

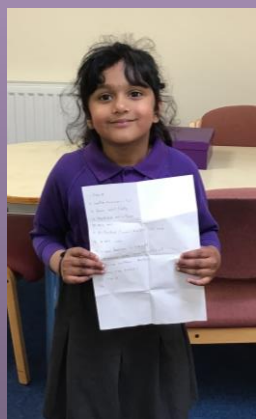
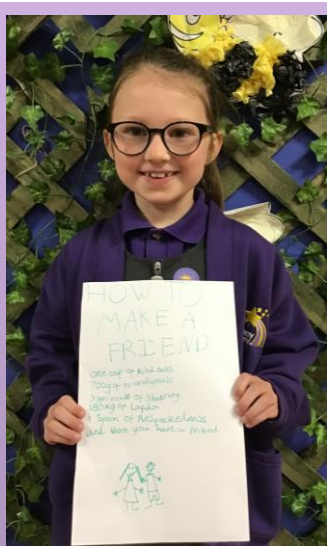
A Message from Mrs Kee

Welcome back to school to all our lovely Violet Way families. We kicked started the summer term with a focus in the assembly on Monday on relationships. The assembly supported children's understanding of some of the key ingredients for creating positive relationships with others. We made comparisons to making a cake and I challenged the children to create a recipe for a friend, asking them to consider what ingredients are important for friendships and I really enjoyed reading some of these written by the children. Some examples of the ingredients they included in their 'recipe for a friend' were: 4 cups of kindness, 180kg of laughter, 1 cup of respect, three sprinkles of sharing and 700g of friendliness – What lovely ideas!

We related relationships to our school values, talking about how we need to care for others and celebrate our individual differences. One of our pupils has also demonstrated our school value 'We care' within the local community by carrying out a litter pick – well done and thank you for representing our school so well.

This week we were visited by a Coop Community and Relations Officer who delivered lessons to the children about making healthy choices. They got to make a healthy fruit kebab and eat it – which I think was their favourite part!

Our May Day celebrations are next week – we are hoping for dry weather so keep your fingers crossed for us! Kind regards, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	94.33%
Reception	94.16%
Year 1	94.27%
Year 2	94.45%



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.

Home Achievements

Super swimmer, great gymnasts, fantastic footballer,
delightful dancer and a brilliant Brownies!



Merit Awards

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

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Curriculum Corner



PSHE

Personal

Social

Health

Education

PE

Physical Education



As part of our commitment to developing all children's understanding of healthy, active lifestyles, the Coop Community and Relations Officer for our area is delivering 'Healthy Choices' workshops to all pupils. As part of our PSHE and PE curriculum subjects, we teach the children about the importance of healthy, active lifestyles, including a balanced diet and regular exercise. The Healthy Choices Workshop sessions enabled children to revisit this learning and further develop their understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and how this links to active lifestyles, including sport and exercise. Many thanks to our PE Lead, Miss Cullumbine for organising these sessions.



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Our school values in action!

Lovely to see our value 'We care' in action this week with one of our children litter picking in the local community. Thank you for showing you care and representing our school so well. It is so important to look after our environment by not dropping litter. If you are walking around and can't see a bin, pop any rubbish in your bag or a pocket and deposit in the bin when you get home.



We care



Staffing Update

We have two cleaners that have started this week and we warmly welcome them to our team at Violet Way – Miss Brister and Mrs Akther.

Today was Mrs Fairbrother's last day before her maternity leave starts. She is sad that she was unable to be in school today. Mrs Williams is covering her maternity leave and will work in Kestrels on Thursdays and Fridays.

It was Miss Evans last day at Violet Way today, We wish her well as she goes off on her travels around the world! This week we appointed a new office manager. However, they will not be able to start in their role until at least 4 weeks. As a result, please bear with us as we transition over. During this time, Mrs Archer will be working longer hours in the office to cover – thank you!



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May Day Plan Reminder – Parents Invited

Date: Thursday 27th April 2023 – Next week!

Please read the information below carefully as each year group has a different plan and times. Remember to make a May Pole at home and bring it to school on Thursday 27th April! If you are stuck for ideas for May Poles – please just ask your child's class teacher or the PTA, who have experienced May Pole Makers!

Reception:

What? Children can come to school dressed in May Day clothes and bring a May Pole. May day parade around the forest, creating a sensory May tree. Children will also sing a May Day /Springtime song to parents.

When? 9:00am-9:30am - Parents come into school at the start of the day

Year 1:

What? Children can come to school dressed in May Day clothes and to bring a May Pole. They will perform a May Day song and dance to parents.

When?

Dragonflies - 9.40am

Busy Bees - 10.05am

Ladybirds - 10.30am

Year 2:

What? Children can come to school dressed in May Day clothes and bring a May Pole. They will be performing May Day songs and a dance at Holly Green.

When? We will be walking down to Holly Green with parents and parading May poles at Holly Green. Parents to meet outside the green gates at 1.40pm.

WEATHER UPDATE – PLEASE NOTE – IF THE WEATHER IS BAD NEXT WEEK, WE WONT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE YEAR 2 CHILDREN TO HOLLY GREEN. IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE PLAN TO INVITE Y2 PARENTS TO COME TO SCHOOL A BIT EARLER AT THE END OF THE DAY AT 2:45PM TO WATCH THEIR CHILD'S CLASS PERFORM THEIR DANCE AND THEN SING THE MAY DAY SONGS THEY HAVE BEEN LEARNING.

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VWA Coronation Day – Friday 5th May

On Friday 5th May we have planned a special Coronation Day to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. These are our plans for the day:



- All staff and children to come into school wearing red, white and blue
- Whole school assembly – who is King Charles?
- What happens in a coronation - Whole school to sing God save our King (which they will have been learning on Rockit! Music lessons) this will be recorded and uploaded to the school website
- Children's lessons will include a range of activities linked to the King's Coronation, for example, children in Reception will design a crown and do some linked word and sentence level work, children in Year 1 and Year 2 will write about the King's Coronation and draw a crown design
- Coronation themed lunch (hopefully outside with a street party vibe!)



Coronation Celebration Picnic

Friday 5th May

Mixed sandwiches (G)(SO)(F)(E)(D)

Sausage Roll (G)(SO)(S)(D)

Animal Adventure Crisps

Piece of Fruit

Homemade Jubilee Cake (G)

Carton of Apple Juice

All child specific allergens will be accommodated



Reminder - school is closed on Monday 8th May for the EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY



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**Lots of
Fun Family Activities**
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Coronation Live on the BIG Screen

Face Painting, Food & Drink, Balloon Art, Portrait Artist & Magic

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HOPE Virtual Parent Support Awaiting Assessment

Tuesday 25th April 7pm
Thursday 27th April 10am

**Is your child/YP awaiting assessment
for learning difficulties, ADHD, ASC?**

What to expect and how to prepare
Understanding duty of education
Real stories and experiences
Where to find help and advice
Useful resources and apps
Self Care

Time for chat and questions

Feel free to listen off camera and mic



Hopeful
Encouraging
Validating

Informative,
good to
know I'm
not alone

HOPE Parent Support Sessions;

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Community Safety Flash

BE WATER AWARE

Drowning prevention and water safety

Don't be tempted to cool off in Rivers, Canals, Lakes or Reservoirs as swimming in open water can result in drowning

If you see someone in the water

- Call 999 and ask for fire and ambulance. Ask for the Coastguard if by the sea.
- Location – give as much information on your location, look for landmarks, signs or bridges or use WHAT THREE WORDS service to find your location.
- <https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>
- Stay on the telephone to the emergency services.
- Tell the person in the water to float on their back, extend arms & legs & to move hands and feet to stay afloat.
- Use lifesaving equipment such as lifebuoy or throw line if close by.
- NEVER ENTER THE WATER TO SAVE SOMEONE ELSE or an ANIMAL

[Be Water Aware - YouTube](#)

[RNLI Float to Live - Dave and Brian's Story - YouTube](#)



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During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children are drowning. On average, there are 50 of these tragedies each year in the U.K.

Keep reading to see our top tips on how to stay safe around open water.



Water is often far deeper than people think. Only swim where there is supervision or a lifeguard. Water that looks calm on the surface may have a fast current underneath.



It's very cold and can quickly cause cramp and breathing difficulties. Cold water shock can paralyse your ability to move and kill within a minute



The depth of water can be deceptive and may contain hidden rubbish and debris such as shopping trolleys or broken glass which can cause injuries and drowning.



Sometimes it can be polluted and make you ill. There is a serious risk of waterborne diseases

Think!

Stay safe and keep out of open water



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Forest School and Library Dates

Parent Library Mornings Summer Term

Year R Tuesday Sessions Summer Term:

Foxes	-	25/4	16/5	13/6
Squirrels	-	2/5	23/5	20/6
Badgers	18/4	9/5	6/6	27/6

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions Summer Term:

Kestrels	-	26/4	17/5	14/6
Owls	-	3/5	24/5	21/6
Woodpeckers	19/4	10/5	7/6	28/6

Year 1 Thursday Sessions Summer Term:

Dragonflies	-	27/4	18/5	15/6
Ladybirds	-	4/5	25/5	22/6
Busy Bees	20/4	11/5	8/6	29/6

Forest School Days Summer 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: 24/4 8/5 22/5 12/6 26/6

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: 17/4 1/5 15/5 5/6 19/6 3/7





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

Y2 Trip to Twycross Zoo – Wednesday 26th April

YR Trip to Conkers Thursday 25th May

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May - School closed

King's Coronation Celebration Day – Friday 5th May – children to come dressed in red / white/ blue

EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 8th May (King's Coronation)

Y1 Victorian Day – Friday 12th May

PE Enrichment Day – Monday 15th May

End of half term – Friday 26th May

Summer Term 2 starts – Monday 5th June

Father's Day Play and Stay – Friday 16th June

- YR – 9:00am-10:00am
- Y1 10:00am – 11:00am
- Y2 11:00am-12:00pm

INSET day – Monday 19th June

Edge Hill Parent Open Morning for Y2 – Friday 23rd June

PTA Summer Fair – Thursday 29th June

Y2 Kingswood trip – 5th-7th July

Fierte Festival Sports Week – w/c Monday 10th July

Enrichment Day – Tuesday 11th July

Reports to Parents – Friday 14th July

Y2 Brewhouse production – Thursday 20th July

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 26th July

