



We care



We are brave



We celebrate individuality



We leave no one behind



It is the Year 2
Graduation next
week!

Monday 24th
July

Kestrels 9:15am,

Owls 10:00am,

Woodpeckers
10:45am

A Message from Mrs Kee

In our final whole school assembly, we will be saying farewell to our Year 2 pupils. At Violet Way, they have developed confidence, independence and have shown how kind and caring they can be. In school they have grown as individuals, with their own ideas, thoughts and opinions. They have built relationships with staff and pupils and demonstrated our school values in a range of ways. We are proud of their learning journey at Violet Way. Although we will be sad to see them leave, we know they are ready for the next stage of their educational adventure, and I hope they continue to Reach for the Stars in Year 3!

It is difficult to believe this is the final newsletter of the academic year! The children at Violet Way continue to impress me with the way they follow our golden rules and demonstrate our school values. The staff at Violet Way are knowledgeable, caring and always keep the children at the centre of everything we do, supporting their academic and personal growth. I thank them for their drive and passion – they make a difference everyday. Thank you also to our parents who have supported us throughout the year. Our parent meetings, parent library mornings, forest school sessions, play and stay sessions, assemblies and performances have been well attended. I have received lots of lovely comments from the parent survey and useful information to help us in planning for the next academic year – thank you for your continued support. I look forward to next academic year, working with pupils, parents, staff and Governors to ensure our pupils have the best possible educational experience at Violet Way. Enjoy the holiday, *Mrs Kee*



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Attendance

Whole school (this week)	94.11%
Reception	93.85%
Year 1	94.02%
Year 2	94.31%



Congratulations to
Woodpeckers (95.96%)

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!



Home Achievements



Thank you for
sharing your
achievements
from clubs
outside of
school.





Reception Seaside Day!



Splish splash!





enjoy, explore

learn, laugh





Volunteers for trips – 2023-2024

From September any volunteers for trips (other than when parents support walking to the church or Edge Hill) will need to have DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. Volunteers will be asked to provide identification documents, and these will be used for the DBS check. The school will fund all DBS checks for volunteers.

Please note that this means, other than for walking to the church or Edge Hill, we will not be able to have parent helpers for trips, unless they have requested to become a volunteer and the DBS checks have been carried out.

As a result, we will be providing planned dates for trips early in September so that we can organise DBS checks for any parents or family members that wish to volunteer to support the trips.

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Rocket Prize Draw

We have been really impressed with the children's continued enthusiasm for their reading rockets. It has been lovely to read comments about children's fluency, expression or motivation for reading at home improving.

On Tuesday next week, any child that has completed more than 6 reading rockets over the academic year will have their name put into a draw. There will be a draw for each year group and the child whose name is pulled out of the hat for each year group will receive a prize.

Attendance certificates

Certificates for attendance at 96+% will be given out to children on Tuesday next week. We have focused on the date range provided for parents in their child's report (5.9.23-30.6.23). Congratulations to all of the children that have achieved excellent attendance over the academic year.

Certificates will also be given to children in the class with the highest attendance over the whole academic year.





Clubs at Violet Way

We will be starting our programme of after school clubs again in September, week commencing Monday 18th September. **Club information will be sent out on a Microsoft Form via MarvellousMe on Friday 8th September at 4pm.**

Clubs we have running in the Autumn term are:

Monday – Multisport – Reception pupils (starting Autumn 2)

Tuesday – East Staffs Gymnastics- Y2

Thursday – Joanna's Dance Academy- Y1

Friday – Burton Albion Football Training- Y1 and Y2

Staffordshire Summer Holiday Ideas

Find out what's on in Staffordshire by visiting the Enjoy Staffordshire [website](#). You can find information about parks, local walks and sporting events on during the summer holiday in Staffordshire. You can also make use of local amenities, such as the library – remember you can sign up with your local library to enter the Summer Reading Challenge (detailed further in this newsletter).

If your child is eligible, you can also register for free summer holiday activities. You will need your HAF code – if you are eligible, we will have already provided you with your code. The website to book is here: [Holiday Activities and Food - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

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](#)





Staying happy and safe over summer

Safeguarding during the holiday

As a parent, carer, relative, neighbour or member of the public you may be concerned about the welfare and safety of your own child or a child you know. If you are worried about an adult or a child, it is important that you report it immediately.

For emergencies and immediate danger call 999 for police assistance.

**For concerns about a child in Staffordshire call 0300 111 8007.
Emergency out of hours: 0345 604 2886.**

We appreciate that for some people, the holidays can be challenging but there is always help available.

Helplines for children and young people

Childline call 0800 1111 Shout crisis messenger text 85258
Young Minds text 85258 [Is this OK?](#) online chatbot and 1-2-1 chat

Helplines for adults

Samaritans call 116 123
Domestic Abuse helpline call 0808 2000 247

For confidential advice and support with behaviour, parenting, child development, emotional health and well-being text Chat Health 07520 615722.





Holiday ideas for health and wellbeing

Dancing to music

Kicking a ball at a target

Balancing on your bottom

Holding a plank for as long as you can

Handstand against a wall

Bouncing a ball

Balancing on one leg or on a wall

Skipping

Rolling onto your back and sitting up again

Touching your toes

Practice your skills

Treasure Hunt

Find the treasures, then use them to inspire you to write a story or poem!

Something to do with outer space	Something you can eat	Something you can read	Something made of metal	Something to do with monsters	Something square shaped
Something star shaped	Something with a number on	Something a superhero would wear	Something with lots of numbers on	Something to write with	Something a snowman would wear
Something that grows	Something a cowboy would wear	Something you can put on your head	Something that could go in a sandwich	Something a pirate would wear	Something with a letter on it
Something you use in the shower	Something triangle shaped	Something with a flag on it	Something used to play sport	Something hexagon shaped	Something to do with dinosaurs
Something a builder might use	Something smooth	Something you can open	Something to measure things with	Something rough	Something you can see through





Wellbeing ideas

The holidays are a wonderful time of year, but they can also be overwhelming and stressful at times. Here are a couple of holiday ideas for children!

Mindfulness dancing - The goal is that they listen to music, then dance in a way that makes them feel good, and notice how their body moves as they dance. Don't overthink this one, just put on some fun music on and get groovin'!

Prompts:

- Instruct them to move how they feel their body wants to move and parents, you should get some dancing in too.
- Whatever song comes on, how does your body want to move?
- Why did you want to move that way?

Mindfulness Walk - mindfulness is all about paying attention to the moment in a non-judgmental way. It can help people connect to their bodies and can also reduce stress. Use the prompts below when going on a mindfulness walk.

Your Mindfulness Walk



How do different surfaces feel - soft, hard, smooth, rough?



write here!



What smells can you smell - flowers, grass, food, car engines?

write here!



Your Mindfulness Walk



How does the air feel around you - warm, cold, damp, fresh?



write here!



What can you see and hear around you - cars, birds, rustling trees?

write here!



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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



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Join us for a
Bumblebee Safari
Thursday 17th August
2023



From
1.30-3.30pm
How many different
bumblebees will we
discover buzzing about
in Brizlincote?

Meeting
at the carpark at the
Hollows at 1.30
(opposite Rider
House)

Dress for the
weather, with
appropriate
footwear

Guided walk lead by a Staffordshire-
based volunteer from the Bumblebee
Conservation Trust



Bumblebee
Conservation
Trust

Find out about
bumblebees and how
you can help them as
we take a walk
amongst the
flowers

Make a wildflower
bee-bomb

Free seeds, first
come-first served



Please do not bring
dogs on this family walk
(with the exception of
guide/service dogs)

Please check the Parish Council Website/Facebook for any alterations





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.



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.





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2023-24

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)

What's Coming Up?

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

Autumn Term 2023 - Inset day: Monday 4 September

Autumn Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family – **starting back on 12th September**

Dragonflies Farm Trip – 19th September

Busy Bees Farm Trip - 20th September

Ladybirds Farm Trip - 22nd September

Half term Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

NB: Library morning and Forest School dates will be provided in the first newsletter. These sessions won't start until the children have had a few weeks to settle into their new year groups.



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.

