



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

A Message from Mrs Kee

We've had a jam-packed week at Violet Way! To start our Anti-bullying Awareness week, the children wore their odd socks on Monday to celebrate individuality. We talked about the acronym STOP (Several Times On Purpose) as a way of distinguishing between falling out and bullying. The theme this year was 'Reach out' and children created their own design of hands 'reaching out' as part of their learning about anti-bullying this week. Children shared with each other who they would speak to if they are upset or worried about anything.

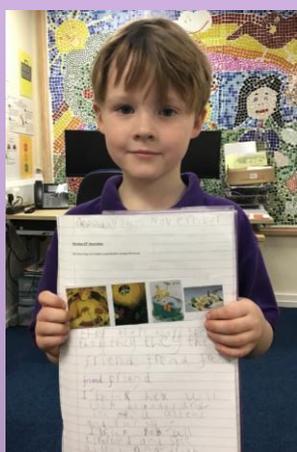


Reception pupils have had their dentist play and stay session. Thank you to Mrs Gaynor for supporting us with this. Parents were able to find out about how to support good dental hygiene and then join in with some dental-themed fun activities in class. The Reception pupils also enjoyed a visit from robots today! They created their own robots and were thrilled to test them out!

Year 1 enjoyed their disco on Thursday and were displaying some amazing moves! Mrs Williams didn't know some of the more popular songs and felt a bit left out for not being 'down with the kids'! Thank you to the staff and PTA for their support – disco divas!

It was also Children in Need day today and we dressed up in yellow and spots to raise lots! The children have enjoyed participating in some Pudsey-themed activities and have found out a little bit more about what happens to the money raised and how it supports other children. Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity. It is so important to be kind to each other. How will you be kind to someone this weekend? Little things make a big difference.

Remember our Parent Reading sessions are next week – see 'Dates for your Diary' section of the newsletter. Have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	94.11%
Reception	97.11%
Year 1	91.49%
Year 2	93.64%

Reception classes are on a roll! The classes with the highest attendance have all been Reception classes for the past three weeks!



Congratulations to **Foxes**

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.

Merit Award Winners

This week, the children in Reception were using the hall for their 'Robots' visitor. Children had Merit awards presented in classes instead this week.

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Home Achievements



Well done to this Year 2 pupil who brought in his medal from football!





Year R Dentist Stay and Play and Robots!





Year 1 Tamworth Castle

As promised, here are some photos of the Year 1 castle tip.



The Year 1 children had a wonderful time on their trip to Tamworth Castle. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who supported the visit.





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Year 2 - Planetarium



Here are some photographs from the Year 2 Planetarium in school. The dome took up a lot of space in the hall! Inside, the children were able to see space images projected onto the ceiling of the dome. They were able to become immersed in the rockets, planets and shooting stars moving all around them! The children showed our value 'We are brave' as they cautiously stepped into the dome and were thrilled with what they saw once the show had begun.

Speak out Stay safe and 'Pants'!

Parents have already received a letter about the NSPCC 'Speak out Stay Safe' assembly we will be delivering in school next week. As part of the assembly, we cover the NSPCC PANTS rule (the underwear rule). Children meet 'Pantosaurus' who delivers an important message through a fun song!

All children have the right to:

- ✓ speak out and be heard
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.



Parents can find out more and support your child at home by clicking on the following links:

[Advice for parents and carers: PANTS \(the underwear rule\)](#)

[Playtime with Pantosaurus](#)





Children in Need

We had a great day today raising money for Children in Need. The children enjoyed coming to school in their special Children in Need day outfits and enjoyed 'Pudsey' themed activities as well as a special spotty iced cake at lunchtime! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated already, if you haven't yet donated £1 to Children in Need for today's non uniform day, please go to ParentPay to donate. Thank you.





No Trading Thank you!

Although we are happy for children to bring in awards from home to share in our Merit Assembly, or items that they wish to share with their class, please can we remind all parents that children should not be bringing toys in from home. The reason for this is that they can get easily damaged or lost and this can cause unnecessary upset that can impact on behaviour or learning for the rest of the day. We have also had problems with children wanting to 'trade' or swap items (cards, small toys) without parents' permission, or they swap and then realise that they want their item back! This causes upset for both parties.



Mrs Kee has spoken to a couple of children who have said that children are allowed to trade at Edge Hill. Mrs Kee has explained that children at Edge Hill are older and, at Violet Way, we are not allowed to swap and trade items from home. Mrs Kee has said that, once collected by their parents, if parents are together with the children, then they can talk to them if they would like to swap, and parents can then make that decision. The children accepted and understood this.

Considerate Parking

Please can all parents be mindful of where they are parking during drop off and collection. We have received reports from local residents where parents have parked in front of driveways. It is important to show 'We care' and be considerate of our local residents. They need to have access in and out of their own property. In addition, I have been shocked and surprised to hear that some parents of pupils at Violet Way have parked over driveways and then, when asked by residents to move, they have become aggressive. Please be considerate of our local residents.



If anyone has concerns about parking, information about how to report parking problems near schools can be found on this website: [Parking near to schools - Staffordshire County Council](#)





Cake Shop Next Week!

Our next cake shop will be on **Friday 25th November at 2:15pm** and proceeds will be going to the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Our kitchen team is supporting the school Crossing Patrol Assistant to raise money for a charity close to her heart.

We hope lots of you can come to help us raise money whilst enjoying a lovely cake!



Inclusion Parent Coffee afternoon

Friday 2nd December 2- 3pm

Following our first successful parent inclusion coffee morning we will be hosting a second event on **Friday 2nd December at a later time of 2- 3pm**. We will have members of the Autism Outreach team joining us again and the focus will be supporting children with behaviour strategies.



This will be an informal chance to meet other parents and share ideas, ask questions or get support. For further information please speak to Mrs Dawson or Mrs Magill.

Please let us know if you intend to visit, so we can arrange refreshments. Just speak to a member of staff or email the school office: office@violetway.org.

Christmas Performances - FYI

Reception Nativity performance - Wednesday 7th 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 14th 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 12th 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.





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



Letters from Santa and PTA Christmas Raffle

Please remember to complete the link below for a Santa letter. A contribution of £2 is payable on ParentPay. The deadline to fill out the online Form and make payment is **Monday 28th November!** Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZwZDDNBpvA>

Reminder – donations for the Christmas raffle to be handed to the office by **25th November please!** Please contact the office if you have any questions at office@violetway.org Thank you so much in advance – please share and ask any friends or 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**.





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 sessions – Join your child for their RWI lesson in school on the following dates (9:00am-9:40am):

Year 1 and 2:

- Monday 21st November – Year 2 Kestrels and Year 1 Dragonflies
- Tuesday 22nd November – Year 2 Woodpeckers and Year 1 Ladybirds
- Wednesday 23rd November – Year 2 Owls and Year 1 Busy Bees

Reception:

Tuesday 22nd November – Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers Group 1

Wednesday 23rd November – Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers Group 2

Cake Shop – Friday 25th November 2:30pm

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

Christmas Jumper day & Christmas dinner day –
Thursday 8th December

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

Y2 Christmas Carol Concert – Monday 12th December at
St Peter's Church 1:45pm

GLOW UV CHRISTMAS DODGEBALL Sports Enrichment day – Thursday 15th December

Pantomime time! Friday 16th December

