

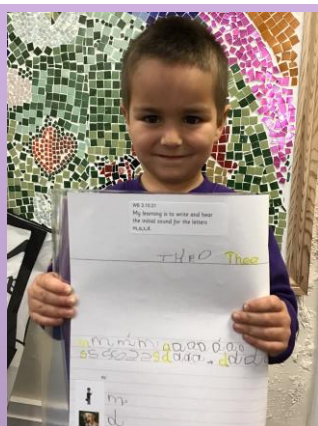
A Message from Mrs Kee

This week, I have enjoyed visiting PE lessons. The children in Year 2 were developing endurance, working on improving their scores at jumping, running and throwing. They were challenging themselves to beat their personal best.

Our assembly this week was all about Harvest, recognising that donating food to charity can be one way in which we can help and show our community that 'we care'. Please pop any harvest donations (tins and packets of food) into the box outside the front of school from Monday. Please make sure any tins or packets of food donated are in date. Thank you for donating and supporting our local community. The children have been learning harvest songs and poems in preparation for their short performances to parents next Thursday (times on 'Dates for your Diary' page).

This October is 'Walk to school' month. Further information is included in this newsletter. If you can't walk to school everyday, try to walk to school a few days per week to encourage active travel to school.

Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Ayling for hosting the parent Reading Workshops this week. Although well attended, we know that not all parents were able to make it, so we have included information in the newsletter this week and a link to the presentation on the website. Have a great weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.15%
Reception	93.15%
Year 1	94.61%
Year 2	97.50%



Congratulations to
Woodpeckers
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

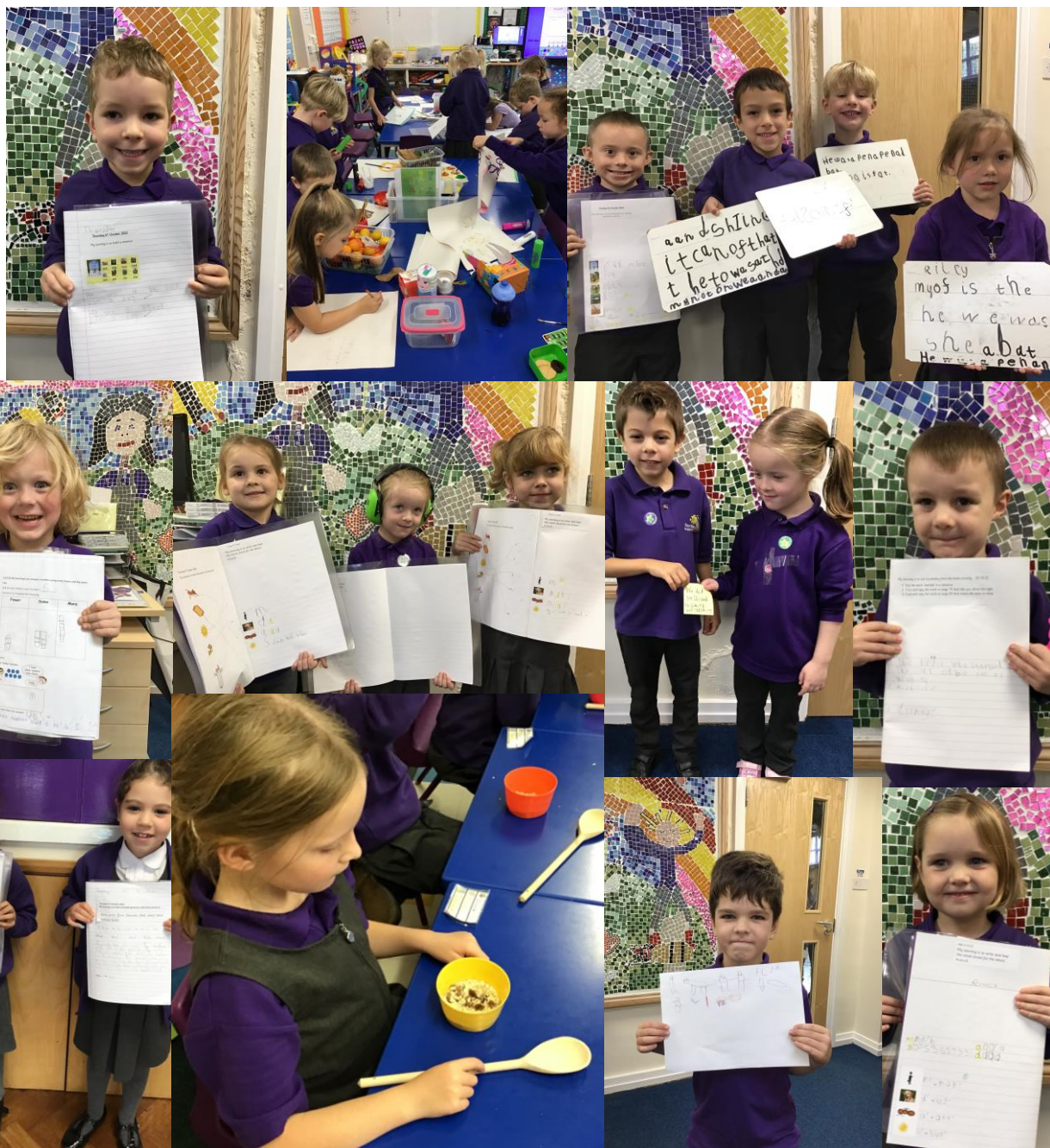


Wonderful achievements in swimming,
gymnastics, keyboard and football this week
– well done!





Loving Learning!



It is always a pleasure to have children visit my office to show me the work they are so proud of. There were lots of happy faces this week and children have been enjoying their learning. Lovely to see story maps, writing, maths work and design and technology projects in action.





Parent Reading Workshops

Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend our Reading Meeting in school this week. We appreciate you taking the time to come to school to find out about reading at Violet Way and how to support your child at home. We understand that some parents may have liked to attend but were unable to due to other commitments, so we have added the PowerPoint presentation on our school website as an attachment at the bottom of the Home Reading page – [please click on this link](#) to view.



We have had lots of positive feedback about our new Reading Rockets and children are enjoying having ownership of them. During the meeting, there were a few questions raised that we thought other parents would like to know the responses too.

Questions	Answers
How can we share information about how my child is reading at home with their class teacher?	On the bottom of the Reading Rocket there is a box for you as parents to write in after 20 reads to say what your child has done well in their reading and why they are a Reading Superstar. However, you do not need to wait until they have finished their 20 reads and you can write a note about their reading on the next page in the Reading Rocket book either letting teachers know about something they have done well or something they might be struggling with. This will be checked by teachers when files are handed in on a Monday.
Is it the reading teacher or the class teacher that gives out the reading books?	The reading teacher organises the books for their reading group. These get given to the class teacher to hand out on Tuesday. If there is ever a problem with a book not coming home or children bringing home a book, they have already read please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via Marvellous Me and this will be sorted.

We have also taken feedback about parent library mornings and parents have said they would like a little bit longer. Thank you for this suggestion. **Starting next week, we will open the school gates at 8.40am on Wednesday and Thursday just for the class that has their library morning so parents and children can come into school earlier and enjoy more time in our lovely new library with their parents.**





Parent Reading Workshops

During the meeting, some parents said that they would like a list of the Set 2 and 3 sounds and rhymes so that they can support children with these at home. Mrs Williams has created a page of set 2 and 3 sounds for children that are at this stage of the RWI scheme.

A copy of these will be added to your child's Reading Rocket Book when it is brought into school next week.



Come and join us!

To continue to develop our shared understanding and vision of reading at Violet Way, we will be inviting parents into school to attend a reading lesson with their child after half term. An online Forms will be sent out closer to the time for you to sign up to your child's session.

Children - Reading Promise – 'I will bring my reading rocket book and home reading book to school everyday in my book bag'.

A big thank you for your support in helping our children keep their Reading Promise to bring in their book bag to school everyday. We have seen a big increase in the number of children bringing their reading file on Monday to change their book and children with their files in their school bags each day. Some children have also been to visit me in the office this week as they have completed their first Reading Rocket and have earned their reading badge. Well done to these children and I hope to see more in the coming weeks!

Our first Reading Rockets completed!

These children have been the first to complete their first reading rocket. Remember that each time you read at home, you can colour a section of your rocket.





Smile, it's School Photograph time!

Reminder: **Wednesday 12th October** Tempest will be in school to take Individual and sibling photos, so make sure children are looking extra smart in their uniform.



TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

This year we are offering the opportunity to come to school first thing if you would like to have family photos taken. The main reception doors will be open from 8:00am on Wednesday 12th October for any families wishing to have family photographs taken. The family photograph session will run from 8:00am until the gates open at 8:45am.

Y1 & Y2 Drama Club – after October half term

On Monday 17th October at 4:00pm, a Microsoft Teams Forms will Be shared with Y1 and Y2 parents to be able to sign up their child to a new Drama Club (Rob Adcock Drama School) that is starting after October half term. The club will run on Mondays after school until 4:30pm.



RADS

Robert Adcock Drama School

In order to sign up, you must complete the form and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will let you know if your child has got a place later that week.

Christmas Orders

Each year, our children create fantastic Christmas artwork, which we then send off to a third-party company to be created into lots of different products for you to buy! The deadline to place your order is strictly **Friday 14th October** on ParentPay please.



FIERTÉ

MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST



School Council

On Monday morning Mrs Williams will be delivering an assembly to the children about what is a school council and what it means to be a school councillor.

A good school councillor will need to be able to demonstrate our school values consistently well. They will be involved in the development of the school and meet to discuss what is working well and what they would like to develop further. They will need to be confident to talk to members of their class and talk to the other children on the school council.

On Wednesday 12th October during PSHE time in class the children will be able to give their name to their class teacher if they would like to be a member of our school council. On Wednesday 19th October the children will then get to stand up in front of their class and tell them why they would make a good school councillor and the class will vote. One child from each class will be chosen to be part of our school council.

To be a good school councillor at Violet Way:



You need to demonstrate our values



Is this you?

Could you be the school councillor for your class?

- Give your name to your class teacher
- Stand up in front of your class and tell them why you would be a good school councillor.
- Your class will vote for the person they think will be the best for the job.



If your child would like the opportunity to nominate themselves to become a member of the school council, you can speak to your child at home about what they think would make them the best person for the job. They could also practice saying to you what they plan to stand up and say in front of their class on Wednesday 19th October.





Walk to School Month

Violet Way Academy is participating in Walk to School Month this October. The purpose of Walk to School Month is to encourage active travel to school. Walking cycling or scooting to school doesn't just help the environment, it helps you to be fit and active and ready to learn and helps keep the school gates clear of traffic, making it safer. We are collecting information about the number of children walking to school each week and there will be stickers and prizes given out before half term. [Walk, scoot or cycle to school and protect the planet! - YouTube](#)



Tips for making active travel easier and the school gates clear of traffic and safe:

- ✓ Pushed for time? Walking, cycling or scooting can take less time than in the car, especially if you re-time your journey outside of busy periods. If time still feels tight, commit to actively travelling to school for a couple of days a week and then step it up when you've cracked the morning routine.
- ✓ Too far to walk or heading to work? Park and stride it, where can you leave your car and walk the last 10 minutes.
- ✓ Bad weather? Keep the all-weather wear to hand and make the journey to school fun.
- ✓ Map out and try out a new route now so that you and your children are more aware and confident.
- ✓ Make it fun - arrange to meet friends and walk together or turn the journey into a game. Are you on a nature trail or playing 'I Spy?'
- ✓ Buddy up - could you take turns with other families to walk to school? It's fun for your kids to walk with their friends and easier on you.
- ✓ Walk home and not both ways - is the walk to school too tricky? Can you do the walk home?
- ✓ Using childcare? Does your childcare provider build walking into their day?
- ✓ Did you know that going to school in the car could mean you're exposed to twice as much air pollution than walking, cycling or scooting the same route so why not walk, cycle or scoot?





Cake shop

We are looking forward to holding our Cake Shop this half term on **Friday 14th October at 2:30pm**. There will be a variety of items to purchase, including hot drinks and the following delicious treats:

- ❖ Mars Crunch
- ❖ Biscuits
- ❖ Victoria Rounds
- ❖ Choc Fudge rounds
- ❖ Iced traybake
- ❖ Choc fudge traybake



We hope you are able to join us. Please use the side entrance by the sports court for access to the dining hall where the cakes and drinks will be served.

Notice of Bonfire Menu

The catering team have created a special menu for bonfire night, which will be served on Friday 4th November. The menu on this date will be as follows:



Pork Bangers

Pork sausages served in a roll

Veggie hotdogs



All served with crunchy oven chips, garden peas and sweetcorn



Homemade Catherine Wheel Biscuits





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

Food donations for harvest festival – From Monday 10th October (dried, tins or packets or food please). These will be donated to the local foodbank.

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

INSET day – school closed to pupils - Friday 21st October

Bonfire Menu – Friday 4th November

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 1:45pm

