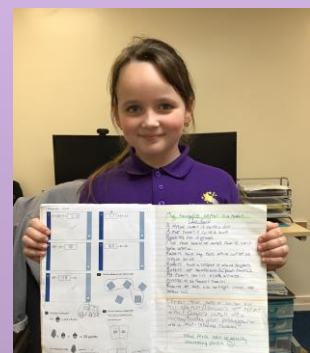


A Message from Mrs Kee

I have had the pleasure of visiting lessons this week, including 'Drawing Club' in EYFS (our newly implemented approach to developing children's vocabulary and writing) and English lessons in Y1, where children were writing about the Victorians. Identifying the differences between Victorian schools experiences of school was an enlightening experience for our pupils. They have been talking and writing about slate pencils and boards, sitting in rows, the cane and children wearing dunce hats. One child in Y1 was excited to show me a picture of her Victorian ancestors!

Today, we celebrated the King's Coronation and the school was a sea of red, white and blue! We began the day with a whole school assembly, led by Mrs Williams. The children learnt what a coronation is and what happens on the day. All children have been learning 'God Save the King' in their Rockit! Music lessons and we sang it as a whole school in the assembly today. Please click on the link [here](#) to watch the video and to watch each class performing separately too. In class, children designed crowns and wrote about King Charles and the coronation. At lunchtime we had a special coronation celebration picnic lunch, enjoyed by all!

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*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	95.99%
Reception	96.12%
Year 1	96.48%
Year 2	95.14%



Congratulations to
Squirrels and Woodpeckers
for being the classes
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.

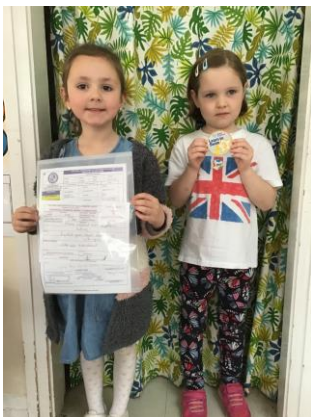
Merit Awards

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



Home Achievements

Thank you for sharing your achievements – well done!



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Celebrating King Charles' Coronation

Parent and Toddler group joined in with the celebrations, creating their very own shiny crowns. It was clear that the children loved using the glue, glitter and jewels! Thank you to the Parent and Toddler group staff for organising such a fun coronation-themed activity.



Staff and children enjoyed dressing in their red, white and blue clothes to celebrate this special occasion!





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Enjoy



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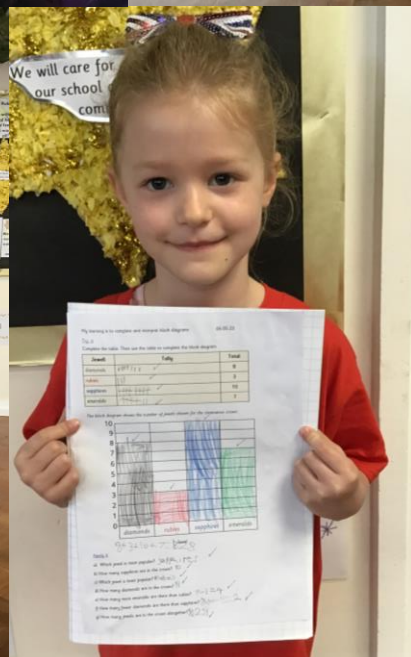
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This morning Mrs Williams led an assembly all about the coronation.

They learned about the terms coronation and procession and found out about the crowns King Charles will wear during the ceremony.

The children performed God Save the King with actions beautifully.



Across the school, children's learning has been linked to the coronation. They have designed and created crowns, written sentences about the King and completed maths about jewels!





The Big Coronation Picnic!



Let's celebrate!





News from Mrs Williams

Our Deputy Headteacher, who is originally from Wales, has decided to return to Wales to be closer to family members. She wants her young daughter to be able to see grandparents and aunts and uncles more often. After working at Violet Way for ten years, she has made the decision to move back to Wales and has secured a Deputy Headship at a primary school in her hometown.

Although she will be missed, we understand that teaching in Wales is something Mrs Williams is passionate about at this point in her life and the move is right for her both personally and professionally. Mrs Williams will leave Violet Way at the end of this Academic year.

This does provide an exciting opportunity for someone with the right knowledge, skills and personal qualities to join our Violet Way family. The advert for the role of Deputy Headteacher at Violet Way has been posted online. [GOV.UK Deputy Headteacher WMJobs - Deputy Headteacher](#)

Forest School Parent Sessions

Parent Forest School 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.





**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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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.



Safe Collection

Please remember to keep your child/ren close when collecting from school. Pupils and younger siblings can sometimes wander off when there are lots of people around, so it is important that they stay within sight.

Scooters should be pushed until you are outside of the school gates to prevent any accidents – it is a very busy time at the end of the day! Thank you.





Term Dates 2023-2024

We are providing next academic year's term dates below for your reference:

Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Half term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Half term Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July

Holiday: Monday 22nd July – Friday 30 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days for next academic year at Violet Way:

Violet Way Inset Days

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Friday 21st June 2024

Monday 22nd July (disaggregated)

Academic Calendar 2023-2024

To support parents with planning, please find the calendar for next academic year opposite, including our planned INSET days.



Term Time Absence

Requests for term time absence must be made in advance via the school office. Please remember, in line with Trust Policy, holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents may incur a fine.





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

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

