



A note from Mrs Beardsley

It has been fantastic to see so many families supporting in our Christmas Nativities and Carol concerts this week. The children were brilliant, sharing their many talents and making us all very proud! Well done to everyone! Next week we look forward to continuing our Christmas celebrations which includes Santas visit, Christmas Parties and the Sponsored Reindeer dash. Don't forget to continue to gather your sponsorship money. Please take a look at the calendar page for more information on all fun events that are due to take place next week.



A reminder that the deadline for applications for Reception Class September 2026 school places is: **Wednesday 15th January 2026**
If you would like a tour around school or know someone who does, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

School photographs

You should have received your child's individual and sibling photograph proofs. Please ensure you place orders online. Deadline **Monday 15th December** for Christmas delivery.

Accounts

As we come to the end of term could we please ask that all outstanding payments to be paid ASAP but all should be fully paid by Friday 19th December 2025. Thank you.

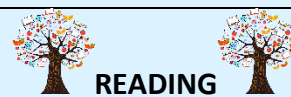
Ice skating

The Year 1 children will have received a letter about ice-skating sessions due to start after Christmas. Please ensure this is returned by Friday 19th December. Thank you!



As we come to the end of 2025 and look forward to an exciting 2026, we say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Young who is moving onto a new chapter. We thank her for everything she has contributed to William Lilley and wish her every success. As we move into 2026, we are pleased that Miss Khan will be moving into the Brilliant Butterfly

class. We would also like to warmly welcome Miss Worth to our Happy Hedgehog team. We can't wait for the year ahead together!



There are lots of activities and events happening at our local libraries over the new year. See the link below:

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Next week we will find out which child has won the Attendance Prize and we will be presenting certificates to children for their attendance. We are looking forward to celebrating our Attendance Heroes!

In January, we will be introducing a new attendance mascot; our 'Don't be late dog'. Please look out for further details at the beginning of the year.



What a fabulous time we had at our Christmas theme nights this week. The children especially enjoyed making sour dough reindeers!

Why not book your child into our fun after school club to support you to catch up with last minute Christmas shopping?

Next week we will continue the build up to Christmas playing lot of Christmas party games. Don't forget bookings are available for the new year via the Schoolmoney App.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Monday 15th December	EYFS Christmas Party	pm	Caterpillars Busy Bees Ladybirds Butterflies
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Christmas Party	am	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Homework Celebration	14.30	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Wednesday 17th Decemeber	Christmas Market	Throughout the day	Whole School Bring £1
Wednesday 17th December	Reindeer Dash	Throughout the day	Whole School
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Dinner	Lunchtime	Whole School
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS Stay & Play Christmas Crafts	8.45 - 10.00	Busy Bees Caterpillars & Reception
Wednesday 17th December	EYFS Stay & Play Christmas Crafts	12.30 - 13.15	Busy Bees & Caterpillars
Thursday 18th December	EYFS Christmas Party	am	Caterpillars Busy Bees Ladybirds Butterflies
Friday 19th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All day	Whole School

**Last day of term Friday 19th December
School Reopens Monday 5th January 2026**

Year Group News

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



We are so proud of all the Butterfly, Ladybird, Busy Bee and Creative Caterpillar children for their magnificent performance in our Christmas nativity 'A Miracle in Town'. They all enjoyed performing to you and they remembered their parts brilliantly.



F2

This week we have continued our work on measuring in maths using cubes to find the length of objects and putting objects in the correct order. We have been busy at choosing time making lots of Christmas themed creations such as split-pin angels and spiral snowmen using our fine motor skills, particularly focusing on cutting skills.

Also, this week we have collected in all the blending books and reading for pleasure books ready for the break. Please continue to read using your books at home or from the library.

F1

As well as performing in the Nativity play this week, we have continued to work on our 1:1 counting skills in maths. In phonics we have been tuning into environmental sounds and working hard on our listening skills. In choosing times, we have been re-telling the nativity story in the small world, cooking up a storm in the 'William Lilley Café' role play area and practising our cutting skills making split pin angels and spiral snowmen.

Creative Caterpillars

We are so proud of how well the children in the caterpillars managed with our nativity play. They shone on the stage as stars. Well done! This week we have been busy creating Christmas decorations and crafts and have combined all of the schemas we have worked on throughout the autumn term to consolidate our learning.

Party dates

Our Christmas party will take place on Monday 15th December in the afternoon and Thursday 18th December in the morning. Your child can come to school in a party outfit and we have asked for a donation of £1 towards food for the party.

Next week we have lots of festive fun taking place: a whole school visit from a magician, reindeer dash, Christmas market, Christmas craft stay and play, a visit from Santa and singing around the Christmas tree!



Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

The children have continued to impress us with their hard work and dedication to learning. This week we have written fact files about Victorian toys as well as making our own moving toys.

As we move into the final week of term, we have some lovely activities planned (for more details please see the class page on Dojo).

On Monday we will have a visit from a magician for the children to enjoy, as a Christmas treat.

On Tuesday we have our Christmas party in the morning. Children can come to school wearing their party clothes. On Tuesday afternoon we have our homework celebration. Children can bring their projects to school on the day and grown ups can join them at 2.30 to view everyone's homework.

Wednesday is a busy day indeed, including a Christmas market. If your child wishes to bring £1 into school they can pick a present for a loved one and have it gift wrapped for £1. We will also be completing a reindeer dash to raise money for Treetops Hospice (sponsor forms were sent home last week). Fingers crossed there may also be a class visit from someone very special on that day too!

Friday is Christmas jumper day and the children are invited to come to school in their Christmas jumpers and t shirts. The whole school will then gather in the hall to sing some Christmas songs before we break up for the two week break.



NON UNIFORM DAY & CHRISTMAS MARKET



**FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER
NON - UNIFORM DAY**

**PLEASE BRING IN ANY UNWANTED GIFTS FROM HOME -
ANYTHING YOU NO LONGER NEED BUT OTHERS MAY LOVE!**



**WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE
A GIFT FOR A LOVED ONE, WHICH
WILL BE GIFT WRAPPED FOR THEM TO
BRING HOME AND PUT UNDER THE
TREE. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN
WITH £1 IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO
TAKE PART!**



Happy Christmas!

❁ *The Littlest Gifts* ❁

A poem for our William Lilley EYFS Nativity

This morning as you're gathered near,
With festive smiles and Christmas cheer,
Our children, full of spark and fun,
Are ready now... well, most of them!

But here they stand, your little stars,
Who think that glitter heals all scars.
They've wrapped up love in smiles so wide,
And carry presents deep inside.

For gifts aren't always bought or tied,
Or neatly popped with bows outside.
They're in the giggles, in the tries,
In hopeful looks with shining eyes.

Today they bring you all they've got,
A wiggly dance, a whispered plot,
A baby Jesus slightly bent,
A song that's... mostly heaven-sent.

And as they wobble, grin, and glow,
There's something every parent knows:
That life's great gifts are small and true—
A star, a hug, a *"Merry Christmas!"* to you.

So thank you all for being here,
For sharing joy this time of year.
And now, with hearts both warm and true...
We hope our Nativity brought delight to you!