



### A note from Mrs Beardsley

We are so excited to announce our arrivals at William Lilley! The ducklings are beginning to hatch and the children are filled with Awe and Wonder. It has been amazing to see this and to see the children's response and learning opportunities that they have engaged with. They will be in school again next week for all children to see.



### Warmer weather

As the weather warms, can parents please ensure that all children have a water bottle and a named hat to wear at school. Where possible, sunscreen should be applied before school. If sunscreen needs to be reapplied at lunchtime, parents are advised that staff are unable to undertake this. If needed, sunscreen must be provided in a NAMED bottle for children to apply unsupervised - please ensure that your child is aware that they must NOT share sunscreen with other children. With the warm weather unfortunately, comes hayfever for some. Please advise school should your child suffer from severe hayfever.



A reminder that medication can only be administered if prescribed 4 times a day.

### Menu Change

Please note due to the Bank holiday,  
**Tuesday 6th May** cooked dinner will be pizza, chips and vegetables followed by flapjack.

**Wednesday 7th May** Nuggets, potato wedges and peas followed by raspberry mousse and crushed meringues.



We are pleased to see more children joining our FREE universal breakfast club. This is a great start to the day ensuring children have a healthy breakfast and a chance to catch up with friends before school. If you would like your

child to join in, please book on the SchoolMoney App or let a member of staff know.

### Walk Notts

We are always looking at ways to support our health and wellbeing at William Lilley. Why not get out and about and get involved in the Walk Notts festival in May? This is a great opportunity to get out in the lovely weather and get fit and healthy. If you would like to get involved, look at the suggestions and ideas shared on the bingo cards at the end of the newsletter; these give fun ideas of things to do when out and about. We would love to hear if you are able to complete them all!"



### READING

You may have heard your child talking about 'red words'. Red words (also known as common exception words or tricky words) are words where the usual or most common spelling rule doesn't apply. As children come across unfamiliar spelling and sound patterns in tricky words, they will discuss them and find the tricky part of the word.

For example, the word 'the' requires knowing the phoneme 'th' and understanding that in this word the 'e' phoneme is making the sound 'uh' instead of the 'e' (as in 'egg') sound that they've been taught. It may not look like it to us, but 'the' is a very tricky word, indeed!

Some of these exception words are used frequently (65%) so children are introduced to them throughout their phonics scheme and the more easily they can recognise and read them, the more fluent their reading will become.

### Attendance Matters

We were delighted to see so many happy healthy faces last week, ready for the final term of the School Year! For the first time this school year, all 5 classes had attendance above our target of 97%, with Puffins being so close to having 100%!



What a lovely week we have had!

We have been able to make use of outdoor areas with the beautiful weather.

Why not join the outdoor fun and book our Den and picnic theme nights Monday 12th May for KS1 and Tuesday 13th May for Nursery and Reception 15.15-18.00.

Bookings can be made via the school money app or contact the school office.





Calendar  
2024-2025

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday – start date for Summer Term to be announced shortly	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Whole school
Anyday	Come Dine with me	Lunch time	Whole school
Monday 12th May	Den building & picnic Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 13th May	Den building & picnic Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 15th May	Manor Farm	All Day	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Wednesday 11th June	Ark Farm	10.00-14.00	Nursery
Thursday 10th July- Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2
14th-18th July	Sports week		Whole school

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May**

**Half Term Monday 26th May -Friday 30th May**

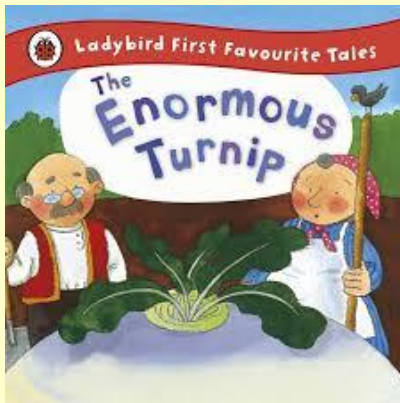
## Year Group News

### Nursery



We have really enjoyed welcoming some new children into nursery over the last two weeks. The children have been so warm and welcoming.

This week we have continued our new topic, 'The Circle of Life'. We have been reading the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and the children have all planted some peas to bring home. The children have been learning about what plants need to grow and how they change as they grow. We will continue to learn about how plants grow and change next week as we read The Enormous Turnip story.



Please send in a water bottle every day and a sunhat. If needed, please put sun cream on before coming to nursery, as staff are unable to help children apply it.



### Reception

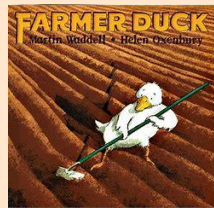


We have had the most amazing week in Reception with the arrival of our duck eggs, which rapidly hatched into gorgeous fluffy ducklings!



The children have experienced great learning opportunities through watching the ducklings hatch live and observe how they change each day.

Next week we will continue to learn about the life cycle of the duck by helping to look after our ducklings. We will also be learning about the story Farmer Duck, through this story we will learn new vocabulary and create a story mountain using the words – 'Once there was a', 'then', 'next', 'finally.'



In Maths we will be consolidating numbers to 20 as well as counting beyond 20. Through our topic work we will be learning about food we eat from plants.

#### Dates for diaries

#### **Farm Visit – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

You should have received a letter containing all of the information – please see a member of the Reception team if you have any queries.



#### Library Visits

Brilliant Butterflies Library Visit – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Lovely Ladybirds Library Visit – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

If you are able to help out on our trip to the library, please let us know.

### Key Stage One

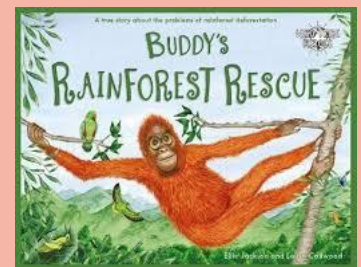


It has been great to have the sun shining this week and the children have really enjoyed playing with the new equipment and games at playtime. As the weather is becoming warmer, please ensure that your child is bringing a hat and water bottle in school each day.

In Art next week, we will be exploring tints and tones and mixing our own paint colours. During SCARF lessons we will be discussing the importance of dental hygiene and why we need to brush our teeth.



During English lessons we will be writing our innovated versions of Buddy's Rainforest Rescue using lots of adjectives to describe the rainforest setting. We will be including a range of punctuation including exclamation marks.



In Maths year 2 children will be revisiting calculation including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using their number facts and written methods to solve these. Year 1 children will also be revisiting addition and recapping how to use concrete materials, pictorial representations and number facts to do this.

# Mini Explorers

## Den Building & Picnic Theme Night

Nursery &  
Reception

Tuesday 13  
May  
3.15 - 6.00pm

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Early Years Bingo

# walk notts festival 01-31 May

How many of these can you do in May?

<b>Find a stick</b> What is it? A magic wand, a broomstick, a walking stick...?	<b>Animal Spotting</b> What animals can you spot?	<b>What can you hear?</b> Listen to the birds, cars, trees	<b>Puddle Splashing</b> Go out in the rain and splash in the puddles
<b>Walk or wheel to Nursery/School</b> What do you see, smell or hear along the way?	<b>Musical</b> Can you make up a song or tune to sing whilst you are playing?	<b>Obstacle Course</b> Have fun by hopping over leaves and sticks and weaving round trees	<b>Colours</b> What three colours can you see?
<b>Picnic</b> Walk or wheel to a nearby park or green area and enjoy a snack together	<b>Buggy Walk</b> Go on a Buggy walk with family, friends or neighbours	<b>Teddy Toddle</b> Take your favourite toy for a walk or wheel	<b>Superhero</b> Pretend to be a superhero on an adventure, walking or wheeling and saving the world

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Primary Bingo

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How many of these can you do in May?

<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> Collect leaves, twigs, or small stones – what can you make with them?	<b>#WalkNotts Stone</b> Paint a #WalkNotts stone and leave it for someone to find	<b>Photos</b> Go on a walk or wheel and take photos of things you find interesting	<b>Litter Picking</b> Use gloves or a litter picker to pick up and recycle 5 pieces of litter
<b>Mindfulness</b> What do you see, hear or feel while you walk or wheel?	<b>Storytelling</b> Make up a story based on what you see around you.	<b>Heads or Tails</b> Flip a coin and let it choose your next move. Heads you go right... Tails you go left...	<b>Flower Power</b> Go outside and smell some beautiful flowers. Remember not to pick them
<b>Picnic</b> Go to a nearby park or green area and enjoy a snack together	<b>Walk or Wheel</b> With you family, friends or neighbours.	<b>Dancing Feet</b> Put on your favourite song and dance from room to room	<b>Step Counting</b> Count your steps in 2's, 5's or 10's

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# SEND PaCT Notts May Events



Designed by Amelia Bee

<p><b><u>Online Session</u></b>  <b>Thursday 8th May</b>            10am-12pm            Join Lea online for a check in and chat.</p>	<p><b><u>Facebook Challenge</u></b>  <b>A Minute In May</b>            Join our May challenge, created to support you take a minute each day.</p>	<p><b><u>Online Workshop</u></b>  <b>Stress Awareness and How You Can Help</b>            (supporting our children and young people)            Thursday 8th May            7pm-8:15pm            By Claire Clements from Positive Pants</p>
<p><b><u>Central Nottingham</u></b>  <b>Face to Face Session</b>  <b>Thursday 15th May</b>            10am-11:30am            Carers Federation, 21-23 Pelham Road NG5 1AP</p>	<p>Links for workshops            On information on how to join, please email:  <a href="mailto:admin@sendpactnotts.org">admin@sendpactnotts.org</a>            Please state which session you would like to attend.            Thank you.</p>	<p><b><u>Online Workshop</u></b>  <b>Low Demand Parenting</b>            (anxiety and how better to support our young people)            Wednesday 14th May            7pm-9pm            By Contact /Ambitious About Autism/Autism Central</p>
<p><b><u>Online Session</u></b>  <b>Wednesday 21st May</b>            7pm-8pm            Join Carers Hub and SEND PaCT Notts for their monthly chat</p>		<p><b><u>Beeston</u></b>  <b>Face to Face Session</b>  <b>Thursday 22nd May</b>            10am-11:30pm            Bendigo Lounge            55 High Road, NG9 2JQ</p>
<p><b><u>Online Workshop</u></b>  <b>How to get the best out of meetings</b>            Tuesday 27th May            7:30pm-9pm            Join us as we delve into how to get the best from your meetings</p>	<p><b><u>Online Session</u></b>  <b>Map Our Future</b>  <b>Wednesday 28th May</b>            7pm-8pm            Join us to discuss changes and ideas for SEND PaCT</p>	<p><b><u>Online Workshop</u></b>  <b>Wellbeing With Rach</b>  <b>Mindfulness for people who can't sit still</b>            Friday 30th May            10am-12pm</p>