



A note from Mrs Beardsley

The children have begun to get into the Christmas spirit this week with their visit to Stapleford Methodist Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the trip and made this possible as well as the Rev Andrew Checkley and parishioners. The children had a wonderful time exploring each of the trees.

School Photos

Don't forget School photos will be conducted on: **Wednesday 3rd December**
At this session, they will be photographing individuals.

If you wish to have a sibling photo, this can be done before school from 8.15. Please ensure full uniform is worn. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase online for Christmas delivery



Sponsored Reindeer Dash

On Wednesday 17th December we will be taking part in a sponsored 'Reindeer Dash' in support of Treetops Hospice. Children will be given reindeer antlers to wear and will 'dash' with Santa in the school grounds.
All money raised will be used to support local children and their families.
Thank you for your support.



Applying for a school place?

Applications for RECEPTION and transfers from infant to junior (YEAR 3) for a September 2026 start NOW OPEN until Thursday 15th January

Do you have a child or do you know someone who has a child who is 5 years old between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027? Come and have a look around to see what we can offer in Reception by contacting the school office for a tour. We are a small but mighty school who always offer fabulous opportunities and learning experiences in a caring and family orientated environment. Help us to spread the word to others who may not have heard of all that we have to offer!



READING



Personalised reading materials such as books and puzzles can add excitement and enthusiasm for your child when they are learning to read.
There are lots available to suit any budget...maybe your child could ask Santa?



Christmas Market

Christmas is coming and once again we're holding our children's Christmas Market. Children are invited to bring in donations from home so it's the perfect opportunity to clear out your cupboards and donate anything you no longer need but others may love! The Christmas Market will take place on **Wednesday 17th December** during school time. They will be able to purchase a gift for a loved one, which will be gift bagged or wrapped for them to bring home and put under the Christmas tree. Please send your child to school with £1 if they would like to take part. Thank you!



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/>



We are looking forward to our Christmas theme nights lots of Christmas fun to be had. Christmas music playing lots of festive games and crafts. Please see flyers at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Bookings are now open via the schoolmoney app. Places are limited so don't miss out.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Wednesday 3rd December	Individual School Photos	Throughout the day	Whole school
Friday 5th December	Inset day	School Closed	School Closed
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Craft Theme night	15.15-18.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Wednesday 10th December	Miracle in town Nativity	10.00 & 14.00	Nursery and Reception
Thursday 11th December	KS1 Carols	17.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Craft Theme night	15.15-18.00	Ladybirds Butterflies Busy Bees Caterpillars
Friday 12th December	Rock Steady Concert	14.30	
Wednesday 17th December	Reindeer Dash	Throughout the day	Whole School
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner		Whole School
Wednesday 17th December	Stay & Play Christmas Crafts	8.45 - 10.00	Busy Bees Caterpillars & Reception
Wednesday 17th December	Stay & Play Christmas Crafts	12.30 - 13.15	Busy Bees & Caterpillars
Inset day Friday 5th December Last day of term Friday 19th December			

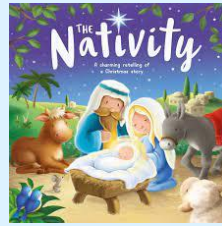
Year Group News

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



We have had a great week learning about and celebrating the traditions and culture of Poland and Libya. The children really enjoyed learning about Poland from Gabi's mum and enjoyed watching the Polish dancing and learning about the food. They also enjoyed a visit from Muni's mum and learnt lots of facts about her culture. This has been our last week focusing on the story of Rama and Sita and the children have ordered pictures from one of the sentences from the story and used their phonics to attempt spelling of words. They all did really well with this. We also had a really great time at the Christmas tree festival and enjoyed looking at all the lovely trees, especially the William Lilley one.

Next week our focus turns to Christmas and we will be reading and exploring the nativity story. We have already begun practising for our nativity play in preparation for their performance on 10th December. More details to follow. They are doing a super job of learning the songs and performing the play, PE will resume once the performance is over.



Reading books

Please can you ensure that your child brings their blending book and reading for pleasure book everyday to school as we will hear them read throughout the week. Just a reminder that Thursday is the day we change books.

Nativity Play

We will be sending home a slip to let you know which part your child is in our play and whether they need a costume or not. Please ask a member of the Reception team if you have any questions.

Busy Bees

We have had a great week this week. We have started to practise our Nativity play, which we are already excited to share with you. This week we have focused on the story the 'Gruffalo's child' and have been exploring the season of winter. In maths we have looked at our numbers 1,2 and 3. The children have really impressed us with their ability to recognise the numerals. We have also had great fun exploring the ice that has formed overnight.

Creative Caterpillars

This week we have focused on the positioning schema. We have read the story 'Each Peach, Pear Plum' and learnt the rhyme 'Hickory, Dickory Dock.' The children have been really engrossed in their learning and have particularly enjoyed using the small world people to re-tell nursery rhymes. We have also started to try 'dough disco'. The children have really enjoyed this and there are plenty of videos on YouTube if they would like to continue this learning at home.

Cold weather

Now that the weather has started to become colder, we are ensuring that children wear their wellies. We are starting to teach the children to be independent when taking their shoes on and off and so we are looking at supporting them to become independent with this as well as zipping their own coats up. If you can help with this at home, we would be very grateful.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



This week the children will have had the opportunity to visit our Christmas tree decorated in KS1 creations. Our theme was 'Star of Wonder'.



Also this week the children have continued to write their own 'Toy Story'. The staff are really pleased with their stories and the great progress they have made since the beginning of the year. Next week we will all have a visit from Harold the Giraffe and the Life Education team, where we will be learning about bodies.

In Year 1 maths, the children will continue with their shape learning as we discuss and compare 2D shapes. The Year 2 children will be taking away a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number, without crossing the tens.

In English, the children will be creating their own toy meeting story.

The children will be carrying out an experiment in science involving marbles and boats.

Letters with details of our 'Christmas Chorus' have been sent home this week.



WILLIAM ILLY MINI EXPLORERS
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
 THEME NIGHT

YEARS ONE AND TWO :
 TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 3:15 - 6:00PM

£12.00 PER CHILD

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 THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 3:15 - 6:00PM

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