

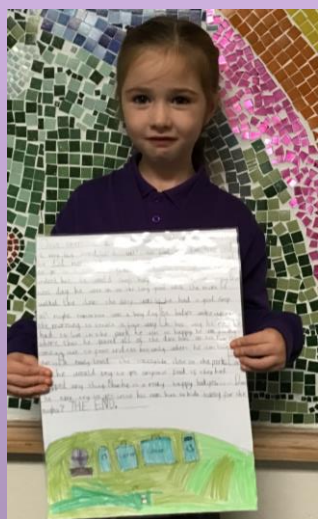
A Message from Mrs Kee

It has been another lovely week at Violet Way. We were delighted to invite parents and carers to our class Harvest Assemblies on Thursday. The children performed their poems and songs enthusiastically to the audience and impressed us all. I have included some images from the assemblies in the newsletter.

Our 'Writing's on the Wall' display in school is being populated with lots of lovely writing from school and at home. I have had several children come to show me their written work and I have enjoyed hearing about their progress, from letter formation to spelling and remembering correct use of capital letters and finger spaces. Well done!

October is 'Walk to School' month and we have seen an increase in the number of children walking to school every day or walking on some days if they are unable to walk every day. Remember, walking to school helps to keep children active, reduces the amount of traffic around school and is better for the environment. Please remember to show our community 'We care' and, if you do need to drive to school, please be considerate to people that live locally. It is important that parents do not park in front of drives to ensure people can exit and enter their own homes safely.

There is information in this week's newsletter about the Book Fair coming to school next week and also how you can sign up for new after school clubs starting after the half term break. See you next week,
Mrs Kee





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.08%
Reception	88.88%
Year 1	92.76%
Year 2	94.66%

Unfortunately, attendance figures this week have dipped. It is important to make sure that children come to school everyday on time. Please let us know if they are too ill to come to school. Let's try and get some greens next week! Our attendance policy can be viewed on our [website](#).



Congratulations to
Woodpeckers
for being the class
with the highest attendance this week!

Well done!

**Make sure your
child attends school every day
so that they get the
most from their education.**

Home Achievements



Our first Rainbows certificate shared in assembly this week – well done!



Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to this week's Merit Award winners!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Harvest Festival Assemblies

On Thursday this week we held our Harvest Festival class assemblies. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their songs and poems with parents, carers and grandparents. They demonstrated our value 'We are brave', performing well even though some were a little nervous beforehand. The children were so proud to have performed to an audience and this showed on their faces. Well done to all our pupils!

Thank you to our families for donating food items for our harvest festival. These will be gratefully received by YMCA food bank in Burton, who have told us they are desperate for donations. Thank you to Mr Bill who will be delivering the donations on the minibus on Monday.



Thank you for your donations!



Badgers



Squirrels



Foxes



Busy Bees





Harvest Festival Assemblies

'We care' about our community. Harvest is a time when we think about hard-working farmers and thank them for their efforts in harvesting crops. We think about the people in our local community and how we can help them. We have collected and donated food to share with people in our community that are struggling at the moment.



Dragonflies



Woodpeckers



Ladybirds



Owls



Kestrels





Scholastic Book Fair

We are very excited to be having the Book Fair back in school next week. It has always been very popular with parents and helps us to raise money for new books for school. This will be a great opportunity for us to purchase new library books to add to our collection!

The book fair will be in the hall and open

- **from 2.30pm on Monday 17th October throughout parents evening till 6.30pm**
- **Wednesday 19th October from 8.40am until the start of school**
- **Thursday 20th October from 8.40am until the start of school**

We hope many of you will be able to come and visit!

For every child who buys a book from the Book Fair, their name will be put on a raffle ticket and this will be entered into a grand draw. On Thursday 20th October, five raffle tickets will be picked out of the box and these five children will win a book from the fair worth up to £5.!

Please be aware that the book fair will be **cashless** but parents will be able to pay for any books bought by card online at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> or by scanning the QR code opposite on their Phone on the day. Both this address and a QR will be available on the day at the fair.



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
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On the next pages are some examples of the types of books that you can buy for different age ranges at the book fair.







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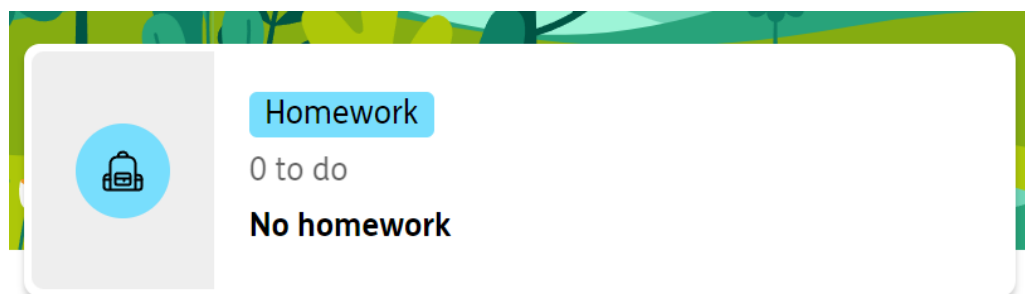
EVERY BOOK YOU BUY EARNS FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL





Oxford Owl eBooks Update

Many parents have been engaging with the RWI eBooks to support children further with their reading at home. There is a quiz that you can complete after reading the book. This will then show on our records that the children have read the book but will also then show that your child no longer has any homework.



If you want to read the book with your child again after completing the quiz you still can. All past eBooks set can be found when you click on the eBook library tab that looks like the image below. You can select and read the books saved in here to read them again.



Finished



Sound Blending 1



Sound Blending 2





Y1 & Y2 Drama After School Club

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 and will cost £21 for the half term (running for 6 weeks)



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.

Y2 - Street Dance After School Club

On **Tuesday 18th October at 4:00pm**, a Microsoft Teams Forms will be shared with Y2 parents for you to sign your child up to a new street dance after school club, which will start after October half term. The club will run on Thursdays after school until 4:15pm and will cost £28 for the half term (running for 7 weeks).

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.

This club will alternate between year groups each half term, so after Christmas, the places will be offered out again to Y1.

Cake Shop

Our cake shop today was very popular and, even though the kitchen team had baked a huge array of treats, they were quickly snapped up! So much so that Mrs Kee didn't even get a chance to take a photograph of them! Our next cake shop will be on Friday 25th November and proceeds will be going to the Teenage Cancer Trust.





Flu Immunisations

On **Tuesday 1st November**, the MPFT NHS Team will be in school to administer flu immunisations. Flu is a virus which can make you feel very unwell and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

This vaccination is free. It is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, they should have the flu vaccine again this year.

For further information see: www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/ [Protecting your Child against Flu Leaflet](#)

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, you **MUST** complete the online consent form, you can do this by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

The Violet Way Academy – 01 NOV 2022 - Flu

Your school code is: SS136762-22

Consents Forms need to be completed by 25th October 2022



If your child has ASTHMA and there are any changes to their health 14 days before the vaccination date YOU **MUST** contact the immunisation service on 0300 124 0366 as your child may not be well enough to receive the vaccination.

These include, if your child:

- Becomes wheezy
- Has required oral steroids
- Has increased their asthma medication

Five reasons to have the flu vaccine

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.





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](#)



ACTIVATE YOUR SCHOOL RUN



**Can you walk, cycle,
skate or scoot to school?**



**for a happier 😊
healthier journey**

**Drive less
Live more**



Congratulations!

Each week in October the children are talking about the benefits of walking to school (including cycling and scooting) and we are keeping a note of the number of children walking to school all week, some of the week and not at all.

This week, we have noticed an increase in the number of children walking to school all week or some of the week – this is brilliant and means that children will be keeping fit and active, reducing congestion around the school and helping our environment.

There is one more week left – we do hope that families will continue to try walk (cycle or scoot) to school everyday or as many days as possible each week.

We are looking forward to giving out stickers and prizes!



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Application for a Reception place

Reception application process

The application process for a reception place for September 2023 will open on 01 November 2022. The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Parents can apply for a Reception place on the Staffordshire Admissions website:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

The closing date is 15 January 2023.

You can find out more about Reception Admissions for September 2023 by visiting our website [Reception Admissions 2023](#) and if you want more information about the EYFS and our Reception provision please click [here](#).

Tours of the school for new applicants are being held on the following dates by calling the office or emailing office@violetway.org

Thursday 20th October 4pm

Tuesday 8th November 4:30pm

Application for a Junior place

Parents of children in Year 2 need to apply for a Junior School place.

The application process for a junior/middle school place for September 2023 will open on 01 November 2022.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the Staffordshire [website](#).

The closing date is 15 January 2023.

Children in Year 2 will receive a letter about the application process soon.

Parents are able to access the 'Information to Parents' booklet on the Staffordshire [website](#).





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

