



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

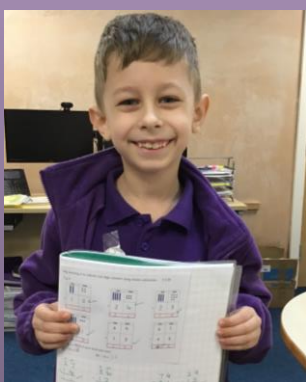
## A Message from Mrs Kee

It has been a brilliant book-focused week! Parents' evenings were a success with many parents attending in person or online via Teams – we were pleased to be able to offer both in person and on-screen meetings.

On Tuesday this week, our school Governors visited for a tour of the school. We considered some of the elements of our Academy Improvement Plan that teachers are working on and could see evidence of effective questioning strategies, such as 'think, pair, share' and 'cold calling'. We have a Governing Body meeting next week and look forward to planning further Governor visits to school.

The children have really enjoyed the whole school focus on Fairy Tales. They have enjoyed listening to a range of fairy tales, acting them out, discussing characters and creating their own characters. On World Book day, children and staff came to school in their comfy PJs and enjoyed a biscuit and glass of milk at the start of the day. They loved the 'teacher swap' for story time. I have been reading to different classes this week and will have read to every class in school by the end of next week. The children have also been so excited each day for the bedtime story, trying to guess which member of staff and story it will be next! We are sorry there were a few technical difficulties but you should now be able to view all the stories by accessing our [World Book Day webpage](#).

I hope you have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Whole school<br>(this week) | <b>96.40%</b> |
| Reception                   | <b>97.56%</b> |
| Year 1                      | <b>95.52%</b> |
| Year 2                      | <b>96.11%</b> |

**Wow – amazing attendance this week across the whole school!**



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.**

## Merit Awards

Here are our Merit Award winners for this week. Well done!



## Home Achievements



Thank you for sharing your achievements. Great job!

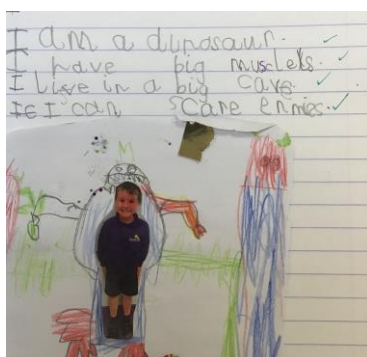
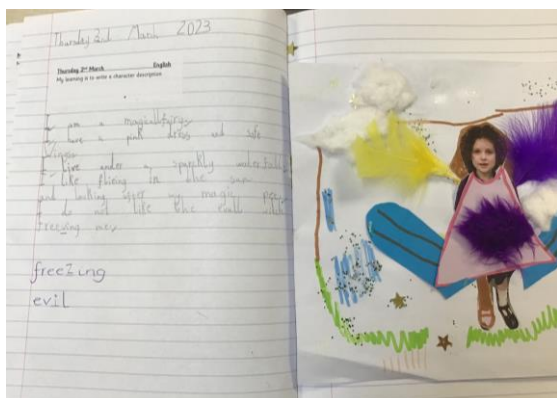




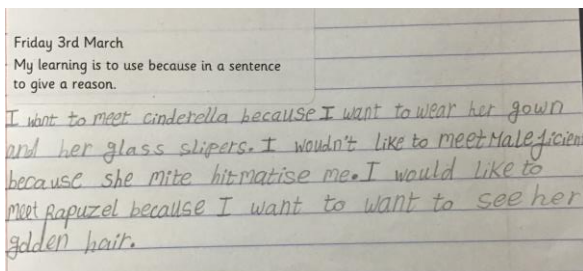
## World Book Day Celebrations

We celebrated World Book Day at Violet Way in a number of ways. The learning focus for this week in English across the school was Fairy Tales. Our daily class story time sessions were focused on Fairy Tales and children listened to a range of different traditional tales in class. We even had a teacher swap for story sessions and children enjoyed being visited by other teachers across the school to share a special story.

For their English learning, the children turned themselves into their very own Fairy tale character! This was used as inspiration for some lovely writing.



## World Book Day



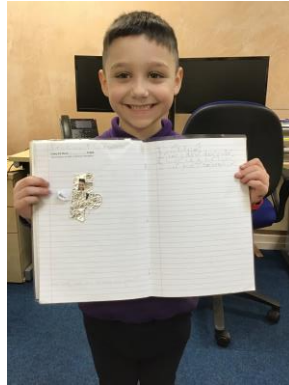


## World Book Day Celebrations

Friday 3rd March  
 My learning is to use because in a sentence to give a reason.

I would like to meet Cinderella because I won't try on her dress. I wouldn't like to meet the big bad wolf because he is mean.

I would like to meet Puss in boots because I want to try on his boots.



The Wizard of Oz  
 Reading 27 March 2023  
 My learning is to write a character description

I am a magical fairy  
 I have butterfly wings and I have good shoes on my feet  
 I live in a magical forest and I have a round nose  
 I like flying in the air and I do magic  
 I do not like getting angry  
 I live in a castle  
 I can fight enemies



I am a knight  
 I have a silver chess plate  
 I live in a big castle  
 I can fight enemies





## Winners!



The Book Fair has been very popular again this week with lots of children having books bought for them as a treat after parents evening for working very hard in school. Through this book fair we have raised £300 to be spent on books for school so thank you to everyone who supported the fair. Every child who bought a book at the fair had their name added to our prize box. Five winners were picked out of the hat and they all received a book from the fair as a prize.



### Fun Competition!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Guess the book character competition. The Winners all had a book.  
**In Reception the character was Little Red Riding Hood**  
**In Year 1 the character was the Big Bad Wolf**  
**In Year 2 the character was the Gingerbread Man**





## Author Visit

Over this week and next week, Mrs Kee is reading 'The Drama Llama' to every class. We have purchased the book for each class to add to their class book box. The book conveys an important message about talking to a trusted adult if you have worries.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we are taking part in Puffin's Virtual Visits. Authors will be beaming directly into classrooms across the UK via live virtual sessions, and we're excited to be taking part and tuning in. Children in Key Stage 1 will be attending a Puffin Virtual Visit from Rachel Morrisroe, author of The Drama Llama. The author will be sharing her creative writing secrets and pupils will have a chance to ask questions. Often pupils are very inspired by these author visits.



## Sports Leaders



Our school council members have received training from the East Staffordshire Sports Partnership to lead playground games.

Today they were presented with their uniform in our Merit assembly.

Our Key Stage 1 members will be teaching the children in their class, during part of their PE lesson next week, some of the games they have learned.

The following week, they will wear their new Sports Leader uniform on the playground, supporting children with playing games. They will also be able to buddy-up with children that are unsure of what to play.





## Health e-leaflet

The Families' Health and Wellbeing (0-19) Service is the local Health Visiting and School Nursing service. They offer support to schools and parents of children aged 0 to 19 years around lots of health-related topics to help children.



Please follow this [link to an e-leaflet](#), which introduces your local School Nurses and shares some development and health information which parents/carers of reception aged children may find useful. The e-leaflet also contains a link to a contact form. This form is confidential, which means the answers you give will be returned to the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service and will not be shared with our school.

The Families' Health and Wellbeing Service can also be contacted through the Children and Families Health and Wellbeing Single Point of Access (CaFSPA), often referred to as the Hub, or their ChatHealth (text) services.

Website - [Health Visiting and School Nursing :: Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(mpft.nhs.uk\)](https://mpft.nhs.uk)

CaFSPA Freephone: 0808 178 0611

Chat Health Text Messaging Service (standard message rate) –

Parents/Carers text: 07520 615722

For young people living in Staffordshire, text 07520 615721

## Date for the diary - YR PTA Disco

Last term, we hosted a disco for our Y1 children and it was a real hit!

This Spring term, we are going to be hosting a disco next **Thursday 9th March** from 5pm-6pm for our **Reception children!**

It will cost **£2.50** for entry and this is now payable on ParentPay. All proceeds of this disco will go to our fantastic PTA. Parents do not need to stay for this event, please drop off at 5pm and collect children again at 6pm. All we ask is when you drop off, you take their coat with you and bring it back when you come to collect. Ticket price includes a drink and a small packet of sweets. We hope to see lots of Reception children there!





# Forest School and Library Dates

## Parent Library Mornings Spring Term

### Year R Tuesday Sessions Spring Term:

|                  |      |      |      |      |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Foxes</b>     | 10/1 | 31/1 | 28/2 | 21/3 |
| <b>Squirrels</b> | 17/1 | 7/2  | 7/3  | 28/3 |
| <b>Badgers</b>   | 24/1 | 14/2 | 14/3 | -    |

### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Spring Term:

|                    |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Kestrels</b>    | 11/1 | 1/2  | 1/3  | 22/3 |
| <b>Owls</b>        | 18/1 | 8/2  | 8/3  | 29/3 |
| <b>Woodpeckers</b> | 25/1 | 15/2 | 15/3 | -    |

### Year 1 Thursday Sessions Spring Term:

|                    |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Dragonflies</b> | 12/1 | 2/2  | 2/3  | 23/3 |
| <b>Ladybirds</b>   | 19/1 | 9/2  | 9/3  | 30/3 |
| <b>Busy Bees</b>   | 26/1 | 16/2 | 16/3 | -    |

## Forest School Days Spring Term

### Week 1

**Monday – Badgers**

**Tuesday – Foxes**

**Thursday – Squirrels**

**Friday – Busy Bees**

These classes will have Forest School afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 9/1 23/1  
6/2 27/2 13/3 27/3

### Week 2

**Monday – Dragonflies**

**Tuesday – Woodpeckers**

**Wednesday - Ladybirds**

**Thursday – Kestrels**

**Friday – Owls**

These classes will have Forest School afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 16/1 30/1  
13/2 6/3 20/3







# 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

**EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
(King's Coronation)

**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

**Reception - Animal Workshop** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**YR PTA school disco 5pm-6pm** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Y1 - Animal Workshop** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

**Comic relief (wear red)** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Cake shop** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Mothers Day Play and Stay** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March (YR 9am-10am Y1 10am-11am Y2 11am-12pm)

**World Down Syndrome day** 21<sup>st</sup> March – wear odd socks (celebrate individuality)

**Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation for Bingo!** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**YR NCMP Height & Weight checks** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**PTA Chocolate Easter Bingo** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Autism Awareness week** 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Tempest Class photos** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Egg hunt in the woodlands** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Cake shop** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

