



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Another busy and fun filled week at William Lilley!

We ensure that we communicate with parents in a variety of ways including having an 'open door policy by being readily available to talk to parents and carers, through this weekly newsletter, Clasdojo, parents information sessions and through parents evening. Please look out for further details of the upcoming parents evening which are taking place the week before February half term.

We also share regular updates of the fun and inspiring learning taking place at William Lilley via our Facebook page and Instagram. Please join us to see for yourselves.

Box modelling

Reception would really appreciate any boxes, containers, tubes etc donated to their box modelling area.

Thank you!



Named clothing

Please ensure that all clothing including coats and lunch boxes and water bottles are correctly labeled with your child's name.

This helps us ensure that any items of clothing can find their owners if they are misplaced.



Breakfast club

Don't forget Breakfast Club is **available Free** to all **Reception** children and **year 1 & 2.**

The purpose is to support all families and children to provide an earlier start of the school day; whilst giving children the opportunity to have a healthy breakfast and some fun too!



It is available 8.15am until the start of the school day at 8.45am. No need to book just turn up!

This works alongside our current paid 'wide awake club' offer which can still be accessed from 7.30am for a reduced price of £5.00 and £6.00 for nursery children which can be booked via the Schoolmoney app.



As we often talk about, reading should be as fun as possible. This will help to develop your child's love of reading.

For a change from their reading book, your child could try reading jokes, rhymes or even tongue twisters!

Enjoy the selection below...

What followed the dinosaur?
Its tail!

'Eleven elves licked eleven little liquorice lollipops.'

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the children who have taken the 'don't be late dog' home this week. The 'don't be late dog' is our special award for those children who have shown great punctuality or improved punctuality. Don't forget Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 start at 8.45am promptly, with an option of coming along for a 'softer' start to the day for FREE with toys, games, social time and food at our breakfast club which starts at 8.15am.



Nursery blue group, yellow group and the creative caterpillar group begin their learning at 8.50am.



We are so excited to be hosting our Valentine disco nights next week where we will be getting our dancing shoes ready and Party games and Pizza.

Places are still available please book via the school moneyapp.



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Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Wednesday 4th 11th February	Ice Skating	pm	Y1
Wednesday 4th 11 th 25th February	Martial Arts	pm	Y2
Tuesday 3rd February	Valentine Disco	15.15-18.00	Kingfishers Puffins Flamingos
Wednesday 4th February	Valentine Disco	15.15-18.00	Nursery Reception
Tuesday 10th February	Parents Evening	15.30-17.00	Puffins
Wednesday 11th February	Parents Evening	15.30-19.00	Ladybirds Butterflies Kingfishers Flamingos Busy Bees Blue
Wednesday 12th February	Parents Evening	14.00 -15.00	Busy Bees Yellow
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening	15.30-17.00	Butterflies Kingfishers Flamingos
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening	15.30-16.30	Caterpillars
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening	15.30-18.00	Puffins Ladybirds Busy Bees Blue
Thursday 12th February	Parents Evening	15.00-16.30	Busy Bees Yellow

Half-Term : **Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February**

INSET Day **Monday 23 February**

SCHOOL REOPENS: **Tuesday 24th February**

Year Group News

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



We have had a fantastic week in class, with lots of exciting new activities set up for the children. They have absolutely loved exploring the new learning opportunities and have been highly engaged and engrossed in our continuous provision. It has been wonderful to see the children playing, learning, and collaborating so enthusiastically, showing curiosity and independence throughout the week.

As part of our Talk for Writing sessions, we have started a new story, 'The Jolly Postman'. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and becoming familiar with its characters and events. To support their understanding and bring the story to life, the children have been busy creating their own postman bags, which they were very excited about. This has helped to develop their imagination and engagement with the text.

In Phonics, the children have continued to recap previously taught sounds while also learning new ones. Each day, they have been practicing spelling words using the 'sound of the day' and are becoming confident in segmenting and blending sounds. The children are also beginning to apply their phonic knowledge more independently in their writing, which has been lovely to see.

During our SCARF lessons, we have been learning about the importance of keeping our bodies safe and listening to our feelings. The children have taken part in discussions and activities to help them understand how their feelings can guide them and how to make safe choices. These sessions support the children's emotional wellbeing and personal development.

Overall, it has been a very positive and busy week of learning. We are very proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children have been and look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Busy Bees



F1 have been busy learning about Real Life Superheroes this week. They have explored being a dentist in the playdough making teeth and using toothbrushes to clean them. They have made fire engines using the construction outside and enjoyed dressing up in our fire fighter uniforms and using the hoses to put out fires. At the creative

table they have been making post bags- this has been a tricky process using treasury tags and the children have had to use all their fine motor skills. Next week they will be delving further into the role of a fire fighter and reading the story "The Firefighters" by Sue Whiting. In phonics, they have been exploring lots of rhythm using the tambourines and drums and played silly soup with rhyming words. In maths, they have been sorting. The children should be experts now and can help sort the washing out at home!!

Creative Caterpillars

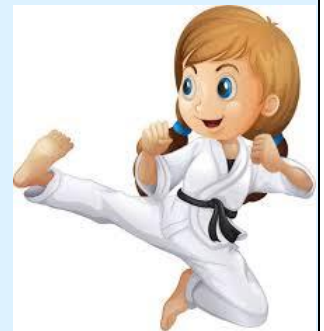
Caterpillars have been exploring the transporting schema this week. They have been filling and pouring rice in teapots and cups, moving paint around in plastic wallets using different tools e.g. toothbrushes, paintbrushes, rollers. This is a great activity to do at home- it is lots of fun without the mess of paint! The construction has moved onto the walls this week and children have been velcroing the blocks vertically. The story of the week is "Here comes the food train" and the rhyme of the week was "5 currant buns". The children have enjoyed getting their coin to pay for their currant buns.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have had another great week in KS1 this week. The children have continued to amaze us during ice skating and

martial arts sessions showing skill and resilience.



Next week in design technology, the children will be using their designs to make bridges at least 20cm long that will hold 4 toy figures. After making their products, they will test and evaluate their designs.



During English lessons, the children will be planning and writing their own portal stories deciding on their own characters, portals and where they will lead to.

In Maths, year one will be continuing their work on parts and wholes and how this relates to subtraction by missing number problems. Year twos will be practising the quick recall of 2, 5, and 10 times tables and start to explore how this links to division by sharing and grouping.

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Disco**

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