



William Lilley Infant and Nursery School

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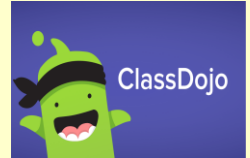
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A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome to a new academic year at William Lilley. It has been a pleasure to see our older children show such enthusiasm for learning and fun upon their return. A huge welcome to our new children! It has been a pleasure to begin to get to know each child; through home visits and stay and play in nursery, to the first week for our new reception children. Well done everyone! As we welcome you into school, please remember the important partnership that we have in working together and ensuring your child excels in all they do. Someone is always available for a chat or to talk through queries you may have. We look forward to starting or continuing this journey together this year.

Dojo

Teachers will be sending a code for you to access ClassDojo at home. This is an App which allows you to see how many points your child has earned each week. The ClassDojo App also allows you to directly contact your child's teacher. Nursery and Reception will be posting photographs of activities they have carried out within the week as this enables you to talk with your child about what they have done. For those who have not already signed up please return the consent form as soon as possible as we are unable to put photos of your child on without your signature.



Jeans for Genes



Friday 19th September

Each year, we support the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK. We are asking your child to come to school in jeans and to bring a suggested donation of £1 for the charity on the day.



In Reception and Key Stage One, your child will have brought home a book with a black sticker around the base of the spine. Nursery children will be bringing them home soon. These are our 'Reading for Pleasure' books. These books vary in difficulty so your child may not be able to read all of the words yet. It is just for you to read and talk about together to develop a love of reading. They can be changed by your child's class teacher each time that you write in their diary that it is finished.

Family Hub

A representative from our local family hub will be in school next **Wednesday 17th September from 3pm-3.30** for parents/carers. They offer a range of help and support from pregnancy and throughout childhood such as help with toilet training, sleep problems, help manage your child's behaviour etc.

In Key Stage One your child will have also brought home a book linked to the phonics colour that they are working on. The story will be familiar to your child as they will have worked on it in class for several days. These will be changed every 3 or 5 days by your child's phonics teacher. Please see your child's class teacher if you require any support with reading at home.

Contact details

Have you recently moved house? Do you have a new mobile phone? Do you have new contact details? Please ensure these are shared with the office.



Well done for starting the year with excellent attendance! Attending and being punctual is important if children are to benefit from everything that school has to offer and so far we have had a brilliant start! The children have all loved being back with their friends, and being given the opportunity to make new ones!

Flu immunisations

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on the 26th September 2025 for the Lovely Ladybirds, Brilliant Butterflies and KS1. Please follow the link to consent. <https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/ae8765dd> The link will close on the 23rd September 2025.

Labelling items

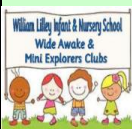
It has been great to see that most belongings are coming into school with your child's name on. Please ensure that items remain labelled as it means that all belongings can be looked after and returned to the correct children.

Office closure

Please note the school office will be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.00 – 1.30 please bare this in mind when trying to contact the office.

Welcome back!

We would like to give a warm welcome to all children to our wide awake and mini exploders wrap around care. Bookings are now open via the school money app. Alterations can be made up to midnight the night before. On the day bookings can be made via the office subject to availability and will incur a late charge. It's a great time for the children to spend some time with their friends doing lots of fun activities. Drinks and snacks are provided.



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Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Friday 19th September	Jeans for Genes	All day	Whole school
Friday 26th September	Flu Immunisations	PM	Reception Years 1&2
Wednesday 15th October	Parent's Evening	15.30 - 19.00	
Thursday 16th October	Parent's Evening	15.30 - 17.00	

Half Term HOLIDAYS : Monday 20th October– Friday 31st October
School Re-opens Monday 3rd November

Year Group News

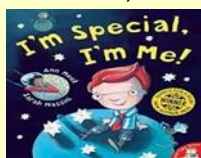


**Key
Stage
One**



We are so impressed and proud of how well all the Lovely Ladybird and Brilliant Butterfly children have settled into Reception and coped brilliantly with the routine of a full day. The Busy Bees and Clever Caterpillars have been busy settling into school this week, we have shared stay and play sessions with new starters and now all of our children are in and settling beautifully. Well done everyone, you are all superstars! The children have really enjoyed our book this week 'Our class is a family', they have enjoyed talking about their family at school including their new class, classroom and people who will help us and care for us. The children have loved exploring all the learning areas in the classroom and outside as well as painting their self-portrait!

Next week, in Reception and Nursery, we will be focusing on our



book 'I'm special, I'm me'. We will have circle times about what makes us special and talk about people who are familiar to us and what their job is.



The Lovely Ladybird and Brilliant Butterfly children will also be continuing to talk about families and have sent a letter home for the children to bring in a family photo to share with the class, we will take a photocopy of it and then send it home.

In maths we will be sorting objects and pictures by size and colour and finding the correct numeral to match to a group of objects as well as singing number rhymes.

Books

All the reception children have come home with a reading diary and a book this week. This is a book for you to share together, please can we ask you bring your reading folder with your book and diary into school every day. As we start teaching phonics and early blending skills, we will be sending home a reading book for your child to read independently at home, we will let you know more about this nearer the time. This reading for pleasure book will be changed every Thursday. We are giving these out once you have a blue reading bag which can be purchased from the school office.

Children in Busy Bees will receive a reading diary and a book to share together over the next couple of days. The day that these books are changed will vary depending on your child's nursery pattern.

Clever Caterpillar children will start to come home from nursery with a home school diary, these are for you to leave any comments linked to your child and for the staff to leave you any messages from the day.

PE- Reception Thank you for all those who have already brought in their PE kits, we will not be starting PE until after October half term so if you haven't brought it in yet, please could they be in before we break up. We will be doing lots of physical activities in the meantime, but teaching the children how to change into their PE after half term.

PE- nursery Children in Busy bees and Clever Caterpillars will participate in PE sessions but do not need a PE kit yet. They will focus on learning how to take off their shoes and socks and put them back on again as their changing focus.

Happy new school year everyone!
All of the team in Key Stage One are so pleased to have the children back at school and so proud of how they have settled in to Year 1 and Year 2. Well done all!

This week and last week we have done lots of getting to know you activities so that the Year 1 and Year 2 children can get to know the new people in their class. We have used art and design techniques to create birds, completed circle time games and class rules and completed maths number skills! We have also begun working on our writing curriculum and the children have completed some independent writing about their Summer and had great fun creating stories of their choice by using a story map.

Next week we will be focusing on our handwriting skills. Year 1 will be concentrating on letter formation and Year 2 will be learning to join letters. We will be working on our new story of 'Wanda and the Toad'. We will be learning a Talk for Writing version of the story using actions and discussing the vocabulary used in the book.

We will be working within our year groups on numbers, their patterns and place value.

We will also be launching our new topic: Location, Location, Location! We will be learning about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale learning key facts about their life and use a timeline to understand key events in history.

PE Days this term –
CK – Mon, Thurs
PP – Tues, Thurs
FF – Wed, Thurs

