



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

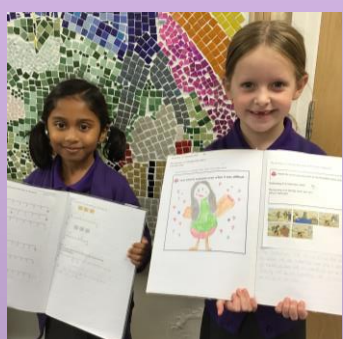
A Message from Mrs Kee

Our assembly on Monday this week focused on our value ‘We care’, and in particular, cleanliness. We talked about how to keep ourselves clean and healthy and how to keep our learning spaces clean and tidy. Good hygiene routines are important to help prevent the spread of germs and an organised learning space helps us stay focused and calm. The children are brilliant at maintaining organised classrooms – great tidying up – well done!

The Senior Leadership Team have carried out learning walks in maths and RWI lessons this week. In maths, I have observed children talking confidently about their learning and providing reasons for their answers. In RWI phonics lessons, the children were focused and worked well with their partners, taking it in turns to read the pages of the book.

I have been really impressed with the writing the children are producing. They have been excitedly coming to show me! We would love to see some writing from home too. Last year Mrs Williams started a writing display, and you filled it! Please share any writing at home, such as lists, name writing, cards, labelling a picture, a letter, a postcard, letter or story with Mrs Williams k.williams@violetway.org. Come on star writers!

Have a great weekend – hopefully not too wet and windy!
Mrs Kee





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	94.23%
Reception	91.91%
Year 1	93.41%
Year 2	97.39%



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.

Merit Award Winners

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Home Achievements



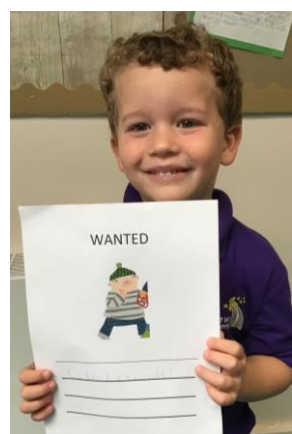
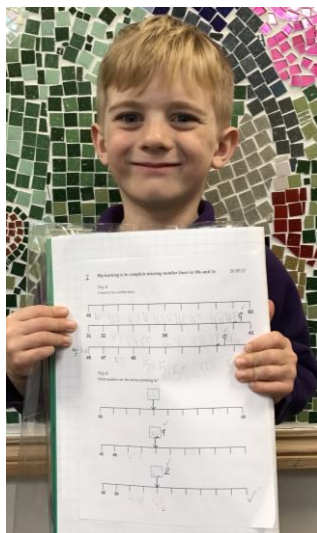
Wonderful achievements in swimming and football this week – well done!.

These children showed our star learner quality of looking and listening in assembly. They were such good role models, they sat on the stage!





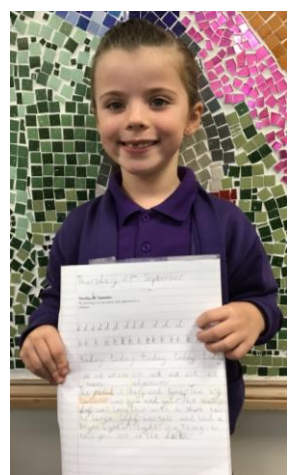
Little Stars!



These children have visited my office this week to share their lovely learning. They have demonstrated star learner qualities.

STAR LEARNERS

- ★ Have a positive attitude (I will try my best) ★
- Works independently and with others
- Persevere (Never give up)
- Talk about learning (I know what I'm learning and I can tell others) ★
- Look and listen (at my teacher and my partner)





A Message from our CEO

As a school, it is important to us to build positive relationships with our families, supported by good systems of communication. Our school values apply to our interactions with pupils, staff, parents and governors. We listen to and value any contributions made. Our parents and carers are very supportive, and we appreciate this.

All academies within Fierte Multi Academy Trust have been asked by the CEO (Maria Hamblin) to share the following message with all parents across the Trust.

Dear Parents,

A cornerstone in helping every child to achieve their potential is a positive, respectful relationship between staff and parents. School leaders and staff in all roles work hard to foster this. We are most grateful to the majority of parents who consistently demonstrate appropriate behaviours. However, there are increasing instances of parents being disrespectful, ill-mannered and aggressive towards members of staff. This will not be allowed to continue. Such negative behaviours will not be tolerated and may result in parents being prevented from accessing school sites. Professionals deserve to be allowed to focus on their job - educating our children. Please allow them to do so by showing courtesy and respect at all times.

Your sincerely,

Maria Hamblin (CEO)

Smile, it's School Photographs time!

On **Wednesday 12th October** Tempest will be in to take individual and sibling photos, so make sure children are looking extra smart! We are hoping to do family photos in the morning before school starts too but will send more information out regarding logistics of this next week.





“Oh the places you will go!”

Why is reading important?

Reading is a gateway to learning anything about everything. It helps you discover new things and educate yourself in any area of life you are interested in. Your child can learn about their interests (and even themselves) through reading things they enjoy.

Reading develops your imagination and creativity. When we watch television or a movie, all the information is given to us on the screen – there’s nothing we need to imagine. A book in its pure form is just words on a page, and our minds have to do the work, imagining the words coming to life.

Reading improves vocabulary and communication. Giving your child access to a world of words is one of the best ways to improve their vocabulary and enhance their spelling skills. Both their written and spoken communication abilities can be improved through regular reading.

Reading helps with building a good self-image and playing well with others.

Learning new concepts, discovering exciting places and understanding others’ perspectives is key to building a well-rounded self-image. Reading also has social benefits. Children can discuss stories with others and form friendships over shared interests.

Reading improves concentration and reduces stress. Not only does reading focus your attention entirely on the task at hand, it also immerses you in the information, improving concentration and memory of what you read. Getting completely involved in a book can help us relax and feel calm.

Reading at Violet Way

In school we teach children to read through the delivery of daily RWI lessons. Some children may also receive precision teaching. We help children develop a love of reading through weekly visits to the library, parent library mornings and daily story time.

To help support reading at home, we provide information on our [website](#), have introduced a more user-friendly reading diary (Reading Rockets) and are introducing Oxford Owl at home (see next page). We also offer parents reading meetings and workshops. **Next week, our English leads Mrs Williams and Mrs Ayling are holding Reading Meetings on Wednesday 5th October 9:00am and 5:00pm. We hope you can attend!**





Oxford Owl Reading Logins

Children reading Read Write Inc books will bring home a login and password in their Reading Rocket book for an online ebook next week. This ebook will match the book that they read in school the previous week to allow children to show you the reading that they have done in school and develop their fluency and confidence. It will be updated every Monday for the week. To access your child's book please follow the instructions below:

Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Select Oxford Owl for School and select Log In



Make sure you select Students on the top tab then enter child's username, password and school code that is in their Rocket Reading Book.

Login

Please select your user type.



Students Teachers Parents

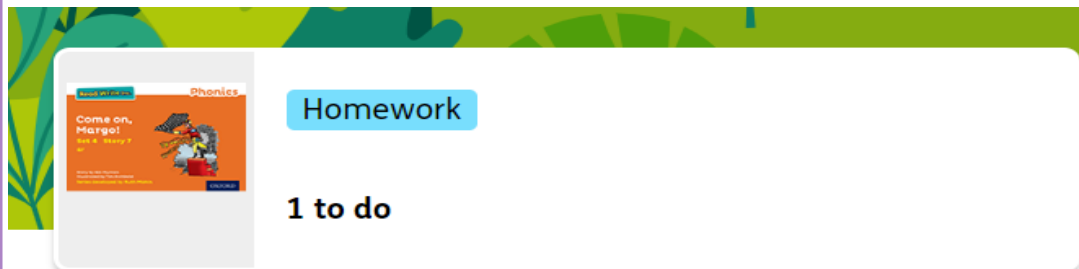
Class or student username

Password

Login

Help Forgiven my login

The ebook that has been allocated for your child to read can be found in the homework tab:





Cleaning Supervisor Vacancy

We have currently got a vacancy in school for a Cleaning Supervisor. The hours are Monday to Thursday 3:00pm-6.15pm and Friday 3:00pm-6:00pm-6pm. For more information, please visit the WM jobs website via the link below. The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd October! If you are interested in applying, or know someone who is, please access the link by [clicking here](#).



Reminder: SEND parent coffee morning

Autism Outreach Team

The first SEND coffee morning will be held on Friday 7th October 9:00am – 10:00am in our Acorn Room and will be led by the Autism Outreach Team. The team will be sharing information and ideas on how to support children who may have some challenges related to behaviour, communication, sensory needs or difficulty coping with changes or separation. If you have concerns about your child in any of these areas and would like more information, then please come along. This will be an open session for any parents who have concerns about how to support their child, not just those with a diagnosis.

Help For Households

We understand that the cost of living rises are impacting many households. The Government have a website that families may find useful. The 'Help for Households hub' provides information about the range of help available in relation to the cost of living. You can visit their website by clicking on this link: [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

Help for Households

If you are struggling and want someone to talk to, we can help. Please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Dawson (Inclusion Manager) who can offer guidance and signpost to support.





Thumbs up and Reading Prizes

At Violet Way we use Marvellous Me to share badges, awards and messages with parents. Parents receive notification of these. You can also track your child's 'thumbs up points' (although you will not receive notifications, you can view them in the app). Now at Violet Way, points mean prizes! Please see the poster opposite which explains the prizes they receive for the number of 'thumbs up' points they earn.

Marvellous Me!

'Thumbs Up' points



- 15** Marvellous Me badge shared on Marvellous Me (by class teacher)
- 25** Sticker sheet
- 50** Pencil
- 75** Class prize box choice
- 100** SLT prize box choice and 100 'Thumbs Up' certificate
- 125** Surprise reward with the Headteacher and Marvellous Me Headteacher Certificate

Reading Rocket Challenge!



Congratulations! You have completed six rockets and have read 120 times at home! You have earned your own book to keep!

Congratulations! You have completed five rockets and have read 100 times at home! You have earned a special pencil for writing



Well done! You have completed three rockets and have read 60 times at home and have earned a bookmark – to save the place when you are reading.



You have completed your first rocket and have read 20 times at home! Great news - you will receive a reading rocket Marvellous Me badge and sticker!



We know that reading opens doors – reading supports learning and access to the whole curriculum, it improves vocabulary and communication, it improves concentration and reduces stress. We know getting children to read at home can be a struggle sometimes so we have created our Reading Rocket Challenge. As well as the huge rewards learning to read itself brings, the poster opposite explains some of the prizes children can receive. The number of times they read relates to the parts of the rocket they colour in in their reading rocket diary.





Pupil Attendance

Good attendance for all pupils is really important to us at Violet Way. [The Big Ask survey](#) from the Children's Commissioner in 2021 highlighted that attendance has an important role to play in children's life chances, and reiterated the importance of understanding individual children's experiences. Reducing pupil absences will have a positive effect on achievement.

We recognise that children will get poorly and will pick up bugs at school, this is one way in which their immune system develops. If your child is not well enough to come to school, please inform us by calling the school office on 01283 248 530 or emailing office@violetway.org. You may inform your child's class teacher via Marvellous Me as well if you wish to, but you **must** inform the school office of your child's absence. As soon as they are well enough, they should come back to school. The latest Government advice states: "It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional". There is no longer an absence code for Covid, as it falls under respiratory infections like colds and flu, and testing is no longer required. If they feel ill, your child should stay at home if they are not well enough to come to school, including if they have a high temperature. They should return to school as soon as they are well enough.

Promoting excellent attendance is also the responsibility of the whole school community. Improving attendance is in everyone's interests and it is everyone's responsibility. Although we believe the main reward for a child's good attendance is being in school, therefore being able to get the best out of their education, we also provide incentives to promote good attendance:



- ✓ Class attendance treats and Marvellous Me messages
- ✓ Weekly attendance certificate for the class with the highest attendance (award of an attendance mascot)
- ✓ Class with the highest attendance is recorded in the Newsletter weekly
- ✓ Termly attendance assemblies with certificates
- ✓ End of year attendance certificates and awards for 96%+ attendance





Walk to School Month – Starts next week!

October is
walk
INTO school
MONTH

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

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Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health and also helps the environment!

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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: 1/11 22/11

Squirrels: 8/11 29/11

Badgers: 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 morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Parent Reading Meeting (Y1 and Y2) – 5th October at 9:00am and 5:00pm (followed by Kingswood meeting for Y2 parents)

SEND parent coffee morning (Autism Outreach) – Friday 7th October 9:00am

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

Cake Shop - Friday 14th October 2:30pm

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 kind to each other and respect each other's individuality

Cake Shop – Friday 25th November 2:30pm

YR – Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 7th December

Y1 – Christmas Songs – Wednesday 14th December

Y2 Christmas Carol Concert – Monday 12th December at St Peter's Church

