



A note from Mrs Beardsley

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Phonics Information Session on Thursday morning. During the session, we shared how phonics is taught in school and ways you can support your child's learning at home. Further information will be available on our website soon, and we'll notify you via email once it's live. If you have any questions or would like personalised advice, please speak with your child's class teacher during the upcoming Parents' Evenings.

Come and work for us!

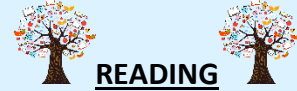
The children, staff, and Governors of William Lilley Infant & Nursery School are seeking to appoint a dedicated and compassionate Pastoral Administration Assistant to join our team. This is a permanent role offering the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our pupils and their families.

This vacancy is for 12.5 hours per week with flexibility to negotiate working days and hours across the school year.

Application packs can be requested by contacting the school office (0115 917 9277, jjenkins@williamlilley.notts.sch.uk).

Closing Date: 12.00 noon on Monday 13 October 2025.

Interview: Wednesday 15 October 2025



We are very excited to announce our Year 2 school librarians:

Elizabeth, Elliot, Freddie, Joshua, Quentin, Theodore

They completed an application form which showed their love of books and their enthusiasm for reading and they are very excited about their new role. Look out for them around school wearing their library squad badges.

New Lunchtime Menu



Look for our new menu starting week commencing Monday 3rd November which has some exciting new food options!

[William Lilley Infant and Nursery School - Menu - Winter 2025](#)

Our school lunches are carefully crafted to ensure the children have a balanced diet, which supports their health and overall development. We teach the children all about having a healthy, balanced diet. For more information regarding how to support your child with a healthy diet and food labelling, please follow this link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/

You are very welcome to come along to join your child for lunch. Please book this via the school office.



Holiday Club

Our Outstanding holiday club is back for October half term - Monday 27th to Friday 31st October from 8am – 5pm.

We are also partnering with our collaboration school, Banks Road Infant and Nursery School in Toton who are offering the second half of the half term Monday 20th to Friday 24th October from 8am – 5pm

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.

In last week's newsletter, we shared a link offering up to date guidance and support from the NHS in relation to keeping your child off school when they are unwell. This week, we would like to draw your attention to information about common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

<https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/your-services/childrens-health-and-wellbeing/>





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 7th October	Pumpkin Party	15.15-18.00	Years 1 & 2
Thursday 9th October	Pumpkin Party	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 14th October	Christmas Card Deadline	9.00	Whole School
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent's Evening	15.30 – 17.00	Persevering puffins
Tuesday 14th October	Parent's Evening	14.30-16.00	Nursery Yellow
Wednesday 15th October	Parent's Evening	14.00-16.00	Nursery Blue
Wednesday 15th October	Parent's Evening	15.30-16.00	Creative Caterpillars
Wednesday 15th October	Parent's Evening	15.30 - 19.00	Butterflies Ladybirds Kingfishers Flamingos
Thursday 16th October	Parent's Evening	15.30 - 17.00	Butterflies Ladybirds Kingfishers Flamingos
Thursday 16th October	Parent's Evening	15.30-19.00	Puffins
Thursday 16th October	Parent's Evening	15.30-16.30	Nursery Yellow Nursery Blue
Monday 10th November	Toys Past & Present	10.00- 14.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Tuesday 11th November	5 Year olds Dental Survey	13.00	5 Year Olds
Tuesday 18th November	Nursery & Reception Open Day	Sessions throughout the day	Presepective Parents September 2026
Wednesday 26th November	Nursery & Reception Open Day	Sessions throughout the day	Presepective Parents September 2026

Year Group News

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



This week we have explored a range of emotions through our text 'The Colour Monster'. Each colour is connected to a feeling and the children have explored and talked about their feelings through a range of activities. They have drawn their own 'Colour Monster' story mountains which retell three parts of the story using the words 'first', 'then' and 'fortunately'.



Next week we will continue using 'The Colour Monster' text in our 'Talk for Writing' work by creating a whole class storm map and teaching the children actions in order to help them retell the story. We will be sending a copy of this home on Friday next week



for the children to perform the story with. We will also be learning about 'where we live' and talking about the different houses people live in which will involve a little walk up Halls Road.

In maths we will be focusing on recognising the number three and know its value and how it can be represented eg. 3 dots, 3 fingers, the numeral 3!

Busy Bees

Busy Bees have had another jam-packed week! They have continued to look at and enjoy the family photos and explore more of our continuous provision- we have had lots of expert climbers this week! We have read the story 'The Colour Monster' and thought about our emotions and feelings. We have looked at the different colours that our emotions can be represented by. We have also started some brilliant work linked to 'Incy Wincy Spider'- they might be singing it at home! In maths, we have continued to practice our number rhymes and are starting to count small groups of objects.

Reading Diaries

Please could we ask that you write in the children's reading diaries when you read together, this could be sharing a book, practising letter sounds, read signs on the way home etc. We would like the children to do some kind of reading 4 times a week. Thank you for your support with this.

Creative Caterpillars

Creative caterpillars have had a fun filled week exploring the orientation schema. They have been practising their climbing and balancing skills on the climbing frames and they have even drawn underneath the tables! The children are learning the daily routine brilliantly and have all settled so well into our new nursery environment.

Wet weather

As the weather is starting to change, please provide a pair of wellies for your child to allow them to continue to explore and use our outdoor space in the coming autumn and winter months. Wellies are required for all groups: Creative Caterpillars, Busy Bees and Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies.



Getting dressed and undressed



After half term we will be starting PE and we encourage the children to get undressed and dressed into their PE kits as independently as possible. Therefore, it would be really helpful if you could encourage your child/ren to put on and take off their own shoes and encourage them to get dressed and undressed in the mornings or evenings at home.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



It has been another busy week in Key Stage One this week!

We have been busy writing our own meeting stories this week. What imaginations the children have! Ask them about what ingredients they picked to go in their potions.



Next week in English, we will be moving on to our non-fiction unit of work. We will be investigating fact files about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale, using the facts we have learnt in our History lessons. We will then be learning all about different sentence openers that can be used in non-fiction texts.

In Maths next week, Year 1 will be learning about comparing numbers using greater than and less than symbols, whilst Year 2 will be focusing on adding two-digit numbers.

During our topic lessons we will be focusing on map work next week. We will be looking in detail at maps of Nottingham and Stapleford and learning to use keys.



Could we please ask for any box modelling supplies that you may have in your recycling at

home? Any small boxes, tubes etc. would be very much appreciated for our model making and creative work over the year.

Look out for information coming soon about a toy day we have planned for Key Stage One in school, in November.

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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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Get ready for a new adventure




To sign up for holiday activities during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) breaks, visit:

Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities

You can search by postcode to find activities in your area or view the list of providers and the type of activity they offer.

Find out more or contact us:

 **Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Hafprogramme**

 **0115 9774 999** (line open 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday).

 **haf@nottsec.gov.uk**

Sign up NOW!

Laser tag is epic and I think I'm Addicted!

Karting is waaaaaay the best thing ever. Can't wait to come back!

