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We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind

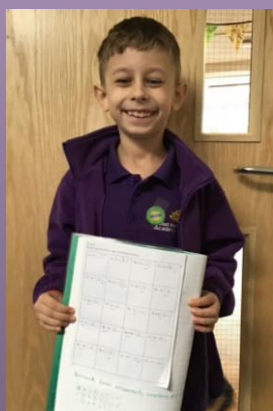
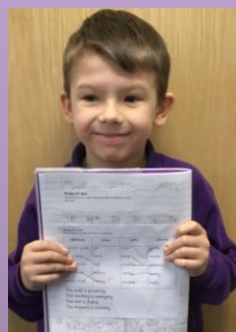
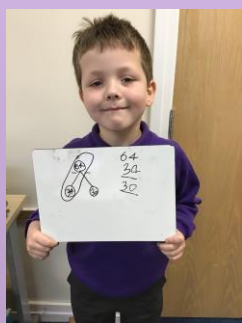
A Message from Mrs Kee

Our whole school assembly this week was focused on friendships. The children were asked to consider what they think makes a good friend and how they can be a good friend to others. They also watched a short video clip of other children talking about what friendship means to them **Little Voices: What Makes a Good Friend?** Our children's reflections were well thought out and included: being kind, sharing, not getting upset if your friend wants to play with someone else, listening, playing together, taking turns, forgiving them if they make a mistake.

Our May Day events on Thursday, to celebrate Spring, were well attended by parents. At Violet Way, our children and families created beautiful maypoles for the children to parade with! Reception enjoyed a walk around the woodlands, Year 1 danced around the maypole and our Year 2 children performed at Holly Green and sharing their singing within the local community. We managed to capture some of the special moments from the celebrations and these are included in this week's newsletter.

It has been a pleasure this week to see some lovely learning from children across the school – the children showed real pride in their achievements and explained how they had persevered to achieve their goals.

Just a reminder that it is Bank Holiday Monday next week, so children will be in school from Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*



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Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.56%
Reception	95.56%
Year 1	92.39%
Year 2	96.17%



Congratulations to
Squirrels (99.26%!)
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

Amazing achievements in swimming, football, drama,
gymnastics dance and athletics – well done!



Merit Awards

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

Reception



Year 1



Year 2

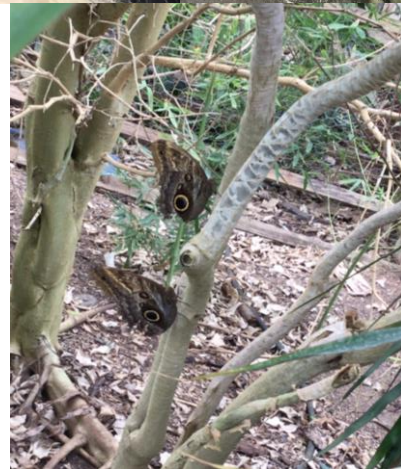




Year 2 at the Zoo!



Year 2 visited Twycross Zoo on Wednesday, a fantastic experience, linked to their current unit of learning. They behaved beautifully and really made the most of this learning opportunity. Whilst they were there, they discovered some animals that are excellent at camouflaging – can you spot them?





Year 2 at the Zoo!



Learn



Discover



Enjoy





May Day Celebrations!







May Day

May Day is a holiday that celebrates the return of Spring. Many people celebrate May Day with festivals or flowers. One of the oldest May Day traditions is the maypole. A maypole is a tree trunk or pole decorated with colorful ribbons. On May Day dancers hold the ribbons and dance around the pole. In the United Kingdom it is a bank holiday that is celebrated on the first Monday in May.

In school, we celebrated May Day by singing springtime songs, parading our maypoles and dancing. What beautiful May Day maypole creations there were! It was lovely to see such a wide range of different maypoles, from the more traditional to more modern. The children were so excited to parade their maypoles during their class Maypole celebration events. Thank you to parents and families for supporting our May Day celebrations.





Parent Forest School Sessions

Once per year, we invite parents to join their child's Forest School session, led by our Forest School lead, Mrs Dawson. The sessions will take place during the weeks commencing 15th May and 22nd May.

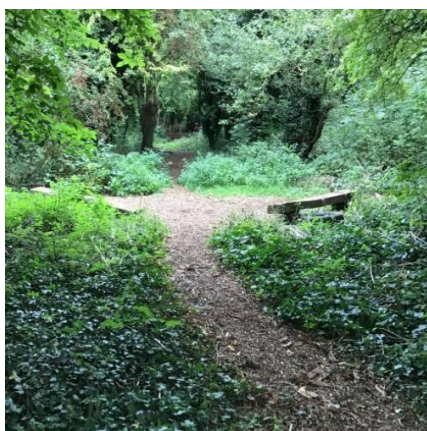
Parents are invited to attend their child's Forest School session on the following dates:

Dragonflies— Monday 15th May
Foxes – Tuesday 16th May
Ladybirds – Wednesday 17th May
Kestrels – Thursday 18th May
Owls – Friday 19th May
Badgers – Monday 22nd May
Woodpeckers – Tuesday 23rd May
Squirrels – Thursday 25th May
Busy Bees – Friday 26th May



Sessions take place in the afternoon and parents should arrive at 1:45pm, entering via the main green gates. Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather and woodlands!

We hope many of you can attend.





Year 1 Victorian Day

Due to Burton Library's current closure, Year 1 have had to rearrange their summer term units of learning so that, hopefully, they will be able to complete their Burton walk trip in the second half of the summer term, which also includes a visit to the library. As such, their current unit of learning is the Victorians. They have planned a Victorian Curriculum day on **Friday 12th May** where they will be immersed in a Victorian classroom experience.

We would like children to come dressed wearing a Victorian-style outfit on this day, if possible. There is no need to purchase a costume. Children could wear a school shirt with trousers or shorts and a waistcoat, or a simple dress over a shirt. There are some examples of some outfits below, most of which have been sourced from children's, parents or grandparents' wardrobes! We do have some spare outfits in school, so please speak to your child if you would like more ideas or need some help.

We have sewing activities planned for the afternoon and if there are any parents or carers able to come into school at 1.45pm this day to help, you would be most welcome - please contact your child's class teacher.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Nicholls, who is now officially Mrs Jinks after getting married in the Easter holiday. She had a beautiful day and we wish her all the best as she starts married life.





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





**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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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

Please note change to Woodpeckers and Foxes dates for this term.

Week 1

Monday – Badgers

Tuesday – **Woodpeckers**

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 – **Foxes**

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

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

YR Trip to Conkers Thursday 25th 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 – school closed to pupils

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

