child, it is important that you report it immediately.

For emergencies and immediate danger call 999 for police assistance.

**For concerns about a child in Staffordshire call 0300 111 8007.
Emergency out of hours: 0345 604 2886.**





Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Don't forget to participate in the **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** this year!



Beginning 9 July in libraries across Staffordshire. Children across Staffordshire are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in libraries this summer. **This year's theme is Gadgeteers.** The Reading Agency have teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity!

How to take part in the challenge

- Visit 1 - From Saturday 9 July visit your local library to join the challenge. You will receive a poster and a set of stickers. Borrow 3 books, they can be any book you like and take them home to read!
- Visit 2 - Once you have read your 3 books visit your local library to return them, and borrow 3 more! Collect your second set of stickers. Did you remember to sign up for an event or activity too!
- Visit 3 - Complete your challenge! Return your books and collect your certificate, medal, bookmark and stickers. The reading fun doesn't have to stop there! Why not borrow some more books and continue to be a reading champion!





The Summer Reading Challenge – **Mini Challenge aged 0 – 3**

The Mini Challenge is a bite sized version of the Summer Reading Challenge for our youngest readers. Children collect stickers on a special collector card for the books they borrow and read.

How does the mini challenge work?

- Sign up at your local library
- Choose any books your child likes
- Share the stories together
- Collect a sticker for each book
- Collect 5 stickers to finish and earn a gold medal sticker

Once again this year Burton Library will be holding the Burton Summer Reading Challenge Cup competition for schools. The school having the highest number of pupils completing the Summer Reading Challenge compared to the total number of pupils in the school will win the trophy to host in school for 2022/2023 academic year. We have won this before and would love to win this again especially as we would be able to choose £100 of books which would be a great addition to our new library.

For more information go to the Summer Reading Challenge website:
[Summer Reading Challenge](#)





FYI - Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

To help prepare parents fully for the next academic year, we are publishing the term dates and Inset days for your information below.

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term starts: Tuesday 6 September (Reception officially start on Thursday 8th September)

Inset day: Friday 21st October

Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17 April

Term starts: Tuesday 18 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset: Monday 19th June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Violet Way and Edge Hill Inset days 2022-2023

5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

3rd January 2023

17th April 2023

Monday 19th June 2023

We would like to remind all parents that holidays are **not** authorised during term time and should be booked during the school holidays.

We can not authorise any holidays and parents may face fines from the Local Authority if they take their child on holiday during term time.





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?

NO TODDLER GROUP NEXT WEEK

Activ8 day (organised by Star Foundation) with a theme of STREET DANCING! Please bring bags of unwanted shoes, bags and clothes on the day - Monday 18th July

Y2 BREWHOUSE performances @ 1:30pm and 6:30pm – Tuesday 19th July

Y2 Graduation - Wednesday 20th July

Kestrels – 9.15am

Owls – 10am

Woodpeckers – 10.45am

Last day of Term – Wednesday 20th July

