



A note from Mrs Beardsley

As we come to the end of the first half of the summer term, I am so proud of the children and their achievements. Each child has been excelling in their learning; through the many first hand experiences such as visit to the Farm for Reception, Library visits or exploring their topics and next steps through fun, inspirational activities. Our children have enjoyed exploring and developing their skills outside and in; through den building activities, Science work and fun play based activities. Well done everyone. We wish everyone a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you for many more engaging and exciting learning next term! School will reopen on **Monday 2nd June**. We hope you all have a fantastic week!



Transition

Next term we will be continuing our transition arrangements. Children in nursery transitioning into reception and those from year two who are moving onto year three will have received a letter with further transition arrangements.

However, all children will be engaging with transition, whether they are remaining in the same class and getting to know new children or moving into the main school from reception. This transition has already begun as we work together to engage the children in activities across the whole school, with different adults such as Friday clubs and phonics sessions. We will also be having some further transition activities and meetings. These include:

27th June – Children have a story time with their new class/classmates

1st July – Day 1 transition. Children will go to their classes as usual and will move into their new class for the day. They will then return to their usual class for dismissal at the end of the day.

8th July – Day 2 transition Children will go to their classes as usual and will move into their new class for the day. They will then return to their usual class for dismissal at the end of the day.

WOODLANDS ADVENTURE

Woodlands Residential

A polite reminder there is a short parent's information evening **Tuesday 10th June 15.30** for those children who are attending the Y2 residential. This will be an opportunity for parents to have a look at photos ask questions and pick up consent forms and kit lists.

School payments

As we near the end of the first half of the Summer Term, we politely request that all monies due on your child's account are settled by Friday 23 May. Should you require any support in order to be able to do so, please contact the School Office. We can advise on current balances, potential charges yet to be incurred and payment plans. Please be aware that outstanding amounts from this half term may result in our provision having to be restricted on an individual basis.



Our first week back in school will be **Science week!** There will be lots of exciting investigations and experiments taking

place each day in order for the children to practice their science skills and become real scientists.

Each day there will be information posted on Class Dojo so that you are able to keep up with the week's developments and discuss the 'science' your child has been taking part in each day.



READING

Our library in school is used by all children. It has some new non-fiction books, big books and a wide range of modern, high-quality fiction from all cultures. Key Stage One pupils select their own **READING FOR PLEASURE** books (marked with a black sticker) from our library and classes like to spend time using our super library resources.

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

We are delighted to announce that our punctual class for this half-term was the **CURIOS KINGFISHERS**



And the class with the highest percentage attendance is another of our Key Stage 1 classes...the... **PERSEVERING PUFFINS!**



Thank you to you all for your support getting your children to school on time and ready to learn!

We are currently experiencing our highest levels of attendance across the school and as a result, all of our classes have had attendance this half term better than last!



What a beautiful week we have had getting outdoors in the lovely warm sunshine playing lots of outdoor games. Bookings are now open for the remainder of the school year via the schoolmoney app. Please remember Wideawake bookings are now separate for Nursery and Reception Years1/2



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
2nd-6th June	Science Week	Whole week	Whole school
Tuesday 10th June	Woodlands residential meeting	15.30	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 11th June	Ark Farm	10.00-14.00	Nursery
Friday 20th June	Paralympian Sponsored Event	All day	Whole school
Wednesday 25th June	Seaside Day	All day	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 10th July- Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2
14th-18th July	Sports week		Whole school
Wednesday 16th July	Sports Day		Nursery & Reception
Thursday 17th July	Sports Day		Flamingos Kingfishers Puffins
Friday 25th July	Culture Day	All day	Whole school

Half Term Monday 26th May -Friday 30th May
School reopens Monday 2nd June

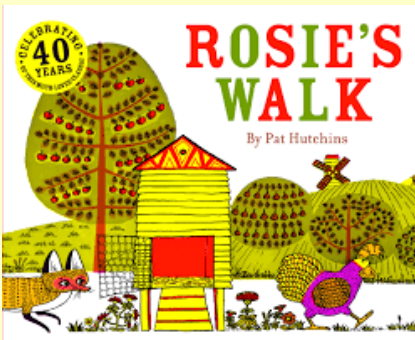
Year Group News

Nursery



This week the children have been looking carefully at our four chrysalises. Unfortunately, there is no sign of the butterflies hatching. Miss McNeil will be taking the chrysalis home for the holidays, and she will video any changes. The children will be able to release them when we return to school.

After the holiday we will be starting to learn about farm animals. We will be learning the names of adults and young and matching them. We will be reading the story of 'Rosie's Walk'.



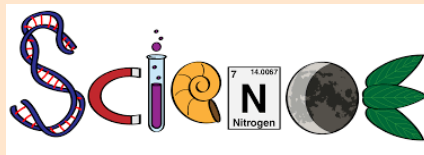
It will also be Science Week. Please be aware that **Wednesday 4th June** will be 'MESSY DAY'. As the name suggests, the children will be getting very messy as they investigate the world around them. With that in mind please, send them in clothes that they can get very messy.



Reception



This week our work has focused on creating our own class story map of 'Farmer Duck' through changing one part of the story to create our own eg. Farmer Sheep. The children have then written their innovated version of the story using their story map. They have 'wowed' us with their amazing writing.



After half term we will be focusing on dinosaurs and the fossil hunter 'Mary Anning'. We will be making dinosaur fact files and exploring all things dinosaurs. It will also be our Science week and we will be doing lots of science based activities exploring water. Look out for our photographs on Class Dojo.

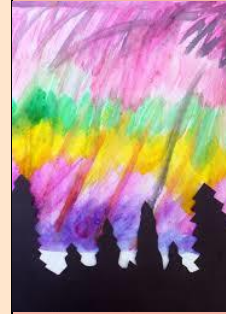
In maths we will be focusing on counting beyond 20, number bonds and matching numerals to a quantity of objects.

We are really looking forward to the second summer term with lots of exciting things happening such as our seaside day, sports week and culture day. More information to follow.

Key Stage One



This half term has flown by!



This week, the children had a great time creating beautiful watercolour paintings of the Northern Lights. They experimented with mixing

secondary colours and explored how to create different tints and tones using black and white.



After the half term break, we'll be starting our exciting new topic, *Inside Out*, where we'll learn all about the Olympics, Paralympics and a variety of sporting events—past and present.



In our first week back, we'll also be celebrating our annual **Science Week**, with plenty of hands-on investigations around the theme *Change and Adapt*. We can't wait to see the children's curiosity and reasoning skills in action!

As we move into the final half term, our **SCARF lessons** will focus on learning about our bodies, safety and privacy. These lessons will include child-friendly resources about bodies being private from the NSPCC. You can explore them here:

[Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break!

WILLIAM LILLEY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL



WE ARE

HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB MANAGER

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025 (OR SOONER)

23.75 HOURS PER WEEK (4 HOURS, 45 MINUTES PER DAY)

£24,790 - £25,584pa (PRO RATA)

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE OR CONTACT SCHOOL FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

Deadline for applications: Monday 9 June 2025, 12:00 noon

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