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

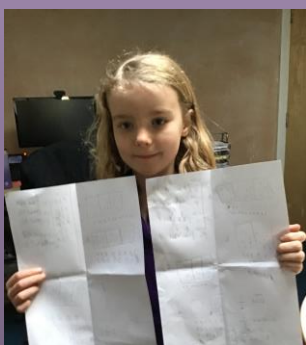
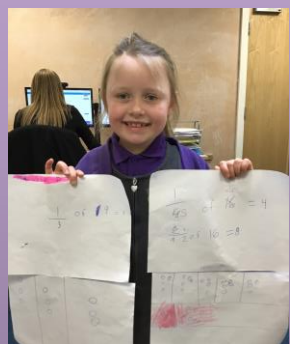
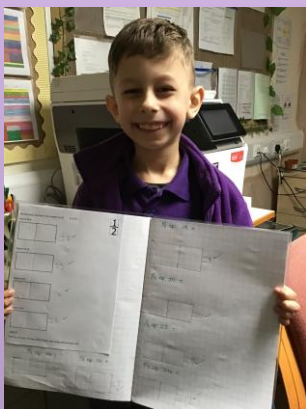
A Message from Mrs Kee

What a wonderful week.....

On Monday this week, we held our very popular and well attended Mother's Day Play and Stay sessions. We welcomed mums, dads and grandparents to celebrate the special women in our lives and say thank you for all that they do for us. There are lots of photographs of the event in our newsletter this week.

On Tuesday, the children and staff wore odd socks to celebrate individuality (one of our school values) and our assembly focused on some key messages for World Down Syndrome day. We talked about labels, like when people say that a person is a good footballer, another is a dancer, and sometimes we might say that a person has learning difficulties or has Down Syndrome. All of that is fine just so long as we remember that everyone is a person first and foremost, loved by their family and friends, with all the wonderful qualities of a human being.

On Wednesday, we held our Reception disco – the children had a fantastic time and you'll get to see some of the great dance moves in the newsletter this week. Look out for the Y2 disco in the summer term! On Thursday, ten of our Y2 children participated in a gymnastics competition at Meadowside. We are very proud of them for representing our school so well. In the evening, we held our annual Easter Bingo. This was really well attended, and it was great to see so many families from our school community coming together to enjoy an evening of fun! I hope you have fun this weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance



Whole school (this week)	97.12%
Reception	96.22%
Year 1	97.93%
Year 2	97.22%

Excellent attendance across the school this week – well done!



Congratulations to **Busy Bees** 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



Lots to celebrate this week, including swimming, gymnastics, martial arts and Rainbows. Well done to all of you!

Merit Awards

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

Reception



Year 1



Year 2

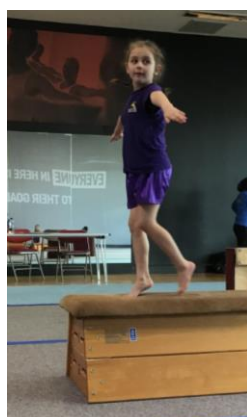
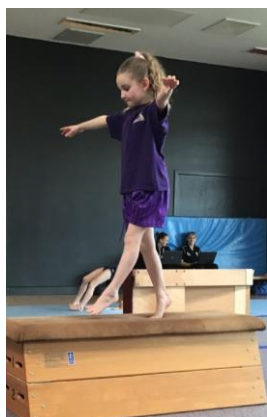




Curriculum Corner



The children in Reception were learning throwing and catching techniques in PE this week. We are proud of our Y2 children that participated in a gymnastics competition, representing Violet Way – well done!



We are brave





Mother's Day Play and Stay - YR



We enjoyed welcoming mums, dads and grandparents to our Mother's Day play and stay as a way of celebrating the special women in our lives. The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made some lovely creations for someone special to them.





Mother's Day Play and Stay – Y1



We are not sure who enjoyed making the biscuits more – the children or adults!



We care





Mother's Day Play and Stay – Y2



Happy Mother's day!



We care





Reception Disco



**We celebrate
individuality**





Eyes down for the Easter Bingo!



Thanks to our fabulous PTA members for organising an EGGcellent Easter Bingo!

Thank you to parents for sending in chocolate egg donations for non-school uniform day – you provided us with a wonderful array of prizes for the bingo. We had a hall full of parents, grandparents and children and there was a real community spirit. Lots of fun was had by all and the Easter Bunny came early for some lucky winners!

A few more messages of thanks...

Thank you to Miss Evans and Mrs Williams for working with the PTA to get everything ready and to all the staff and parent volunteers that helped to set up, run the stalls, lead the bingo calling and for tidying up at the end!

Thanks to our kitchen team for allowing us to use the kitchen and the cleaning team and Mr Bill for ensuring the school was clean and tidy for when children returned to school the next day.





Tempest Class photos – Wednesday 29th March

A reminder that next Wednesday 29th March we have got Tempest coming in to school to take our class photos! So, please make sure that children come into school dressed in full school uniform and looking as smart as ever on this day!



New Menu - after Easter!

SUMMER MENU - WEEK ONE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Smiley Face Mangharita Pizza (SS)(G)(D) If your child has an allergy, please contact school for what to do and how to order	Grilled Healthy Chicken Sausages (S)(G) with Fluffy Mash & Gluten Free Gravy	Roast Chicken Breast	Homemade Pasta Bolognese (G) served with Garlic Bread (D)(G)(SO)	Crispy Cod Fish Fingers (F)(G) with Chunky Oven Chips
Free Range Egg Omelette Plain (E)(D) or Cheese (E)(D)	Pea & Mint Falafel Balls with Tomato & Mascarpone Sauce (D) served with Rainbow Rice	Homemade Cheesy Pasta (D)(G) served with Garlic Bread (D)(G)(SO)	Homemade Cheese, Onion & Potato Pasty (D)(G) Served with Healthy Baked Beans and Peas	Vegetarian Meatballs (SO) with Tomato & Mascarpone Sauce (D) Pasta Spirals (G) & Garlic Bread (D)(G)(SO)
Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise, Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise, Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise, Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise, Baked Beans or cheese (D)	Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise, Cheese (D) or Baked Beans
Served with mini potato rosti's, peas and broccoli	Served with sweetcorn & cut green beans	Served with roast potatoes, seasonal green cabbage, carrot rings & gluten free gravy	Served with carrots and garden peas	Served with broccoli and sweetcorn
Homemade Dairy Free Cornflake Flapjack (G)(D)(SO) Served with Milk (D)	Slice of Homemade Dairy Free Lemon & Coconut Cake (G)(S)(E)	Homemade Dairy Free Coconut Drop Biscuits (G)(E)(S) served with Tasty Strawberry Milk (D)	Vanilla Ice Cream Pot (D)	Homemade Dairy Free Iced Sponge Cake (G)(E)

After Easter our menu will be changing! A proper PDF version will be sent out to parents on Monday, but here it is if you'd like a sneak peek. Our snack menu will be staying the same and you should be able to order dinners for after Easter, once we break up. If you have any questions, please let us know!

SUMMER MENU – WEEK TWO

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato & Mascarpone (D) Pasta Twirls (G) Served with Garlic Bread (D)(G)(SO)	Brunch Plate Chicken Sausage (S)(G), Hash Brown, Free Range Egg Omelette (E)(D), Healthy Baked Beans and Brown Bread (G)(S) & Butter (Meat free sausage available)	Roast Chicken Breast	Homemade Creamy Chicken Curry served with Fluffy Rice and a Naan Bread (D)(G)	Crispy Battered Cod Fillet Allergens (F)(G) (Dairy & Gluten free fishfingers available if required)
Homemade Cheese & Potato Pinwheel (D)(G) served with Mini Potato Rosti's, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Curry (E) served with Fluffy Rice and Naan Bread (D)(G)	Vegan Meat Free Sausage (C)(G)(E)(D)(M)(SO)(S)	Homemade Crispy Grilled Vegetable & Cheese Croquets (D)(G)	Crispy Quorn Dippers (G)
Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese(D), Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese(D), Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese(D), Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese(D), Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise	Freshly Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese(D), Tuna (F) & Vegan Mayonnaise
Served with sweetcorn and broccoli florets		Served with roast potatoes, seasonal green cabbage, carrot rings and gluten free gravy	Served with broccoli florets and carrot batons	Served with chunky oven chips, ketchup, garden peas & sweetcorn
Homemade Rice Crispie Squares (D)(SO)(G)	Slice of Homemade Dairy Free Lemon Iced Sponge (G)(E)(S)	Homemade Dairy Free Cherry & Coconut Flapjack (S)(G) Served with Fresh Milk (D)	Fruit Juice Rocket Ice Lolly	Homemade Dairy Free Rainbow Shortbread (G) Served with Healthy Strawberry Milk(D)





Y2 SATS Meeting - Reminder

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.

National curriculum tests

Key stage 1

FREE meal plans for parents!

[FiveDinners.com](https://www.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.



Cake Shop

Who doesn't enjoy a cake, cuppa and a chat? Well, you can have all three at our cake shop! Our kitchen team create lots of tasty treats for you – there is nothing quite like a piece of school cake with sprinkles!

Our last cake shop of the term will be next week on Friday 31st March (the last day of term).





Dog Safety Code

Be Alert

Always keep an eye on your children around dogs. Never leave them alone together.



Be Aware

Dogs use signals to tell us how they feel. What is your dog telling you?



Be Safe

Any dog can bite. Accidents happen fast.



Are you dog safe? [cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety](https://www.cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety)

Many of our families are owners of dogs. We understand that walking to school with a dog provides exercise for the dog and time for the family to spend together with their family pet. We also recognise that some children and adults may be fearful of dogs, and we kindly ask that dog owners are mindful of this.

As all parents are aware, dogs should not be brought onto the site through the green gates and should be kept back, well away from others.

The Dog Safety Code above encourages everyone to be alert, aware and – most importantly – safe around dogs. We are a nation of dog lovers and dogs are often part of the family, so it is vital that both parents and children are equipped with the knowledge they need to enjoy spending time with dogs safely. We know that sometimes dog bites can happen because of certain circumstances or because we miss important signals from dogs. Being dog safe and following the Dog Safety Code can help to prevent that from happening. Join us in sharing the dog safety message #DogSafety

For further information, visit [Dog Safety – CFSG](https://www.cfsg.org.uk/dog-safety)





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

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

