

A Message from Mrs Kee

Our chicks have grown! The children have been fascinated to watch our chicks grow and develop. They have caused quite a stir and have inspired children's conversations and writing in Year 1. They also had a special visit to Toddler Group!

The focus of our assembly on Monday was 'We celebrate individuality' (one of our school values). The children talked about their favourite sweets and recognised that we are not all the same in terms of our likes and dislikes. Some people love Liquorice Allsorts, whereas others can't stand them! Many things make us different as humans, though, not just our taste in sweets! In the human race there is variety and diversity in terms of the languages we speak, the age we are, our physical appearances, and our experiences of life. But, just like M&Ms, we are all the same on the inside. We all feel joy, pain, delight and fear. We all have hopes and dreams, gifts and talents. We encourage children to celebrate the uniqueness of others, be comfortable with difference and to know that deep down, we are all the same on the inside. Next Tuesday (21st), we will be putting on our odd socks to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day and celebrate our individuality.

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day today – the children looked great in their red clothes and accessories. I hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening this week and our upcoming plans in the newsletter. Have a good weekend. See you next week, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.40%
Reception	86.22%
Year 1	94.94%
Year 2	96.11%



Congratulations to
Owls

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



Super swimmers and a brilliant
Beavers badge! Well done!

Merit Awards

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

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Carnival of the Animals!

In Year 1 this week, the children had an animal experience. Building on from the knowledge the children learn about animals in Reception, the children in Year 1 learn to identify and name a variety of common animals, grouping them according to their features and what they eat. During the session, they were able to experience different animals up close. As part of their science learning, they have been grouping animals, considering which animals are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.





Carnival of the Animals!



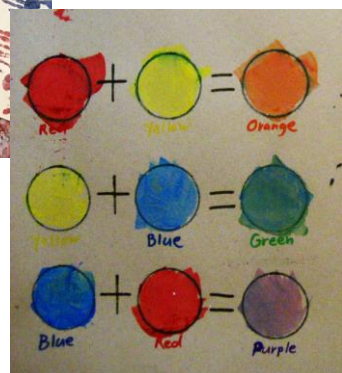


Curriculum Corner

As part of their curriculum, the children in Year 1 have been exploring making secondary colours by mixing primary colours. They enjoyed painting their hands and rubbing them with their partners to make the secondary colour.



Teamwork





Curriculum Corner

As part of their curriculum, the children in Year 2 have been learning about the chassis, axel and wheels of vehicles. They have used their understanding to create their own kit models and then added to and decorated these to create fire engines.





Y2 SATS Meeting

We are holding a Year 2 parents meeting about SATS on **Wednesday 29th March**, it would be great if as many Year 2 parents can attend as possible. Mrs Williams is going to do a meeting at **2.30pm** before pick up at the end of the school day and another meeting at **5pm** after school.

World Down Syndrome Day – Lots of Socks!

What is World Down Syndrome Day?

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) , **21st March**, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

The day is all about advocating for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of people with Down syndrome. This message is in line with our school value 'We celebrate individuality'.

Believe it or not, socks get people talking! **On 21st March, choose some socks that are going to get noticed! They might be mismatched socks or your craziest and most colourful socks, whatever takes your fancy!** The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask you about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome and celebrate individuality."

Why not get involved at home too? - Get creative by designing your own 'Lots Of Socks'!
#WorldDownSyndromeDay #LotsOfSocks



Farewell

On Friday next week we will be saying farewell to Mrs Motyl. She has secured a new job in a different field of work. We wish her all the best and thank her for her commitment to the children at Violet Way.





Mother's Day Play and Stay - Reminder

Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday, is a day to honour mothers, mother figures or special women in our lives, such as, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunties, teachers or family friends. Many people make a special effort to say thank you. They might take cards and gifts to her or just take time to look after her, doing jobs so she can relax on Mother's Day.



To honour the special women in our children's lives, we are holding a Mother's Day play and stay morning at school. Each year group have planned a range of activities for you to enjoy with your child on **Monday 20th March**. Each class has planned a range of activities, including decorating a biscuit!

Please see the details below for your child's year group:

Year group: Reception

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Logistics: Please arrive at school at the usual time, go through the green gates and wait outside your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

Year group: Year 1

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Logistics: Please go to the green gates and straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.

Year group: Year 2

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Logistics: Please go to the green gates and straight to your child's classroom. You will be asked to sign in. After the play and stay session, please leave via the main school entrance.





After School Clubs – Summer Term

Miss Evans will be sending out Microsoft Forms links soon for you to be able to sign your child up to our clubs in the Summer Term, places are given on a first come first served basis. See more details below:

Street Dance – Thursdays after school until 4:15pm. For Summer 1, this club will be offered to Y1 children first. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Tuesday 21st March at 4pm.**



Gymnastics Club – Tuesdays after school until 4pm. For Summer 1, this club will be offered to Y2 children first. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Wednesday 22nd March at 4pm.**

Burton Albion Football Club – Fridays after school until 4:15pm. For Summer 1, this club will be offered to Y1 & Y2 children. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Thursday 23rd March at 4pm.**

Drama Club – Mondays after school until 4:30pm. For Summer 1, this club will be offered to Y1 & Y2 children. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Friday 24th March at 4pm.**

FREE meal plans for parents!

FiveDinners.com – is an online meal planning service for families, who have started an initiative to help families struggling with the cost-of-living to eat better and take away the dreaded question of what to cook every night!

They usually charge ~~£49.99~~ per annum however, they are now giving it away for free – no catch, no restrictions, just free.

Every week they issue a new meal plan with a single shopping list, set to the number of people you are feeding so you know exactly what you need to buy for the week! Members can create their own meal plans with their recipes choosing from vegetarian, GF, kid friendly, quick and easy, airfryer, etc.





Comic Relief – Red Nose day at Violet Way



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Cake Shop

Thank you for supporting our cake shop today. Lots of parents enjoyed a cuppa and a cake and a moment to themselves before collection time!

Thanks to our fab kitchen staff who prepared such lovely Treats! Next Cake Shop is on Friday 31st March (the last day of term).



Easter Events

Our PTA will be hosting their annual Easter Bingo event on **Thursday 23rd March** this year! Entry will be from **4:30pm** with eyes down at **5pm** and there will be 6 games of Bingo to play! **This event is ticket entrance only. There are a limited number of tickets remaining.** Tickets are available to buy via ParentPay.



An adult ticket will cost **£2** and a child ticket costs **£1** - we are limiting tickets at 2 adults and 4 children per family. There will be refreshments, a raffle, face painting and a few other stalls running at the event too so make sure you arrive with enough time to have a look around & bring some cash with you! 50p coins and £1 coins would be great!

Please remember - We are having a non-uniform day to support this event on Thursday 23rd March, in exchange for chocolate donations for the Bingo please! Please bring in your chocolate donation on Thursday 23rd March.

The Easter Bunny is coming to Violet Way! The Easter Bunny will be visiting Violet Way during the last week of term and will be organizing a fun egg hunt! We are hoping it won't be a wash out like last year as we would very much like the bunny to hide the eggs in the woodlands. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for dry weather!



Reverend Steve from St Peters Church will also be delivering a whole school assembly on Monday 27th March with a focus on Easter and the Easter story.





Forest School and Library Dates

Parent Library Mornings Spring Term

Year R Tuesday Sessions Spring Term:

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

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Spring Term:

Kestrels	11/1	1/2	1/3	22/3
Owls	18/1	8/2	8/3	29/3
Woodpeckers	25/1	15/2	15/3	-

Year 1 Thursday Sessions Spring Term:

Dragonflies	12/1	2/2	2/3	23/3
Ladybirds	19/1	9/2	9/3	30/3
Busy Bees	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 8th 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 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

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

World Down Syndrome day 21st March – wear odd socks (celebrate individuality)

YR PTA school disco 5pm-6pm REARRANGED TO WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH

Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation for Bingo! Thursday 23rd March

YR NCMP Height & Weight checks Thursday 23rd March

PTA Chocolate Easter Bingo Thursday 23rd March

Autism Awareness week 27th March

Tempest Class photos Wednesday 29th March

SATS Meeting (Y2 parents) Wednesday 29th March
(2:30pm / 5:00pm)

Easter Egg hunt in the woodlands Friday 31st March

Cake shop Friday 31st March

King's Coronation Celebration – Friday 5th May

