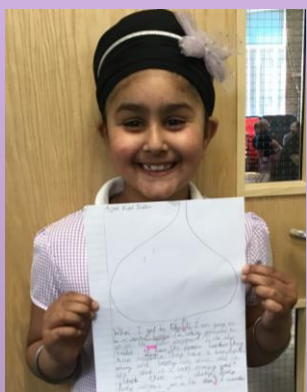


A Message from Mrs Kee

This last few weeks have been challenging for me as I have had to be out of school quite a bit for training. I have attended Relational and Restorative Practice training, fire marshal training and have a leadership conference and safer recruitment training coming up soon! Although the training has all come at once, it is important to me as a leader to keep up to date with all the latest requirements and for our pupils to know that learning continues, even as an adult! It has meant however, that I haven't been able to get around to classes as much as I would like. When I have been available in school, the children have been excited to talk to me about their learning. Some Year 2 children came to show me their writing about the next step in their learning journey and I was impressed by a child in Reception who had created a red bear out of Lego and had written a sentence about it!

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, young children are learning how to behave and how to respond. It was interesting to talk to some children this week who recognised that their behaviour wasn't in line with our school values. With support, they were able to really reflect on why they were sad about their own behaviour, the impact it had had on others and what they needed to do to make it better, demonstrating our value 'We are brave'. Finally, a big thank you to the dads, granddads, brothers, uncles and other family members that were able to attend our Gentlemen's Day today. I know you were kept very busy eating scones, playing outside and sewing! Remember it is INSET on Monday so see you on Tuesday. Take care, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	92.60%
Reception	91.32%
Year 1	93.41%
Year 2	93.11%

Merit Awards

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



Congratulations to **Woodpeckers (98%)** 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

Thanks for sharing your achievements for swimming, walking, dance and drama – Well done!





Gentlemen's Day



Happy Father's Day





Gentlemen's Day



Happy
FATHER'S
DAY



Fierte Festival Letter from CEO

Monday 10th July-Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a family of schools, we work hard to ensure that all children benefit from being able to interact and collaborate with their peers across schools and nurseries within our organisation. An annual Fierté Festival gathers all children together under one shared learning umbrella. This year, we have dedicated all five days to a Festival of Sport. Throughout the Fierté Festival week your children will be encouraged to personify the character virtues that are required to hone sporting skills, participate, and engage as team-players. Our aim is for pupils to enjoy keeping healthy and active whilst embracing being part of whole school and wider sporting events.

P.E Subject Leaders (Physical Education) representing all nine schools within the Trust have met across many weeks to craft the festival, which will take place in July 2023. It has been decided that:

- ❖ Children will attend school in their PE kits **every day**, bringing a water bottle, sun hat and should wear a high factor suncream everyday;
- ❖ The festival will link to the Olympic and Paralympic values. Every school will choose one specific value as a focus e.g., Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Equality, determination, Inspiration, Courage;
- ❖ Opening and closing ceremonies (assemblies) will take place in schools. Where children have shone within a sporting activity, or through excellence in teamwork or demonstrating the chosen value of the week, this will be celebrated during the Closing Ceremony on the Friday in each school;
- ❖ PE leaders will aim to use locations where after school, inter-Trust competitions can be hosted;
- ❖ A whole Trust song will be chosen that all children learn; one that embodies sporting prowess and the character virtues required to learn and succeed;
- ❖ All schools will consider a daily warm up activity that will require whole school participation e.g., whole school dancing, yoga, walking, running a mile etc;
- ❖ KS1 (Key Stage 1) children will focus on famous sports people and in afternoon sessions on multi-sports;





Fierte Festival Letter from CEO

- ❖ KS2 (Key Stage 2) children will focus on famous sports people from around the world and netball, cricket and football;
- ❖ All schools have planned for additional sporting activities across the week within their own settings. Examples shared include Dance, Boccia, Wheelchair Netball and Quidditch;
- ❖ After school tournaments will take place with teams organised by teachers representing individual schools. Locations will be chosen to represent the sport specifically learnt that day e.g., cricket at Tamworth Cricket Club and football at Burton Albion.

Overview of the week

A **Monday** session, launching the week will focus on preparation time for the Opening Ceremony (Assembly); character virtues, making bunting and learning about famous sports people;

Children will take part in a wide range of inter and intra school sporting events **during the week**;

The **Friday** Closing Ceremony (Assembly) will conclude with every pupil receiving a badge, shared videos of the week's festival will be watched, and trophies will be awarded to the KS1 and KS2 winning teams for each event. In addition, class votes will take place for Sport's Personality of the Week. A staff vote for Sport's Personality of the Week will also take place.

If you feel that you can contribute in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. We will let you know of more details nearer the time but felt that you might like to have an insight into the Trust wide opportunities your child/ren will be part of. We hope that it will be a memorable week for the children.

Kindest regards always,

Maria Hamblin (CEO)





Fierte Festival at Violet Way

Please see below for the **planned activities for children at Violet Way during Fierte Festival Week:**

Monday 10th July : Each class will take part in a **dance session** lead by Mrs Williams

Tuesday 11th July is Nerf wars enrichment day! - Each class will take part in a **nerf wars session** led by progressive sports!

Wednesday 12th July: Year 1 and 2 will have **Sports Day** in the morning.

Wednesday 12th July: In the afternoon Mrs Williams and Miss Cullumbine will be taking 4 children from each Year Group to take part in an **Interschools Multisports Competition** at Anker Valley Academy in Tamworth – we will advise you next week which children have been chosen.

Thursday 13th July: Reception will have **Sports Day** in the morning.

Thursday 13th July: Year 2 will take part in an **archery competition** at Violet Way Academy

Friday 14th July:- Reception and Year 1 will have a **session lead by Burton Albion.**

Throughout the week we will have sporting warm ups to start the day, calming yoga sessions after lunch and the children will take part in multisports activities with their class too. Along with our opening and closing ceremonies.

We hope the children are going to enjoy this week and all the activities planned!





Sports Days – The details!

PE Curriculum and Sports Days

The current unit of learning in PE is athletics, improving children's running, jumping and throwing techniques. They will be able to apply the skills and knowledge they learn in PE lessons when participating in sports days.

As part of the sports-focused Fierte Festival, we are holding sports days on the following dates:

Year 2 – Wednesday 12th July 9:15-10:30

Year 1 – Wednesday 12th July 10:45-12:00

Reception – Thursday 13th July 9:15-10:30

Parents are welcome to come and watch. Our sports days will all be held at Paulet High School. They will be held on the field. Parents can enter via the entrance on Stanton road. Parents can stand on the bank or bring a blanket or chair if you would prefer to sit. The children have been practicing and can't wait to show you their races!

The children will have a practice sports day prior to the sports day events so they will be well-rehearsed in what they need to do.

Please do not approach your child whilst the sports day is in progress.

For the sports days, children should wear their PE kit to school.

Sports day practice information

On the day your child is practicing their sports days events, please ensure they come to school wearing their usual school uniform tops with shorts/joggers on the bottom and trainers please.

Year 2 – Tuesday 4th July (practice session only)

Reception – Tuesday 4th July (practice session only)

Year 1 – Thursday 6th July (practice session only)





Vacancies at Violet Way!

Teaching Assistants

We are currently looking to appoint **two Teaching Assistants (with cover Level 3)** to work in EYFS/KS1 to start from September. The posts are advertised on WMJobs: [WMJobs The Violet Way Academy job with Violet Way Academy Teaching Assistant](#)

The application pack and full details of the role can be found on our Trust website [Fierté Multi- Academy Trust - Vacancies \(fierte.org\)](#) Applicants should submit a completed application form to hr@fierte.org by the closing date (Wednesday 12th July). To find out more information about the role or to arrange a visit to the Academy please contact office@violetway.org

Lunchtime Supervisors

After many, many years of working at Violet Way, Mrs Batkin and Mrs Deakin are retiring at the end of the academic year. We wish them a very relaxing retirement!



This does mean that we will be advertising soon for two lunchtime supervisors so watch this space! The posts will be advertised through our website and on WMjobs, we will put the links in the newsletter too.

School Crossing Patrol Service

The School Crossing Patrol Service are currently recruiting X2 Area Support Assistants:

1. **North** (covering Stone, Newcastle, Staffs Moorlands and Burton)
- &
2. **South** (covering Stafford, South Staffs, Cannock, Lichfield and Tamworth)

[Area Support Assistant \(School Crossing Patrol Service\) | 26 June, 2023 | Jobs and careers with Staffordshire County Council](#)

If anyone would like any further information on the roles, they can contact Deborah Hunter on deborah.hunter@staffordshire.gov.uk or call 07805 144878.





Inclusion Coffee Morning

Friday 21st July

9.15 - 10.15 School Violet Way Academy Acorn room

We would love to invite you to our final parent inclusion morning of the academic year on Friday 21st July. Refreshments will be available from 9.00 with a 9.15 start.

Members of the Autism Outreach team will be joining us again and discussing how to support your child with changes, transitions and helping your child cope over the summer holidays.



Members of our school inclusion team will also be available to talk about summer activities and help with any questions. All are welcome, no diagnosis is needed as these strategies can support all children. Please can you inform the school office or speak to Mrs Dawson if you are able to attend.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be shared with parents on Friday 14th July. A Forms survey will also be shared via this date for parents to comment on their child's report and complete our annual parent survey.

Considerate parking

We encourage pupils and parents to walk to school together. We have had more children scooting to school and we hope that lots of you will vote for our 'Scoot to School project at Tesco's when voting opens in July. If you do need to drive, perhaps park and stride instead. Please can we remind all parents that are parking near the school do so considerably, without blocking accesses.





Year 2 Brewhouse – End of Year Production

On Thursday 20th July the Year 2 children will take part in a production of 'Reach for the Stars' which is an original story about a group of children who go on a journey together. The children will be acting, singing and dancing to tell you the story.

TICKETS

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 26th June at 4pm. To book tickets you will need to complete the Forms that is sent out on Marvellous Me. It is first come first serve and you will be able to select up to 3 tickets for the evening and/or the afternoon performance. The tickets will cost £7.00 each. It is not advised that children under the age of 3 attend the performance.

DVDs

The performance will be being professionally recorded and DVD's will also be available for you to purchase for £13.00 each. These will be available for you to purchase on Parent pay from Monday 26th June.

Information about the production

For this year's production the children will need to bring a party themed outfit, in bright colours to stand out on stage, to school by Monday 17th July e.g. shorts, shirt/top dress, skirt, leggings etc. please no fancy dress or football shirts/kits. The children need to be wearing a suitable outfit and footwear to dance in.

One child from each class will have been cast as the role of the 'witch' in our story – we will advise you of a costume for this part.

We will be putting star face paints and glitter on the children – please let us know if your child is not allowed to have their face painted.

The performance times are 1.30pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 20th July. We will take the children to the Brewhouse on the afternoon by coach. Parents attending the afternoon performance can take their child straight home after the performance. Other parents are welcome to collect their child directly from the Brewhouse. You are responsible for getting your child back to the Brewhouse by 6pm for the evening performance and will need to collect them at approximately 8pm when it has finished. Further information about this will be shared closer to the time.





An Update from Fierte CEO, Maria Hamblin

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful weather and all that it brings. It is, as ever, another busy term within our schools. Despite the heat, the children continue to work hard and maintain their best efforts. We are immensely proud of them!

Trust News

The Dosthill Primary community has experienced considerable disruptions due to new building work being undertaken for six new classrooms and a new nursery. They are at the point of completion, and it will be wonderful to see our Dosthill staff and children moving into a beautiful new school home. A brand-new Nursery has opened (OPOJ) at the Dosthill site, with a huge amount of work both during term time and the holidays to ensure all is spick and span and ready for our nursery children and their families. Our Regional Manager and her team have worked incredibly hard; we thank them for their commitment and dedication.

The Fierté Sports Festival July 10th-14th

The Fierté Sports Festival Plans are nearing fruition. Across our nine schools, representatives have met to organise and secure a week of high energy, fellowship and fun. There will be lots of opportunities to hone skills in football, cricket, netball, multi-skills, and many other sports. A videographer will be visiting all schools to capture our children participating and enjoying sport. You should have received a letter with more information about the week and how children will participate in sporting activities.

Parental Complaints

Thank you to the many parents and carers who day-in-day-out show the courtesy, support and respect our staff deserve. Positive partnerships improve every school's ability to undertake their role effectively- to educate children. Schools are now juggling a wider workload than they have ever had to before and therefore it is essential that leaders are not taken away from what they do best, leading and teaching. Where we are met with unacceptable behaviours, we will continue to address them. Thankfully, this remains a small minority across the Trust, but our aim is to remove this issue completely.

Trust Parent Forum

It has been a privilege to meet parent representatives from schools across our Trust through the three meetings that have been held so far. We would love more parents to join this group so please contact me directly if you would like some more information.

Finally, enjoy the rest of the term before we break up at the end of July. Thank you for your continued support towards our school communities, staff, and your children as partners in our Trust family.

Kindest regards always,

Maria Hamblin

ceo@fierte.org





PTA Summer Fair – Save the Date!

Thank you very much to all the parent helpers that supported with the Year 2 disco – we couldn't have done it without you!

Summer Fair is on Thursday 29th June.

PLEASE NOTE: We have changed the non-school uniform day to the day before – Wednesday 28th June - on this day the children are to come to school in non-school uniform and bring a bottle for the fair.

The PTA would also like donations of clean teddies in good condition for a stall. If you have any teddies in good condition that are in need of a new home, please donate them to school. There will be a box on the gate the first week back after half term for you to put them in when you come to school.

They are also looking for raffle prizes. If you do own a business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize please contact Stacey on the PTA or the school office. Thank you.

Further information including stalls and logistics will be shared in the newsletter next week.

Year 3 Transition Dates

Y2 pupils attending Edge Hill had a visit from their new teachers this week. We hope lots of you were also able to attend the meeting at Edge Hill on Tuesday. The following dates are also important:

- Tuesday 20th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill for the afternoon
- Thursday 29th June – Year 2 children to visit Edge Hill and to stay for lunch

Some children may also attend additional transition sessions and this will be discussed with individual parents as required.

NB: There are a few children that are not attending Edge Hill in Year 3. For these children, parents are welcome to contact their child's new school to arrange a visit on Tuesday 20th June in the afternoon and Thursday 29th June in the morning. Otherwise, they should come to school as normal.

For Parents:

- Open Morning – 23rd June – 9.10am





YMCA Burton – Services for Families

YMCA Burton would like to make parents aware of the services that they offer, in case any families and/or individuals need to access them in the future. Some services that they offer are family mediation and our foodbank service (both of which are free to access) which may be useful for some families, especially with the cost of living crisis and things being tough for a lot of people.

YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you



Please see the information from YMCA Burton below:

- Our family mediation service is open for self-referral to assist people in finding a peaceful resolution that everyone can live with. The mediation service is for children aged 12+ and their families. Although the children in primary school won't be that age yet, they may have older siblings who perhaps require this service with their families. This includes families and neighbour-to-neighbour. We also accept referrals from Social Services, Police, Schools and Colleges. For more information on this, please contact Peter O'Reilly on [01283 547211](tel:01283547211) or peter.oreilly@burtonymca.org
- If any families or staff need an emergency food parcel or more information, please call Reconnect on 01283 547211. The foodbank service is available for all ages and families. Our foodbank is operated by a part time coordinator and lovely volunteers. During 2022 we were able to provide enough food for 44,325 meals. This was only made possible by the support of our community who donated money or foodbank items to support the service. Here's a link to the page if you'd like to know any more information on this: [Food Bank - Burton YMCA](#)

YMCA Burton would also like to thank Violet Way Academy as we know you've supported our charity in the past, and we're incredibly grateful for your support.





#30daywild!
#BigWildWeekend

Transforming the
Trent Valley



Join us in Burton-upon-Trent for our

Wild families Lost Words

Saturday 17th June • 10:00 - 11:30
on The Washlands, DE14 1AH
Free! Suitable for all ages
DROP IN!

- Search for Lost Words around The Washlands
- Compose a poem about nature
- Create a nature craft token of your favourite lost word



Also join Burton Library making bookmarks in the library between:
9.30am – 10am & 11.30am – 12 noon



For more information please contact the **Wildchild team**.
✉ getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk
☎ 01889 880100
www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/events.php
or www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events (tag: TTTV)
or Search for our Eventbrite collection
"Transforming the Trent Valley Events (East Staffs)"



Transforming the
Trent Valley



The Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme is working together with 18 organisations to restore and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the Trent Valley. The scheme is led by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.





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Community Safety Flash



BBQ Safety



If you use a disposable barbeque

- Only use on an even surface such as concrete, bricks or paving slabs
- Place it well away from the house, shed or fences
- Allow several hours for the barbeque to cool before putting in the bin. Consider pouring water over it to make sure the fire is completely out
- Never leave a barbeque unattended, especially when there are children around.
- Ensure the barbeque is well away from sheds, fences, shrubs, trees & garden waste
- Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.
- Never light a barbeque with accelerants – NEVER use petrol or white spirit
- Always keep water or sand nearby for emergencies.
- Allow several hours for the barbeque to cool
- Never use barbeques or campfires in the countryside as fire can easily spread
- One spark or an abandoned pile of embers can cause a wildfire
- Endangering our countryside, wildlife, property and putting people lives at risk
- **If you see a fire in the open CALL 999**

<https://youtu.be/dwbnuQcM22A>



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2nd August 2023

The national day for play

Date: Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Time: 11:00 am - 3.00 pm

Where: Shobnall Leisure Complex

Free activities for children including: inflatables, a Magic show, sports activities & demonstrations, many community organisations, groups & clubs to talk to.

ALL FREE activities at Shobnall Leisure Complex.

For further information please contact:
Catherine Pendlebury- Activity & Wellbeing Officer on (01283) 372 970 extension 20603
catherinependlebury@everyoneactive.com



Refreshments available

EastStaffsSportsDevelopment

No Dogs are allowed except for assistance dogs. Cycle station on site

www.playday.org.uk





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
Woodpecker s	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

INSET day – Monday 19th June – school closed to pupils

YR Pirate Picnic – 20th June

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

Transition - YR to new Y1 and Y1 to Y2 classes - Thursday 29th June

Non school uniform day – bring a bottle for the PTA fair – Wednesday 28th June

PTA Summer Fair – Thursday 29th June

YR Science day – 3rd July

Y2 Kingswood trip – 5th-7th July

Transition - teachers to read stories to their class in new classroom - Friday 7th July

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

Enrichment Day – Tuesday 11th July

Sports day – Y2 (9:15-10:30) and Y1 (10:45-12:00) Wednesday 12th July. Reception Thursday 13th July (9:15-10:30). Please see dates in the newsletter for clothing on the practise days.

Reports to Parents – Friday 14th July

YR Seaside day – 20th July

Y2 Brewhouse production – Thursday 20th July (1:30pm and 6pm)

Transition - Whole school swap over YR-Y1 and Y1-Y2 - Friday 21st July pm

Y2 Graduation – Monday 24th July (Kestrels 9:15am, Owls 10:00am, Woodpeckers 10:45am)

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 25th July – Summer Holiday starts Wednesday 26th July





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.

