



We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind

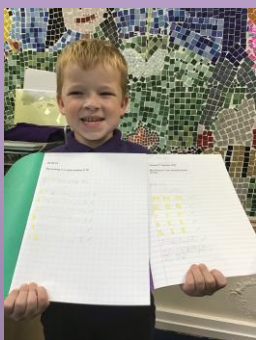
A Message from Mrs Kee

As the Headteacher at Violet Way, I am delighted to be able to come to work everyday and be inspired by our pupils. This week, I have been so pleased to witness children demonstrating our school values. At breaktime, children worked together to tidy up, showing 'We care' about our school environment. In class, a Year 2 child was struggling to draw a Kestrel, but she told me she was going to 'keep trying', demonstrating 'We are brave' and persevering in the face of challenge. In Year 1, 'We celebrate individuality' was observed when children were talking about their likes and dislikes, respecting their different opinions. Out on the playground at lunchtime, I saw a Reception child on his first day being encouraged by his peers to join in with some games outside, his friends were showing him that 'We leave no one behind'. This all in the first week!

I am also in the privileged position to be leading a team of extremely committed staff who, like me, have the children's best interest at the forefront of everything they do. Working collaboratively with staff, pupils, parents and governors, I intend to build upon our successes from last year and continue to foster further improvement. At Violet Way, we want our whole school community (pupils, staff, parents, governors) to demonstrate our school values and I have included further information in this newsletter for your reference. You can also read about our vision and values on the school [website](#). We focus on developing positive relationships with each of our families. I will be on the gate in the mornings to greet children and their parents, so please feel free to come and speak to me. To make an appointment, please contact the school office.

In this newsletter, you will also find information and dates for your child's forest school sessions and parent library mornings.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday, *Mrs Kee*





Vision and Values

A clear vision and values helps all pupils, staff, parents and governors understand where the school is heading, keeping everyone focused on the academy's core purpose. At Violet Way our vision aligns with Fierte Trust's vision: 'Inspiring All to Excellence'

Our Academy Vision:

At Violet Way Academy we want all of our pupils to '**Reach for the Stars**'. This means setting aspirational goals, persevering in the face of challenge and striving for excellence in all that they do.

Our Academy Values:

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Our values are the thread that drive excellence and create the culture in which we can all excel. We expect all members of our school community to work collaboratively with high aspirations and expectations of everyone, consistent with our values. We will be teaching children about our vision and values and supporting them to develop the character traits they need to be confident and successful, flourishing as individuals ready for the next stage of their education. We display our Vision and Values poster around school, talk to the children about what they are and what they mean to us, helping them to identify when they are behaving in line with our values. All of our assemblies have a value and character traits linked to the content we cover. [Visit our website for further information.](#)

Violet Way Academy Five Golden Rules



We will listen to and show respect to ALL in school.



We will have kind hands, kind feet and kind words to all.



We will walk sensibly and quietly around school showing politeness to others.



We will be determined to be the best learners and the best friends we can be.



We will care for our classroom, our school and our local community.

All children will be taught our five **Golden Rules**, which are linked to our school vision, values and associated character traits. Our curriculum will promote good learning behaviours and children will receive positive praise and rewards linked to our school values and our five golden rules.

Parents just need to download the **Marvellous Me** app to be able to view the child's 'learning postcards' and 'badges' your child will be earning through MarvellousMe in school. Last year we achieved 100% sign up and are looking for the same this year from our new Reception parents.



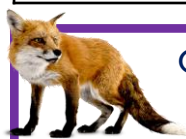
The app will allow you to find out how your child is getting on in school and be a platform for sharing messages with parents.





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.18%
Reception	98.31%
Year 1	96.95%
Year 2	94.71%



Congratulations to
Foxes

for being the class
with the highest attendance this week!

100% attendance

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.**

Home Awards

Two children brought in their awards for
swimming and gymnastics – well done!



Merit Award Winners

Teachers choose two children from their class
each week to receive a Merit Award.

Children will be chosen for reasons related
to following our rules, demonstrating our
values and showing our star learner qualities.

Year 1 and Year 2 attended the Merit
assembly this week. The teachers have been
really impressed with all of the pupils this
week. A fantastic start to their new year
groups – well done!

Year 1



Year 2





PE Lessons

PE lessons are scheduled to start next week. Children need to bring their PE into school and leave it in school. They will get changed in school for their PE lessons. Teachers will send information their class PE days via Marvellous Me.

Each class in Year 1 has a term of swimming lessons at Green Bank Leisure Centre. The first class to go swimming will be **Busy Bees**. Lessons will be on Tuesdays. Mr Bill will drive the children to the leisure centre in the mini-bus. The first lesson for Busy Bees will be on Tuesday 13th September. Mrs Williams has posted a Forms survey for parents to complete. We provide this information to the swimming instructors.



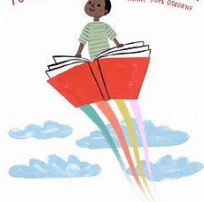
Library

At Violet Way, we have a brand-new, re-designed library. Our library is an inviting space for children to sit down and enjoy reading a good book.

Every child visits the library weekly to change their library book and listen to a story in the library. Parents are invited to visit the library with their child once every three weeks in the morning at 'drop off' time.

Parent library morning dates and times are printed in this newsletter.

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES"
-MARY POPS GIBSON



Forest School

All children have an afternoon Forest School session every two weeks, led by our qualified Forest School leader, Mrs Dawson. Children need to wear their school uniform top and jumper and a pair of dark jogging bottoms or leggings (no jeans). Children need a pair of wellies in school.



Star Learner

Teachers will recognise 'Star Learners' in lessons. The teachers will be talking to the children about what it means to be a star learner and how this aligns to our school values.

As well as receiving recognition in school, parents will be notified via Marvellous Me when their child receives special awards so that we can all celebrate their achievements together.



Have a positive attitude
(I will try my best)



Works
independently
and with others

Persevere
(Never give up)

STAR
LEARNERS

Talk about learning
(I know what I'm
learning and I can tell
others)



Look and listen
(at my teacher and
my partner)





We love our library!

We love our newly-refurbished library in school! The children visit the library once per week with their class to change their library book and enjoy listening to, and reading, a range of books. Once every three weeks, parents are invited to visit the library with their child in the morning during 'drop off' times. Parent library mornings start next week for the following classes:

Foxes - Tuesday 13th September

Kestrels - Wednesday 14th September

Dragonflies - Thursday 15th September

The complete list of dates and times for parent library mornings are printed in this newsletter.



We have a new library bear and we have asked the children to name our big bear. We will reveal the chosen name in next week's newsletter! Mrs Williams will be running a lunchtime book club in our library too.

These children all participated in the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 to become 'Gadgeteers'. They all continued their love of reading during the holiday, visiting Burton library to take out books to read at home. They received a certificate and medal – well done!





Queen Elizabeth II

Following the sad news of the death of the Queen, teachers took some time in class to watch a Newsround video clip which presented the life of the Queen and the information of her passing in an age-appropriate way. Children in Year 1 and Year 2, learnt about the Queen last academic year and the video covered some of their learning from the Queen's Jubilee.



During times of public mourning, feelings of private grief or personal bereavements may surface for children and young people. They may also have questions about what has happened.

Please find the following links to help support children affected by the death of the Queen offering support for children and young people:

- Winston's Wish has resources [about the death of the Queen](#) and how to talk to children and young people about what is happening.
- Child Bereavement UK has [resources](#) to help you explain about death and dying to children and young people.

Young Carers

A young carer is a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities. It is likely that there will be many young carers at every school. The 2011 Census identified 177,918 young carers in England and Wales and 1 in 8 were aged under 8 years old. If you are in a household with young carers, please let us know. You can inform us via office@violetway.org, or ask to speak to Mrs Kee or Mrs Dawson. We can offer support to families with young carers.





Reading Rockets

We want to encourage children to read at home because reading matters.

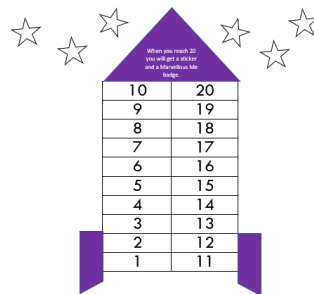
Reading is the most important subject in school.
A child needs reading in order to master most other subjects.

Across the world, children who read the most, read the best.

Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them to develop critical reading skills.

Reach for the Stars with our Reading Challenge!

Next week we are launching our new reading at home challenge. Children will have their reading book bag and reading rocket record book sent home on Tuesday. Reading books will be changed in school on Mondays and sent home on Tuesdays. Every night your child reads their school reading book at home they can colour in one of the numbered boxes on their rocket. Parents please initial next to the numbers each box before your child colours it in to show that you have heard them read. Keep the book in their reading folder so they can show their teacher how close they are to reaching 20. Once they have reached 20 reads they will receive a Marvellous Me badge and a special sticker. Children can earn a maximum of 'one read' per day.



Toddler Group

Toddler Group – Starting back on Tuesday 13th September! (every Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family). Our Parent and Toddler sessions will be on Tuesday mornings for parents with pre-school children. These ran very successfully last academic year.

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 13th 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.





Reception – First week in pictures



Year 1 - First week in pictures





Newsletter

A collage of 18 photographs showing children in purple school uniforms engaged in various art and craft activities. The photos show children drawing, painting, and displaying their work. Two circular icons, a heart and a rocket, are in the bottom right corner.

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Lunchtimes at Violet Way

Over the summer holiday we have set up the bandstand in the playground with a range of games and activities for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes and breaktimes. Next week, the teaching assistants and lunchtime supervisors are receiving training for outdoor play and the use of the outdoor equipment. We have invested in a range of resources to ensure happy, healthy breaktimes and lunchtimes!





Forest School and Library Dates

Forest School Days Autumn Term

Week 1:

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – Foxes

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 12/9 26/9 10/10 31/10 14/11 28/11

Week 2:

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Wednesday - Ladybirds

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Owls

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 19/9 3/10 17/10 7/1 21/11 5/12

Parent Library Mornings Autumn Term

Reception - Tuesday Mornings

Foxes: 13/9 4/10 1/11 22/11

Squirrels: 20/9 11/10 8/11 29/11

Badgers: 27/9 18/10 15/11 6/12

Year 2 - Wednesday Mornings:

Kestrels: 14/9 5/10 2/11 23/11

Owls: 21/9 12/10 9/11 30/11

Woodpeckers: 28/9 19/10 16/11 7/12

Year 1 - Thursday Mornings:

Dragonflies: 15/9 6/10 3/11 24/11

Ladybirds: 22/9 13/10 10/11 1/12

Busy Bees: 29/9 20/10 17/11 8/12





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2022-23

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6 September

Half Term: 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 4 January

Half Term: 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

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 17th April

Monday 19th June

What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday starting Tuesday 13th September

Harvest Assemblies – Thursday 13th October

Kestrels – 9.10am

Owls – 9.30am

Woodpeckers – 9.50am

Dragonflies – 10.10am

Busy Bees – 10.30am

Ladybirds – 10.50am

Squirrels – 1.40am

Foxes – 2.00pm

Badgers – 2.20pm

Harvest Food Sale in Hall at 2.50pm onwards

Anti-Bullying Week Theme: Reach Out – week commencing Monday 14th November

Odd Socks day – Monday 14th November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kin to each other and respect each other's individuality

Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2 –

YR – Christmas Nativity – December Date TBC

Y1 – Christmas Songs – December Date TBC

Y2 Christmas Carol Concert – December Date TBC

