

## A Message from Mrs Kee

Our assembly this week focused on saying 'thank you' and being thankful. We talked about people within our lives that we say thank you to and the reasons why. Children considered times they have said thank you and what this meant to the person receiving their thanks. We reminded ourselves of Harvest and how we are thankful to farmers for harvesting our crops and thankful for the food we have to eat.

Our Harvest Assemblies were well attended and a huge success. So lovely to see happy, confident children performing in front of parents, carers and other family members. I am sure you all went home with the songs stuck in your head!

Thank you for all the food donations provided by our families. I know that the Food Bank in Burton will be most grateful to receive such a wonderful array of food items for the local community. They provide such an important service to people living in our area and I am so pleased that the children are able to see the positive impact they are having within their own community.

As we have INSET day tomorrow, there are no Merit Assembly or home achievement pictures in the Newsletter this week. On our INSET day tomorrow, the staff have training on Relational and Restorative Practice, Allergens, Reading and Assessment. I hope you have a lovely day tomorrow and the rest of the weekend.

See you on Monday, Mrs Kee



Check out the items we have in school available for the poppy appeal.





## Harvest Assemblies and Food Bank Donations

Many thanks for your support with our Harvest Festival celebrations. It was great to see so many parents in attendance and so many food donations! The food bank in Burton will be most grateful.







## Harvest Assemblies and Food Bank Donations



# Thank you for the Harvest!



**Next week!**

## The Book Fair is coming back to Violet Way!

We are very excited to be having the Book Fair back in school next week. It has always been very popular with parents and helps us to raise money for new books for school. This will be a great opportunity for us to purchase new library books to add to our collection!

The book fair will be in the hall and open:

**from 3pm on Monday 23rd October until approximately 4pm**

**From 3pm on Tuesday 24th October until approximately 4pm**

**Wednesday 25th October from 8am until the start of school**

**From 3pm on Thursday 26th October until approximately 4pm.**

We hope many of you will be able to come and visit!

For every child who buys a book from the Book Fair, their name will be put on a raffle ticket and this will be entered into a grand draw. On Friday 27th October, five raffle tickets will be picked out of the box and these five children will win a book from the fair worth up to £5!

Please be aware that the book fair will be **cashless** but parents will be able to pay for any books bought by card online at

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> or

by scanning the QR code opposite on their phone on the day. **Both this address and a**

**QR will be available on the day at the fair.**



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or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

On the next pages are some examples of the types of books that you can buy at the book fair.







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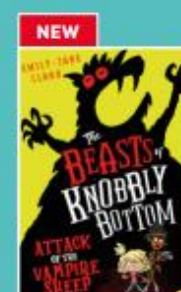
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## Clubs for next half term

The clubs arranged for Autumn 2 (after the half term holiday) are as follows:

**Dance and Movement Club (Autumn 2 – Year 2 )** Thursdays after school until 4.10pm. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Monday 23rd October 2023 at 4.00pm.**

**Gymnastics Club (Autumn 2- Year 1)** Tuesdays after school until 4.10pm. The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Monday 23rd October at 4pm.**

**Multisport (Autumn 2 – Reception)** Mondays after school The Microsoft Form to sign up will be released on **Monday 23rd October at 4pm.** NB: The collection time for this club will be confirmed in the Forms.

Please note that the Burton Albion Football Club on a Friday will remain the same as this half term, with the same children attending. A Microsoft Form for Burton Albion will be released in the last week of the Autumn Term ready for the Spring Term.

## A Message from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Safety Plan – Please complete the survey from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to as it's really important to them to get the views of as many people as possible. Any members of the community completing the survey will be included into a prize draw to win a **£100 Amazon voucher**. The survey and Safety Plan documents links are below.

The survey will run until 26 November, [click here to complete the survey](#) and [here to review the draft Safety Plan document](#).

## Current Vacancies

**Cleaning Supervisor** - Advert available on [WMjobs](#). The application pack and full details of the role can be found on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies \(fierte.org\)](#) Applicants should submit a completed application to [hr@fierte.org](mailto:hr@fierte.org) by the closing date (Monday 6th November).







## Poppy appeal

Remembrance Day takes place every year, to remember all people who have died in wars. Ceremonies take place on 11 November, the day that World War One ended, with the country falling silent at 11am for a period of reflection. Remembrance Sunday also takes place on the second Sunday of November each year, with another opportunity to pay tribute to those who lost their lives. Poppies were chosen as a symbol of remembrance as many of the battlefields in WW1 had poppies growing in them. In school, we will be selling poppies and other remembrance day items to raise money for the armed forces. Images of the items and suggested donations are provided below. We will be selling the items from Monday next week. As the money goes straight into the collector tins, children need to bring the correct amount to their class teacher. There are a limited number of items available in school.



- Standard poppy with pin £1
- Zip pull £1
- Reflector poppy £1.50
- Snap band £2
- Silicon wristband £2







## Application for a Reception place

**Advance notice of Reception application process - The application process for a Reception place for September 2024 will open on 01 November 2023.**

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the [Staffordshire admissions website](#). The closing date is 15 January 2024. You can find further information about Reception September 2024 admissions [here](#)

For more information about the EYFS and our Reception provision at Violet Way please click [here](#). We also have an [admissions page](#) with the details of how to apply through the Staffordshire Admissions website.

Tours of the school for new applicants are being held on the following dates and prospective parents can book by calling the office or emailing

[office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)

- Thursday 9th November at 10am or 4pm
- Thursday 16th November at 10am or 4pm

## Application for a Junior place

**Advance Notice - Parents of children in Year 2 need to apply for a Junior School place – The application process for a junior school place for September 2024 will open on 01 November 2023.**

The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on [Staffordshire admission website](#). The closing date is 15 January 2024.

Parents of pupils in Year 2 will receive a personalised letter next week before we break up for the October half term. The letter will have a Unique Identification Number – this is needed for the application process. Parents can access an 'Information to Parents' booklet through the Staffordshire [website](#).





# 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:

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

### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions:

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

### Year 1 Thursday Sessions:

<b>Dragonflies</b>	21/9	12/10	9/11	30/11
<b>Ladybirds</b>	28/9	19/10	16/11	7/12
<b>Busy Bees</b>	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 19<sup>th</sup> July

Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (disaggregated)



## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family FYI NO TODDLER GROUP ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**INSET Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**BOOK FAIR** – w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Whole School Sports Enrichment Day** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Parent Inclusion Coffee Morning** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 – 10.00

**End of half term** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Autumn 2 – Children return to school following the half term holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Anti-Bullying Week** Theme: Making a Noise about Bullying – week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks Day** – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Y1 trip Tamworth Castle** – 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need – 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Be like Pudsey and wear spots or yellow and pay £1 on Parent Pay to raise money for Children in Need.

**Parent Reading Workshops** – in November – more details soon!

**Year 2 trip to Think Tank** – 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas dinner day** – 7<sup>th</sup> December – Wear your Christmas Jumper

**Reception Nativity** – 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Pantomime time!** 22<sup>nd</sup> December – We have a theatre production company providing a panto for all children.

