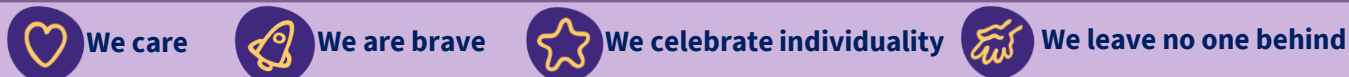




## Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023



We have had a very exciting week at Violet Way!

In Reception, the children have enjoyed learning the Christmas Story and have learnt about positional language in maths. The Year 1 children have continued to learn about castles and even written invitations to George from 'George and the Dragon'! In Year 2, the children have learnt the column method to add and subtract and also written recounts imagining they were Bob, the man on the moon! Some super learning has taken place.

It was lovely to see so many of you here for the parent reading workshops. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

Thank you to Miss Cullumbine for organising the Multi-Sports Festival that took place today and the children loved participating alongside other local schools.

Next week, the Year 2 children will be going to Birmingham to the ThinkTank Science Museum. I am sure they will enjoy this amazing trip!

Have a lovely weekend, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>93.43%</b>
Reception	<b>90.67%</b>
Year 1	<b>95.89%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.79%</b>

**WOW!**

Congratulations to  
**Ladybirds (99.3%)**  
for being the class  
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



Thank you for sharing your home  
achievements in swimming 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







## Parent Reading Workshops

This week, each class held their parent reading workshops. It was wonderful to see you all! There was a focus on 'reading for pleasure' so the class teachers read their current storybook and some key vocabulary was discussed as well. We also looked at some of the sounds from our phonics scheme, Read Write Inc., and read some 'green' words together.

At the end, the children shared a book with their parent, teacher or friend and they enjoyed reading the words together and discussing what was happening in the book. We hope that you found these sessions useful and thank you for coming!



## Multi Sports Festival



This morning, some of the children in Year 1 and Year 2 went to Shobnall Leisure Centre to take part in a Multi-Sports Festival.

Miss Cullumbine and Mr. Malcolm accompanied the children, and they had a fantastic time! They took part in different activities and games, including some team-building activities. Other local schools also took part in the morning. Well done to the children!





## HOPE Peer Support

### Here for Parents

Being a parent can be challenging especially when our children are struggling with their emotional well-being. We think we're getting it wrong, feel alone and have nowhere to turn.

If your child or young person is struggling with anxiety, low mood or depression, stress or overwhelming emotions, it can be really hard to get the support you need as a parent.



**Could you benefit from speaking to another parent who has gone through a similar experience?**

**A HOPE Parent Friend** can offer you a confidential weekly call, video call or email and will listen with empathy, understanding and without judgement.

Our HOPE parent friends are vetted, trained and fully supervised volunteers

To find out more contact your HOPE mentor in school or Keddie on:

[keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com](mailto:keddieHOPE2021@outlook.com)

07508 176043

**Our HOPE mentor in school is Mrs. Taylor.**







## Sleep Helpline



the  
national  
sleep  
helpline

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?**

**Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?**

**Will your child not sleep in their own bed?**

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

the national sleep helpline

**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

**03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

POWERED BY the sleep charity

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\*Survey of 2,000 adults by OnePoll, Aug 2021

## Current Vacancies

**Cleaning Supervisor** - Advert available on [WMjobs](https://www.wmjobs.com). The application pack and full details of the role can be found on the Trust website [Fierte Multi-Academy Trust- Vacancies \(fierte.org\)](https://www.fierte.org) Applicants should submit a completed application to [hr@fierte.org](mailto:hr@fierte.org)





## Christmas Performances – Save the date!

Please see below for the dates and times of our Christmas performances.

### Reception Christmas Nativity – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am -Foxes

10:15am - Badgers

1:45pm - Squirrels



Come and celebrate the birth  
of a special baby!

### Year 1 Christmas Singalong – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

9:15am – Ladybirds

10:15am – Dragonflies

2:15pm – Busy Bees

Parents are encouraged to join in with  
our Year 1 Christmas singalong!



### Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church–

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

All of Year 2 – 1:45pm start time

We will be asking for parents to accompany us  
during the walk to the church from 1:10pm and  
back to school after the performance.  
Further details will be shared soon.





# 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 – at 8.40am - for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays, 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

**Year 2 trip to ThinkTank, Birmingham** – 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Dinner Day – 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Wear your Christmas Jumper

**Reception Nativity** – 14<sup>th</sup> December:  
9:15am Foxes  
10:15am Badgers  
1:45pm Squirrels

**Year 2 Carol Concert at St Peter's Church** –  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm start

**Year 1 Christmas Singalong** – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
9:15am-Ladybirds  
10:15am-Dragonflies  
2:15pm-Busy Bees

**Year 1 School Disco**- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- 5pm-6pm- £2.50  
(to be paid via Parent Pay-message will be sent with more information soon)

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

**Break-up for Christmas** – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

