



A note from Mrs Beardsley

We are so proud of the hard work and enthusiasm our students continue to show each day. Thank you to all the families who attended Parents' Evening and took the time to learn more about your child's progress and achievements. Your support and partnership make a real difference. I am sure you will agree that the children are making excellent progress throughout our small, caring school, where every child is truly known, valued, and celebrated. Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing February half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on 24th February!



INSET day

A reminder that Monday **23rd February** is INSET day.



School is closed to all pupils. We reopen on **Tuesday 24th February.**

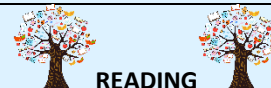
Afterschool clubs

A new set of afterschool clubs will be starting w/c 2nd March and will run for 4 weeks
Mondays **Write Dance** with Mrs Barker
Tuesdays **Drama** with Mrs Belcher
Thursday **Athletics** with Mr Dillon (Sports coach)
Look out for bookings after half term.



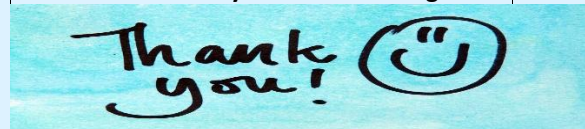
Parent Questionnaire

Our Governors have asked that all parents complete a parent questionnaire. This is completed each year and gives us an opportunity to see what we are doing well and reflect on improvements that can be made. We would be very grateful if you could complete this. Please scan the QR code. Thank you.



READING

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that managed to visit the school book fair this week. Your purchases have enabled school to buy new diverse, high quality books for our school library and class reading areas.



Vacancies

Join our warm and nurturing infant and nursery setting, where every child is truly known, valued, and celebrated as an individual. We have a number rare opportunities to come and join the team here at William Lilley. If you want to genuinely make a difference to children's growth and development. If you are driven and able to support children to excel. We need you! Please visit www.williamlilley.notts.sch.uk > about us > vacancies



Teaching assistant

As a SEND Teaching Assistant, you will play an integral role in supporting young children with SEND to flourish in all aspects of their learning and development. Working closely with a dedicated team, you will help create an inclusive environment where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential. If you are caring, committed, and passionate about early years education, we would love to hear from you.

Senior Middy

This is a wonderful opportunity to become part of our fabulous, supportive team, helping to create a calm, happy and safe lunchtime experience for our youngest learners. The successful candidate will lead our midday team with warmth and professionalism, promoting positive play, good manners and children's wellbeing both in the dining hall and on the playground. If you are caring, organised and passionate about supporting children in a setting where relationships matter and every child is valued, we would love to hear from you.

Supply Middy

If you have a little time to spare we would love to welcome you to join our lovely team as supply Middy Supervisors. This role is a wonderful way to be part of the school day—supporting our children at lunchtime, helping them play, and making sure they feel happy and cared for. If you enjoy being around children and want to contribute to our school community, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Attendance

The winner for this half-term for attendance are the...**PERSEVERING PUFFINS**...with a total class attendance of over **94%**, closely followed by another Key Stage 1 class, the **CURIOUS KINGFISHERS!**



What a wonderful half term we have had. We hope you all have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 24th February.
Don't forget to book for after half-term via the school money app.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	All Day	Whole school
Friday 20th March	Rockysteady	2pm	
Friday 27th March	Autism Day	All Day	Whole School

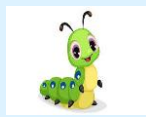
Half-Term : **Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February**

INSET Day Monday 23 February

SCHOOL REOPENS: Tuesday 24th February

Year Group News

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



What an exciting and enriching week we have had in Reception! The children have been eager to learn and have embraced every opportunity with positivity and curiosity.

This week, we were very fortunate to welcome some special visitors into school, including firefighters and doctors. The children were fascinated to learn about how they help people in our community and keep us safe. The firefighters showed the children their equipment, including the hose, and explained how it is used to put out fires. The children were even able to go inside the fire engine, which was a very exciting experience for everyone!

When the doctors visited, the children learned about how they care for people when they are unwell. They had the opportunity to look at and use equipment such as a stethoscope and enjoyed listening to each other's heartbeats. This hands-on experience helped the children to better understand the important role doctors play in keeping us healthy.

The children listened beautifully to our visitors and asked thoughtful questions, showing great interest and engagement. These real-life experiences have really helped to bring our learning to life.

In Talk for Writing, we have been busy innovating our story, The Jolly Postman. The children have been thinking of their own ideas to change parts of the story, including new characters and different letters. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine as they retell and adapt the story with growing confidence.

In Maths, we have been focusing on growing the number 7. The children have explored different ways to make 7 using practical resources such as cubes and counters. They have been finding pairs of numbers that combine to make 7 and explaining their thinking using mathematical language. It has been great to see their confidence deepen as they strengthen their understanding of number.

We are very proud of the children's enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards their learning this week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Busy Bees and Creative Caterpillars

What an exciting week we have had this week! We started the week with a visit from Stapleford firefighters. We explored the fire engine and had a go at squirting the hose! We have also had a visit from an A&E doctor who told us all about his working day and what he does to help people. He let everyone listen to their heartbeats using the stethoscope.

In phonics we have continued to work hard on our listening skills. We have also worked hard listening to the syllables in the words and using the tambourine, drums and clapping to tap out the sounds in our names.

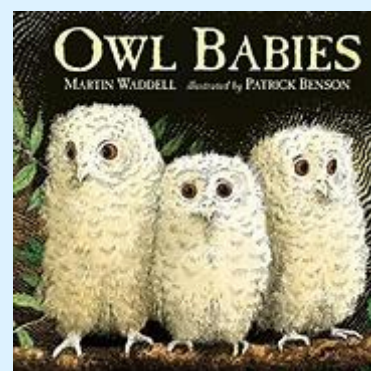
In maths we have explored weight and have been thinking about items that are heavy and light. We turned ourselves into human scales and used our hands to show if an item was heavy or light.

The Creative Caterpillars have been exploring the enclosing schema and have enjoyed their Hokey Cokey rhyme of the week! They also got to see the fire engine and climb aboard!

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



Wow, the end of another topic. The children have produced some fantastic work over the term. They planned, made, and evaluated bridges in their DT sessions and wrote some fantastic portal stories based on 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.



We are looking forward to starting our new topic, Furry,

Feathery Friends. On Wednesday of the first week (25.2.26), we will be visited by lots of different animals in our Animal Roadshow. Please see the School Money app for the details.

In our topic lessons we will be exploring the art of Robert Oxley, asking questions and making observations about his paintings and the techniques that he uses. Our animal theme will continue in English as we use a story map to retell our talk for writing version of 'Owl Babies'. The children will learn about losing and finding stories.

In maths the Year 1 children will be recalling number facts, including number bonds to 10, 1 more, and 1 less. They will be using known number facts to answer addition and subtraction questions. The Year 2 children will be learning to recognise British money and understand the value. They will be using coins to create totals and find amounts.

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Get ready to explore forests, forts, ruins, and mysterious carvings as you join the Rebel Rangers on a mission to uncover the secrets of the past. From brave rule-breakers to hidden heroes and outspoken challengers of their time – there's a story waiting at every stop!

Pick up your Rebel Rangers passport from your official starter pack, follow the trail map, and complete fun challenges at each location. Collect badges, snap photos, and solve riddles along the way.

Complete the trail to be in with a chance to win amazing prizes, including a £1,000 gift voucher at Center Parcs!


What's Included in the Starter Pack?

Your free starter pack includes:


- A Rebel Rangers Passport and stickers
- Drawstring backpack
- Colouring and activity sheets
- Rebel pencil, keyring, and more!

Starter packs available from all Rebel Rangers locations from Friday 13 February until Sunday 19 April 2026!


Take part at



www.rebelrangers.com



1. **How to take part**

1. Register for free at  www.rebelrangers.com
2. Visit all the participating attractions, in any order, from 13 February
3. Unlock a digital challenge at each site
4. Collect digital badges as you go
5. Complete all six to be entered into the prize draw




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- 🎂 Birthday Parties



Missed a School Vaccine?

We've got you covered!



If you live in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire and have a school-aged child who has missed a vaccination you can make a free appointment for one of our catch up sessions.

Call Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397 option 4 followed by option 2



Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Hucknall Family Hub (Ashfield Family Hub) Broomhill Road, Nottingham NG15 6AJ
Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Chilwell Family Hub Great Hoggett Drive, Chilwell NG9 4HQ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Intrahealth Unit 2A East Bridgford Business Park, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, NG13 8PJ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Retford Family Hub Spa Lane, Retford DN22 6EA (Car Park on New Street)
Wednesday 18th February 2026	10am-4pm	Arnbrook Family Hub Home Close, off Bestwood Lodge Dr, Arnold NG5 8NE
Thursday 19th February 2026	10am-4pm	Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub Swan Ln, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield NG19 8BT
Friday 20th February 2026	10am-4pm	Nottingham High School Waverley Mount, Nottingham, NG7 4ED

Scan the QR code for more information and a full list of clinics:





February 2026



Banks Road Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



LOCATION:

Banks Road Infant & Nursery School

COST:

£35 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

DATES & TIMES:

8:00am - 5:00pm

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code HHBRT0 to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)



SPECIAL OFFER:

One **FREE** day at Feb half term for all paid bookings. Contact enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com to claim your free day



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