

A Message from Mrs Kee

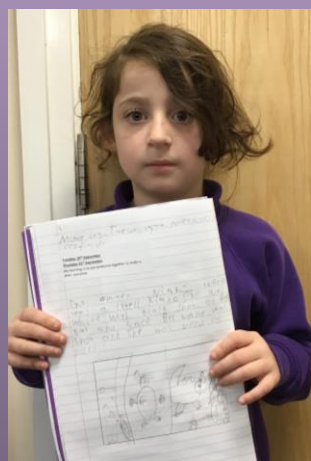
Our assembly this week focused on introducing 'My Happy Mind'. This is an NHS and science-backed programme designed to help build resilient, balanced and happy minds. The children have enjoyed the lessons in class, meeting the new characters and starting their My Happy Mind journey. Next week we will be sharing some parent resources.

Our Year 1 pupils visited the farm this week and their conduct and behaviour was highly praised by staff. The children thoroughly enjoyed finding out interesting facts about the farm animals, planting and making dens. Watch out for the photographs in the newsletter next week!

Year 2 pupils have been producing some great writing based on the book 'The Lion Inside' this. I am sure they would like to share the story with their parents at home, just [click here](#) to read the story together.

Autumn officially begins tomorrow! As you are walking out and about with your child, perhaps you could collect some seeds that have fallen from trees, such as conkers, acorns and sycamore seeds (helicopter seeds). You can use these to create pictures, count and match. Please bring to school when you have finished as the children will be looking closely at seeds in the Forest School lessons. Please hand in to the class teacher.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole school (this week)	96.71%
Reception	93.41%
Year 1	96.89%
Year 2	98.32%



Congratulations to
Owls (100%)
for being the class

WOW!

with the highest attendance this week!

Well done for your *fantastic attendance* this week.

**Make sure your
child attends school every day
so that they get the
most from their education.**

Home Achievements



We
celebrated
awards for
reading,
swimming,
sports and
dance –
well done!

Merit Award Winners

Merit certificates are awarded to children who exemplify our school values, follow our school rules and demonstrate our star learner qualities. Check out our award winners this week!

Reception



Year 1



Year 2





Smile, it's School Photograph time!

On **Wednesday 11th October** Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual and sibling photos, so make sure children are looking extra smart in their uniform!



There is an opportunity for families to come to school first thing if you would like to have family photos taken with younger / older siblings that do not attend Violet Way. The main reception doors will be open from 8:00am on Wednesday 11th October for any families wishing to have family photographs taken. **The family photograph session will run from 8:00am until the gates open at 8:45am.**

NHS Flu Vaccinations

The Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme 2023 – NHS School Immunisation Service

This vaccination is to help protect your child against flu. Flu is a virus which can make you feel very unwell and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

This vaccination is free. **It is a quick and simple spray up the nose.** Even if your child had it last year, they should have the flu vaccine again this year. The nasal vaccine is offered to children as it is more effective than the injected vaccine. For further information click [here](#). The vaccine is delivered by nurses during the school day on 17th October, only if parents had completed the NHS online consent form (see below).

The consent form must be completed by someone with Parental Responsibility or Delegated Authority. To complete the online consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

The Violet Way Academy – 17 Oct 2023 - Flu

Your school code is: SS136762-23

Children will only receive the flu vaccine if parents have provided consent online using the NHS form link above.





Toddler group information

Jo Smith has asked us to pass on the following messages to those families that attend the toddler group on Tuesday mornings.

- There will be no Toddler Group on Tuesday 24th October.
- There will be a Toddler Group Christmas party on Tuesday 19th December.

Christmas Card Orders

Each year, our children create fantastic Christmas artwork, which we then send off to a third-party company to be created into lots of different products for you to buy! Once your child's artwork has been processed, you will receive a personalised order form from which you will be able to place your orders directly on the company's website.



After school clubs

Our after-school club provision has started. This half term we have Year 1 Dance and Movement club, Year 2 Gymnastics club, Year 1 and Year 2 Football club and Year 2 Karate and Dance lunchtime clubs. The children have really enjoyed these sessions. We managed to capture some of the Year 1 children mid-movement!

After the October half term, we will be offering a Reception after school club.



Cake Shop – Rainbow sprinkle time!

We run several 'Cake shops' per term and the first one of this academic year will be on Friday 13th October, 2:30pm - 3:15pm.

Parent can come along to buy coffee, tea and a cake and give yourself some 'me-time'! Mrs Kee will be available to chat too. If you need to speak to Mrs Kee at anytime, please speak to her on the school gate before or after school or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.





PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting in school on Monday 16th October at 2pm to discuss and plan dates for the PTA events coming up in the new academic year.

Our PTA are always happy to welcome new members so if you want to find out more about the PTA and their role in supporting our school, please pop along on **Monday 16th October at 2pm!**



Parent Inclusion Coffee Morning

Parent Inclusion Coffee morning - Friday 27th October 9.00 – 10.00

We would love to invite you to join us at our parent inclusion meetings we run throughout the academic year. These are a great opportunity to meet with other parents and staff and look at a range of subjects and themes supporting our children. All parents and carers are welcome to join us in a friendly, safe space.



The first will take place on **Friday 27th October 9.00 – 10.00** where members of the Inclusion team will share information about how we are supporting children's emotional regulation through 'Zones of regulation' and ways you can support your child at home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Other planned dates:

- **Friday 9th February 9.00 – 10.00**
- **Friday 24th May 9.00 – 10.00**

If you have any questions, please email the school office (office@violetway.org) and ask to speak to Mrs Magill (SENDCO) or Mrs Dawson (Inclusion Manager).





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E-Bike and E- Scooter Safety



Most E-bikes and e-scooters are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. It is important to charge e-bikes and e-scooters safely to avoid a fire and outing your home and family at risk

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug the charger when it's finished charging
- Charge batteries whilst you are awake – do not charge while you are asleep or away from the home
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger and buy an official replacement charge if it becomes damaged
- Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to a fire
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery- check the manufacturer's instructions on charge times
- Do not overload sockets or use inappropriate extension leads
- If you charge your e-bike or scooter in a garage or kitchen, ensure you install detection – we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke alarms for these areas.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms
- In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter, or lithium-ion battery fire do not attempt to extinguish the fire
- **GET OUT, STAY OUT and call 999**

- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes or e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi occupied building. If there is a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters where they are charged or left in common areas such as means of escape, bike and mobility scooter charging rooms.
- Store e-bikes and e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid excessively hot or cold places.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for some time.





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- Buy e-bikes, e-scooters, chargers and batteries from reputable retailers
- Many fires involve counterfeit electrical goods.
- Items which don't meet British or European standards pose a huge fire risk.
- Genuine chargers may cost more but it is not worth putting your life at risk or destroying your home by buying a fake charger.
- If buying a conversion kit, purchase from a reputable seller and check it complies with British or European standards
- Register your product with the manufacturer to validate any warranties
- Check for any product recalls. You can do this by checking [Electrical Safety First](#)

[Product Recalls and Alerts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

- Batteries can be damaged by dropping them or crashing e-bikes or e-scooters
- When the battery is damaged it can overheat and catch fire without warning. Check your battery regularly.
- Replace it if you suspect it is damaged
- Check with your manufacturer or local authority for suitable battery recycling arrangements in your area.

Further information can be found for [Electric bikes: licensing, tax and insurance](#)
[Powered transporters](#)



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Electric fire safety tips

- Do not overload plug sockets
- Always use the correct fuse to prevent overheating
- When using a tumble dryer make sure you clean the filter and remove any fluff
- Don't leave a washing machine or tumble dryer on when you are asleep
- Don't leave a washing machine or tumble dryer on when no one is in the property.
- Keep all appliances clean and in good working order.
- Always use the correct charger for all electric devices and unplug when not being used.
- Find out if any of your electrical products have been recalled on the

[Home - Register My Appliance](#)

website



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Parent Reading Meeting

If you want to find out more about phonics and reading at Violet Way, there are two meetings planned for parents. On **Thursday 5th October** there will be a meeting at **9:00am and 4:30pm**. We have planned two meeting so parents can choose which suits them. You are welcome to pop in. If you are unable to attend, please do not worry as we will be publishing the meeting slides on the website.

At Violet Way, children bring home a reading book and a library book.

Books should be brought to school daily in their book bag.

- Reading books will be changed on Mondays and returned to children on Tuesday. Please ensure your child's reading book is in school on Monday.
- Library books are changed on Tuesdays in Reception, Wednesdays in Year 2 and Thursdays in Year 1.

Please be aware that, depending on their stage of reading, children may be set different reading challenges at home. Reception will start their phonics learning in school after a few weeks of settling in and reading books for Reception will start being sent home after October half term. Children in Reception will still have a library book for you to enjoy reading together at home.

Kingswood Meeting for Y2 Parents

On **Thursday 5th October** there will be a meeting about Kingswood for Y2 parents at **9:30am and 5:00pm**. We have planned two meetings so parents can attend which time suits them best.

The meeting is to give you more information about the Year 2 residential and to give you the chance to ask any questions that you may have. Parents will have received a letter providing more details.

The Kingswood trip is **Wednesday 3rd July to Friday 5th July**. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!





Library and Forest School Dates

Parent Library Mornings – Autumn Term

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays (start after the October half term). Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

Reception Tuesday Sessions:

Foxes	-	-	7/11	28/11
Squirrels	-	-	14/11	5/12
Badgers	-	-	21/11	12/12

Year 2 Wednesday Sessions:

Kestrels	20/9	11/10	8/11	29/11
Owls	27/9	18/10	15/11	6/12
Woodpeckers	4/10	25/10	22/11	13/12

Year 1 Thursday Sessions:

Dragonflies	21/9	12/10	9/11	30/11
Ladybirds	28/9	19/10	16/11	7/12
Busy Bees	5/10	26/10	23/11	14/12

Forest School Sessions – Autumn Term

Week 1:

Monday – Dragonflies

Tuesday – Owls

Wednesday - Badgers

Thursday – Kestrels

Friday – Foxes

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 11/9 25/9 9/10 23/10 13/11 27/11 11/12

Week 2:

Monday – Ladybirds

Tuesday – Woodpeckers

Thursday – Squirrels

Friday – Busy Bees

These class will have Forest School Afternoons on the days above during the following weeks: 18/9 2/10 16/10 6/11 20/11 4/12





Dates for your diary

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)



What's Coming Up?

Toddler Morning – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

Parent Reading Meeting – 5th October at 9:00am and 4:30pm

Kingswood Meeting for Year 2 Parents – 5th October at 9:30am and 5:00pm

School Photographs - Wednesday 11th October

Cake shop – Friday 13th October from 2:30pm

Flu Vaccinations – 17th October

Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October

Harvest Assemblies – Thursday 19th October

Kestrels- 9.10am

Owls – 9.30am

Woodpeckers – 9.50am

Dragonflies – 10.10am

Busy Bees – 10.30am

Ladybirds- 10.50am

Squirrels – 1.40am

Foxes – 2.00pm

Badgers – 2.20pm

Harvest Food Sale in Hall at 2.50pm onwards

INSET Day – Friday 20th October

Whole School Sports Enrichment Day – Thursday 26th October

Anti-Bullying Week Theme: Making a Noise about Bullying – week commencing Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

