

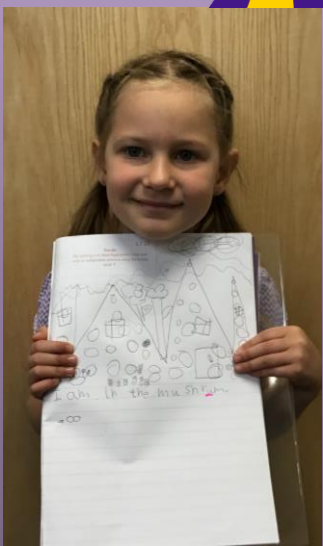
A Message from Mrs Kee

On Monday, Mrs Williams delivered our whole school assembly with a focus on reading and the Summer Reading Challenge. You can find out more about how your child can get involved in this week's newsletter. Many of our Year 2 pupils went on their end of Year 2 trip to Kingswood. I visited on Thursday evening, and they were very excited to tell me about their adventures on the zip-wire, climbing wall and minibeast hunt. Great to see how children have demonstrated our school value 'We are brave' trying new things, persevering and being courageous. Whilst I was there, they were enjoying singing songs and telling jokes around the campfire, topped off with a hot chocolate and marshmallow! Look out for the Kingswood photographs in the newsletter next week!

In school, the remaining Year 2 children have enjoyed a range of different activities and have been getting creative ahead of the Year 2 production. A huge thank you to all the staff supporting these experiences for our pupils.


YR and Y1 pupils have had a story in their new classroom with their new teacher today (as Mr Malcolm was on the trip, the new Woodpeckers class went to their new classroom to have a story with a teacher in school). The children were settled and happy, enjoying the transition experience. There will be another couple of transition opportunities coming up to support them with the changes ahead. teachers over this half term.

Have a good weekend. See you all next week, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	93.7%
Reception 	95.44%
Year 1	93.29%
Year 2	92.33%



Congratulations to
Foxes (97.33%)

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.**

Merit Awards

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

Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Home Achievements





Lovely Learning at Violet Way



This week, the Year 2 children in school have enjoyed a range of activities including Forest School, computing and cooperative and creative tasks. In Reception, the children have been doing some observational drawings of trees. There were also some lovely examples of children developing their cooperation and resilience through wellbeing sessions. .





Reception Science Day

Reception pupils enjoyed their 'Science day' on Monday, exploring, discovering and having fun!





Year 1 – Grandparent Visit

As part of their current learning unit, Year 1 are learning about Burton, comparing what it is like now to what it was like in the past. As part of their learning, they welcomed grandparents into school to show pictures and talk about their experience of Burton when they were younger. Many thanks to the grandparents that were able to come into school, the children found it really interesting.



Year 2 trip 2024 (current Y1 pupils) - Update

A Microsoft Form survey was sent to current Year 1 parents regarding the residential trip for Y2 pupils next academic year. We had a large number of responses, and the majority would prefer for their child to attend a residential trip at the end of the year rather than an alternative.

We have researched providers within Staffordshire and have found that Kingswood, as well as being a LOTC (Learning Outside the Classroom) Quality Badge provider, is the best value for money and offer an experience suitable for infant-aged pupils. The trip is always very popular with pupils and a great experience for them at the end of the Violet Way adventure! As a result, we have decided to book this trip for June 2024. The dates of the Kingswood trip next year will be 3rd - 5th July 2024. On the way there, the children stop off to visit Cosford Museum.

We understand that we will not please everyone all of the time and that whilst many pupils and parents would want to attend a residential trip, some may prefer not to. As such, we do plan activities in school for the pupils not attending. The trip will be from Wednesday to Friday in June (dates will be confirmed) and includes a range of outdoor activities, for example, zip wire, minibeast hunt, climbing, campfires, team games. We will provide more information in the Autumn term to parents. and ensure that the cost of the trip is spread over the academic year to support parents in planning for payment. Thank you for your continued support.





Fierte Festival at Violet Way – NEXT WEEK!

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 – NEXT WEEK!

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 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.

Points for parents

- **Please note: Paulet is a non-smoking and non-vaping site.**
- **Parents are welcome to take photographs of their own child (from their position on the bank) but please do not share any photographs on social media that include other children. Please note that if any images are shared, we will have to ban phones from future events.**

Key dates for Year 2

'Reach for the Stars' Brewhouse production – Thursday 20th July - Children need to bring a party themed outfit, in bright colours to stand out on stage, to school by Monday 17th July.

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





Summer Reading Challenge

Mrs Williams talked to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge in Monday's assembly. Burton library will be running the challenge and it starts tomorrow!

The Summer Reading Challenge can be summarised in three key points:

1. Sign up

Visit [your local library](#) and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.

2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.

3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books! (Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.)



You can also access the challenge online. For more information, please visit: [Summer Reading Challenge](#) and for information about Burton library, including opening times, please visit [Burton Library - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Reading Rockets and Thumbs up

Reading Rockets

On **Friday 14th July** we will collect in all Reading Rocket books for a final count and give any remaining Marvellous Me Badges the following week. Children will still have a library book and reading book to bring home, but these will need to be returned to school on **Friday 21st July**.

Thumbs Up points

The last day for staff giving out Marvellous Me Thumbs Up points will be **Friday 14th July** for the final count.

Any prizes that need to be given out will be handed to children the following week.





Parent Library Mornings

We have really enjoyed welcoming parents to our morning library sessions this year. We have had lovely comments from parents about how much they value these sessions, spending quality time reading and choosing books from the library with their child. When talking to children, they also comment on how much they enjoy the library mornings. When we had our Trust Strategic Peer Review, it was noted that:



“The before school library sessions are well attended by parents/carers and children; parents very much value this opportunity and the provision of a library they can readily access.”

“Teaching Assistants are warm and welcoming, younger siblings eagerly take part and children enjoy reading together, also seeking out specific books they want to read.”

“Those children who attend without family members equally enjoy and gain from the session adeptly supported by the staff present.”

Parent Library Session – Autumn Term 2023

We are looking forward to restarting the library sessions in the Autumn term. Please note that there will be no library morning sessions in the first few weeks of the Autumn term as we support the new Reception pupils with their morning routine. We will add the dates of library sessions in the first newsletter in the Autumn term.

Forest School Sessions

Many thanks to Mrs Dawson for all her hard work delivering Forest School sessions with every class across the academic year. Forest School sessions enable children to learn about safety, rules, considered risk, social skills, teamwork, independence, cooperation, resilience and more! In addition, curriculum links are carefully crafted to enable pupils to learn about plants, growth and the weather in context.

Forest School Sessions – Autumn Term 2023

After a short period of transition in the first few weeks of the new term, Forest school sessions will resume. Forest school dates will be added to the first newsletter. Please remember your child will need to wear their normal school uniform top and jumper with plain, dark joggers (black or navy) or leggings (no jeans). They will need a pair of wellies, with their name written clearly inside, to keep in school. Wellies in school currently will be sent home with your child in the last week of term.





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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.
- [Three words for a faster emergency response | what3words](#)
- 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

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

[Be Water Aware - 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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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 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

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.

