



A note from Mrs Beardsley

It's been fantastic to see all the children arriving at school on time and ready to learn! A big thank you for ensuring they're prepared to make the most of their day. Just a quick reminder about our free Universal Breakfast Club, where your child can join in for breakfast or simply enjoy some playtime with friends. We welcome everyone from Reception and above from 8.15am in the school hall, so why not make the most of this opportunity? It's a lovely way for the kids to start their day together. Please use the 'universal breakfast' link on the SchoolMoney App to book.

Phonics Parent Meeting

Date: Thursday, 2nd October

Time: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: School Hall (please enter through the office entrance)

Join us for a short, informative session all about **phonics!**

We'll cover:

- An overview of the *Read Write Inc* phonics scheme we use in school
- Practical tips to help you support your child's reading at home

This session is especially helpful for families with children who have just started Reception, but **all parents and carers are welcome.**



The children have been learning all about Julia Donaldson in assemblies as well as in their class. There are picture frames in the library to remind the children of the author of the term. Copies of Julia Donaldson stories are in each classroom for the children to enjoy, as well as in our reading for pleasure sections in the library, for the children to bring home and enjoy.



Holiday Club

Our Outstanding holiday club is back for October half term Monday 27th to Friday 31st October.

To find out more please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301

Free for all children in receipt of free school meals. All other children can attend for £25 a day. If you are struggling with the cost, please let the school office know.

All childcare vouchers are accepted.

Xmas4Schools Christmas Gifts Project

It's time to get your Christmas shopping started! We're delighted to confirm we have partnered with Xmas4Schools who will help turn your child's artwork into amazing gifts for loved ones. Your child's hand-made masterpiece will be coming home over the next couple of weeks, along with details on how to order. There are many gifts available including Christmas cards, calendars, mugs, tea towels and magnets.

School Council

Our Year One and Two pupils have been invited to join our school council. Children have had an opportunity to share with the class their reasons for wanting to be a counsellor. Elections have taken place today. Ask your child who their class representative is!



At William Lilley Infant and Nursery School, we expect children to attend every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We understand that it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please click on the link below for up to date guidance and support from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

To meet our safeguarding responsibilities, we are require all **unplanned absences** to be reported on their first day by 9.15am and we may request daily contact for the duration of the absence. All communication channels are acceptable means of informing school of the absence. These include email, answer phone message, telephone call, text message, verbally informing a member of staff and Class Dojo.

The school can administer over the counter medication (such as Calpol) as requested by parents should this be required to support a child to come to and remain in school.



We are excited to announce we will be hosting two pumpkin parties **Tuesday 7th October for Years 1 & 2** and **Thursday 9th October** for Nursery children and Reception. Please attached flyers for further details.



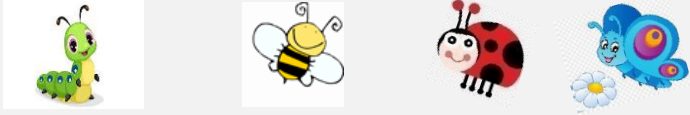
Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Thursday 2nd October	Phonics Parents meeting	9.00	Parents & carers
Thursday 2nd October	School Dinner Taster Day	11.30-13.00	Whole school
Tuesday 7th October	Pumpkin Party	15.15-18.00	Years 1 & 2
Thursday 9th October	Pumpkin Party	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
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**

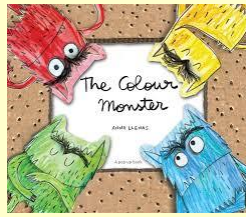
Year Group News

Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



This week in Brilliant Butterflies, Lovely Ladybirds and Busy Bees our work has focused on the book 'I'm Special, I'm Me' and the children have been talking about what makes them special and which skills they are good at eg. riding a bike, sharing, listening. They have completed their portraits of themselves for our class display and have enjoyed looking at their family photos on the 'My Family' display. They are continuing to 'wow' us with learning at choosing times. Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies are doing brilliantly and practicing sounds during our phonics sessions.

Next week in the Brilliant Butterflies and Lovely Ladybirds our work will be around the story of 'The Colour Monster' which focuses upon feelings which are connected to a colour. This will then be the text we will use for our 'Talk for Writing'



sessions over the next few weeks. Next week in our 'Talk for Writing' we will be reading the story of 'The Colour Monster' lots of times and then creating our own story mountain which will include the words 'first', 'then' and 'fortunately'. In Maths we will be focusing on the number 2, focusing on how we can represent the number with fingers or objects and talking about simple addition eg. $1+1=2$.

Baby Photo- Brilliant butterflies and Lovely Ladybirds.

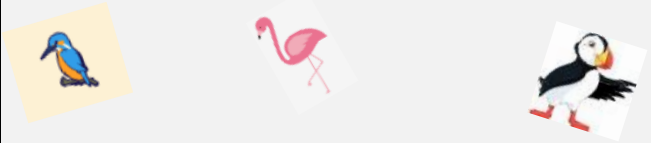


Please could we ask that you send a baby photo in of your child next week as we will be talking about how they have changed as they have grown and about what you can do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby.

Busy Bees have enjoyed looking at their family photos this week and will continue with this next week. They will also be focusing on the story 'Colour Monster'. We will be talking about our emotions and beginning to use the text for 'Talk for Writing'. We will also have a focus on finding our own names and recognising which name is ours.

In the Creative Caterpillars we will be basing our learning around the orientation schema. This will involve lots of climbing and balancing activities outside and using different angles to draw and mark make including under the tables! Our rhyme of the week next week will be "The Grand Old Duke of York." You are welcome to practice at home!

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



This week we have been busy logging onto the laptops for the first time this year. We have all changed our avatars on Purple Mash. Look out for your child's login details for Purple Mash, they are now stuck into their reading diaries. You will also find more information about our SMART internet rules.



Next week we will be learning about the history of Boots and its connection to Nottingham.



We will be looking at landmarks in Nottingham. The children will also be carrying out a scientific investigation.

Next week in English we will continue our extended writing using paragraphs. We will also be creating our own 'meeting' story.

In Maths, the year one children will be learning how to compare sets of objects using the 'greater than,' 'less than,' and 'equals' symbols. The year two children will be measuring capacity and temperature as well as using known number facts to help them add and subtract.

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JOIN US FOR A
PUMPKIN PARTY

- YEARS ONE & TWO -
TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER, 3.15 - 6.00PM

AN EVENING OF CRAFTY FUN AND
AUTUMN SMILES!

WEAR YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

£12 PER CHILD, INCLUDES PIZZA
BOOK NOW THROUGH YOUR SCHOOLMONEY APP

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- NURSERY & RECEPTION -
THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER, 3.15 - 6.00PM

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Parent-Carer Connecting Event

Free event for parent carers of children and young people with additional needs to connect with professionals and support services

In partnership with SEND PaCT Notts



Wednesday 1st October 2025

Drop In Between 10.30am - 1.00pm

Stall holders include Ask Us Nottingham, Children's Sensory Therapy, SNG Sensory, Benefit Advice, Preparing for Adulthood, Young Carers and more

At the Carers Federation 21-23 Pelham Road
Nottingham NG1 5AP



To book a place please email
carershubinfo@carersfederation.co.uk