

## A Message from Mrs Kee

In our assembly on Monday, we talked about staying safe. The children shared their ideas about how to stay safe at home and at school. Four children were chosen to sit on the stage because they were following our golden rules so well.

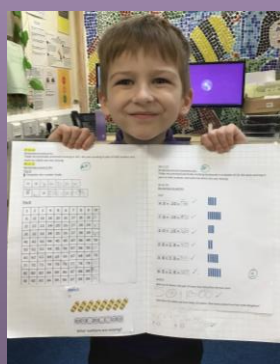
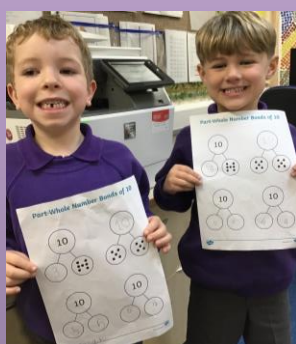
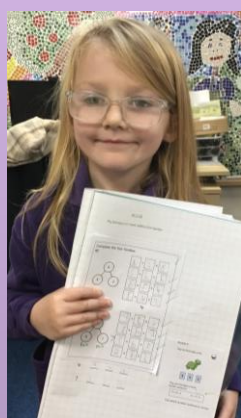


This week there have been several visitors and visits. Some children in Year 2 attended a sports festival at Repton Sports Centre, organised by St Wystan's School. I have been told they were well behaved, had a great team attitude and finished in second place – well done!

All Year 2 classes enjoyed a visit from the mobile planetarium. This is a dome-shaped theatre that was set up in our school hall. Images of stars and planets can be projected onto the ceiling of the planetarium to provide a wonderfully thrilling experience.

Year 1 pupils visited Tamworth Castle today. Upon their return, though tired from the journey, several children excitedly told me that they had seen the castle and spotted the battlements and arrow slit windows! They had thoroughly enjoyed observing, in real life, the parts of the castle they have been learning about in school.

Don't forget your odd socks on Monday! Take care, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.35%
Reception	96.44%
Year 1	94.60%
Year 2	94.99%

We were within our whole school target of 95-96% attendance this week – well done!



Congratulations to  
**Squirrels**

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



This week we had swimming awards,  
and a dancing trophy – well done!

## Merit Award Winners

Year 1 were on their trip this morning so did not attend the Merit Assembly today.

### Reception



### Year 2



### Year 2 Sports Festival Participants







## Multi-Sports Festival

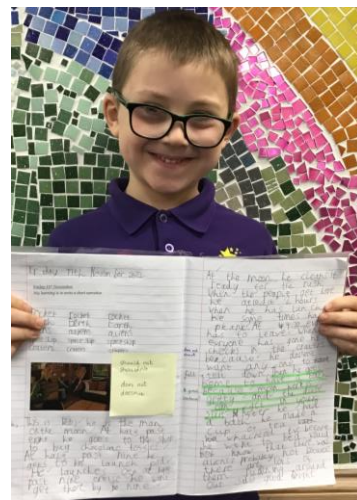
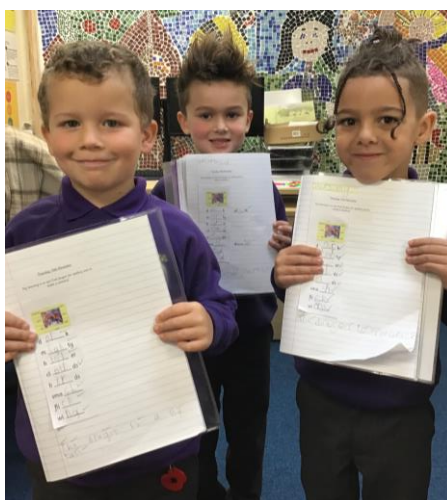
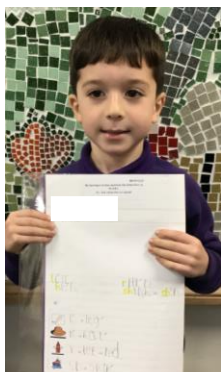
Nine children from Year 2 attended a sports festival at Repton Sports Centre, organised by St Wystan's School. The children were brilliant, well behaved and gave their all. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – well done! Thank you to St Wystans and their sports ambassadors for hosting the event and to Miss Nicholls for organising the trip and escorting the children.



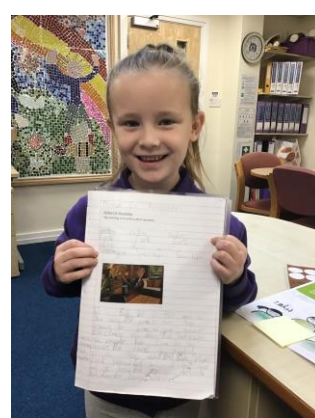
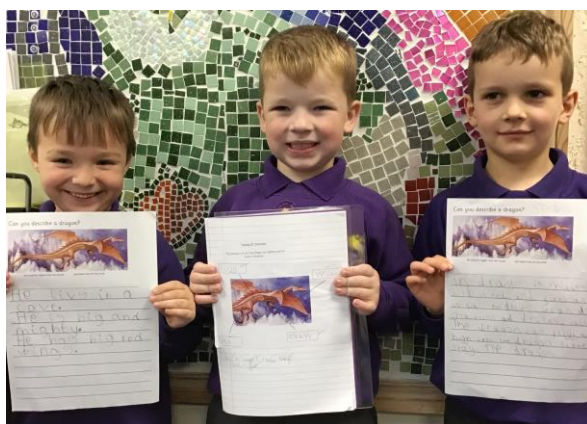
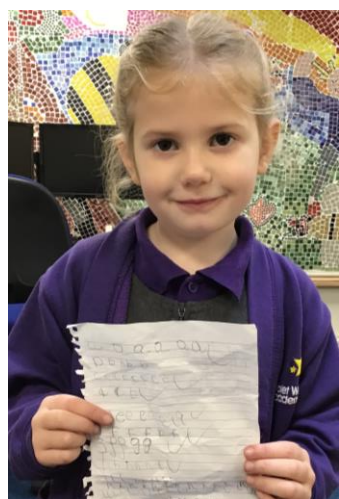
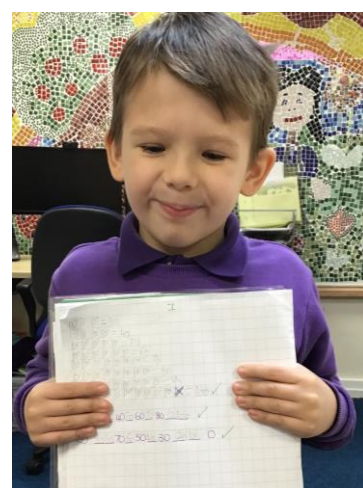
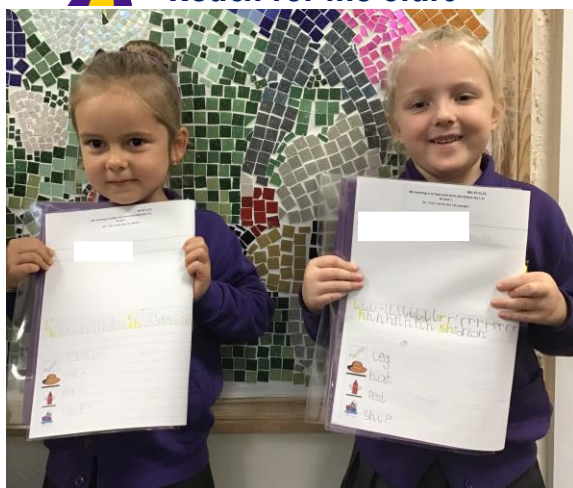




## Lovely Learning!



Reach for the Stars







## Remembrance day



In class assembly this week, the focus was on the word 'Peace' and what it means for us at home and in school. We then related this to Remembrance day (11<sup>th</sup> November) and how this is a time to think about peace.

Not fighting	→	Peaceful interactions
Not arguing	→	Seeking resolutions
Not being selfish	→	Being kind and selfless
Not bullying	→	Being friendly and kind

We considered how we can make sure that 'peace' is part of our school life through our interactions with others. We looked at some scenarios and how we would deal peacefully with disagreements with others.

At 11:00am on Friday, we held a moment of silence in class and took time to think about those that fought in the war and were away from their family. We thought about how PEACE makes the world a better place to be.



What can you do to make the world a more peaceful place?



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?  
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?  
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy poppy what should we  
know?  
That peace on earth should  
grow, grow, grow.





## Violet Way Clubs

The children have been enjoying participating in lunchtime and after school clubs.

Mrs Kee was delighted to watch a performance from the children attending street dance after school this week – well done!



This week it was the martial arts lunchtime club and the children were using pads to practise their kicking technique.

As you can see, they listened carefully to the instructions and worked together well in their pairs and small groups.

They were very enthusiastic!



## Curriculum Enrichment

This week, Year 2 pupils enjoyed a visit from the 'Planetarium'. A planetarium is a specially-designed dome-shaped theatre that is able to project a realistic image of the night sky indoors and helps to educate children about stars and planets. The children were very well behaved and in awe of the experience the Planetarium provided. Year 1 children visited Tamworth Castle today and had a brilliant time! They had a tour of the castle, set a table for a Lord and Lady and pretended to be a knight!

We will share some photographs in next week's newsletter!





## Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks day!

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week and will be kicking off with odd socks day on Monday! Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and highlights ways of preventing and responding to it. This year the theme is 'Reach Out' and the children will be talking to who they can speak to in school if they are worried about anything.



The week will begin on Monday with Odd Socks day! Children and staff should wear odd socks to school to promote individuality, acceptance, tolerance and kindness. Over the week, the children will watch videos, join in with circle times and complete activities linked to the Anti-Bullying Week theme of 'Reach out'. The work they do will build on our current PSHE theme of 'celebrating difference' and links to our school values 'We care', 'We are brave' We celebrate individuality' and 'We leave no one behind'.



Thank you to our school council, who have each created a poster to display in school, reminding children to 'Reach out' if they are worried.

In school, we encourage the children to use the following phrases 'please don't do that I don't like it' and, to support their understanding of what bullying actually is, we use STOP (**S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose). We make sure children understand what behaviour is not bullying, for example, occasional loss of temper, hurting by accident, falling in and out with friends and minor disagreements.



Parents and carers can find out about antibullying week on the Antibullying Alliance website. Just click on the link below! You can also download their Parent and Carers pack with lots of information about what bullying is, what advice you can give your child and some activities to do together at home.

[Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)







## Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Next **Friday 18th November** is Children in Need and we are having a non-uniform day! We would love for our children to come in to school wearing yellow or spots on this day and if you are able to make a donation on ParentPay, we have a special charity payment item whereby your donations will go directly to Children in Need! Please donate as much or as little as you feel you are able, we suggest £1.



## Our School Council

Our School Council had their second meeting this week. They had been asked to go back to their class and find out what the children already like about playtimes and lunchtimes and how they could be even better.

What we like	Suggested improvements
Climbing frame and slide	Swings
Hula hoops	Bouncy castle
Quiet activities in the bandstand	Soft play
Blocks	Robots
Chalks	Bikes and cars
Drawing	A play house
Basketball	Ball pit
Playing with friends	Swimming pool
Playing on the tyres	Trampoline
Eating snack at the picnic tables	Skating
Dancing to the music	Rock wall
Running	Bowling skittles and balls
Going through the tunnel	Card games (Uno, Snap, Top trumps)
Sliding down the pole	Make a school football team
The fresh air	

Mrs Williams and Mrs Kee will be meeting to discuss the suggested improvements, although some maybe a little over the school budget!







## PTA Letters from Santa

As another PTA Fundraiser, we have decided to do Letters from Santa this year!

Earlier this week, we sent out a Microsoft Forms link through MarvellousMe, which we require filling out in order for us to be able to ensure your child receives a personalised letter from Santa. Here is the link again for anyone who missed it:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZwZDDNBpvA>



We also require a contribution of £2, which will be payable on ParentPay, in order for your child to receive a letter. Letters will be sent out closer to Christmas.

The deadline to fill out the online Form and make payment is **Monday 28th November!**

## PTA Y1 Disco – Next week!

Next week we are hosting a Y1 disco, with all proceeds will go to our PTA! The disco is happening on Thursday 17th November from 5pm-6pm! Children should be dropped off and collected. Parents do not need to stay.

It will cost £2.50 for entry and this is now payable on ParentPay.

We hope to see lots of you there!



## PTA Christmas wrapping – thank you!

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed in one way or another to help our PTA get the Christmas presents wrapped for our children! We were overwhelmed with the many generous donations of wrapping paper and cellotape. We were also thrilled to have so many parent volunteers to help our PTA with the wrapping of the presents, which are now all wrapped and ready to go out in December!





## PTA Christmas Raffle

Our PTA are organising a Christmas Raffle fundraiser, more details on how to buy tickets will be coming out in the next week or so!

In the meantime, our PTA at VWA are looking for some donations of prizes from businesses for their Christmas raffle! All gifts to be handed in to the school office by **25th November please!** Please contact the office if you have any questions at [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)



Thank you so much in advance – please share and ask any friends/family who run businesses that you think might be able to get involved!

## Christmas – Santa's Bike Toy Run!

We have been asked to be a 'donation station' for the Santa Bike Toy Run, supporting Derek's Trees charity.

Derek's Tree support families living with hardship and may be facing extra struggles this Christmas. No child should wake up on Christmas morning and find that Santa couldn't make it to their house this year.

If you are able to donate a new toy to help us support this year's Santa Bike, we would really appreciate it.

Please bring any donations to the office by **2nd December**. Thank you in advance.







## Christmas Present Boxes

### Christmas present boxes – do you know of a child in school that would benefit?

A local charity has been in contact to say that they would like to provide Christmas present boxes for children of local families that are struggling at the moment. The boxes contain a variety of small gifts, in a wrapped box, suitable for children of different ages. If you know anyone who you think would benefit from this, or feel you need some help yourself, please contact Lucy in the office [office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)

## Christmas Performances - FYI

**Reception Nativity performance** - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Badgers 9:15am, Squirrels 10:15am, Foxes 1:45pm). The performances will be held in our school hall. Maximum of four attendees per child.

**Y1 – Christmas Singalong** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (Busy Bees 9:15am, Ladybirds 10:15am, Dragonflies 2:15pm) The performances will be held in our school hall. Maximum of four attendees per child.

**Y2 Christmas Carol Concert** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church 1:45pm. We will be asking for parents to accompany us during the walk to and from the church if you can. Further details will be provided closer to the time.

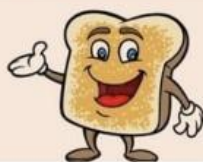
## Free Breakfast Club

STAPENHILL MUNCH AND SHOP – (POST OFFICE)

### Free Breakfast Club (for School Children)



Every Wednesday & Thursday  
07:30am – 08:30am



In true community spirit, the local post office is providing a free breakfast club for local school children on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 7:30am and 8:30am.

At Violet Way, we say thank you for providing this service!





## Warm spaces



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### FIND WARMTH THIS WINTER

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service are supporting our Community by opening some of our stations for you to come in and have a hot drink and keep warm.

We are aware that our local communities are facing tough decisions because of the cost of living crisis. We know that one of those decisions for many of our community is around eating healthily or heating.



### Where are our Warm Spaces

Commencing Thursday 10th November

Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> November 1:30pm -3pm	Lichfield Community Fire Station,
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> November 1:30pm -3pm	Burton Community Fire Station,
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 1:30pm-3pm	Barton Under Needwood Community Fire Station,

**Every Week thereafter**

Until Further Notice



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### What you can expect

Warm and Friendly Welcome  
Warm and Safe Space  
Hot Drink and Biscuits

As well as Activities for our young people

Lichfield



Burton upon Trent



Barton Under Needwood



**Birmingham Road  
Lichfield  
WS13 6HX**

**Moor Street  
Burton Upon Trent  
DE14 3SU**

**Short Lane  
Barton Under needwood  
DE13 8LB**

Your local Fire Crews would love to welcome you to your local Fire Station

So please come along and enjoy our Warm Friendly Space  
For More Information

For more information please contact your local Business Support Team 01785 898525 or  
[SDGRoomEnquiries@staffordshirefire.gov.uk](mailto:SDGRoomEnquiries@staffordshirefire.gov.uk)

**In the event of an emergency get out, stay out and dial 999**



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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 5<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June



## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Anti-Bullying Week** Theme: Reach Out – week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks day** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

**Children in Need non-uniform day – wear spots or yellow!** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**YR Robot workshop** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November (postponed from 4<sup>th</sup> November)

**Parent Reading sessions** – Details of dates and times included in Newsletter this week

**Cake Shop** – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2:30pm

**YR – Christmas Nativity** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Badgers 9:15am, Squirrels 10:15am, Foxes 1:45pm

**Christmas Jumper day & Christmas dinner day** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Y1 – Christmas Songs** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Busy Bees 9:15am, Ladybirds 10:15am, Dragonflies 2:15pm

**Y2 Christmas Carol Concert** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church 1:45pm

**GLOW UV CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL Sports Enrichment day**– Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**Pantomime time!** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

