

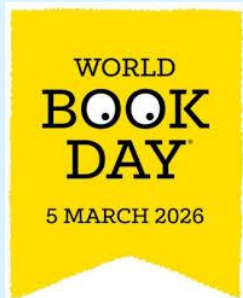


A note from Mrs Beardsley

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the February half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to learn. This half term is already full of exciting new learning across the school, with engaging topics and hands-on experiences sparking curiosity in every classroom. A particular highlight has been our fantastic animal visit, where pupils had the opportunity to meet a range of animals and learn more about their habitats and characteristics — a truly memorable experience that brought learning to life. We are looking forward to a busy, productive and enjoyable half term ahead.

World Book Day

We are inviting children to dress up for **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. They could choose to wear the costume of a character from their favourite book or their pyjamas to 'snuggle up with a book'! The children will take part in activities throughout the day.



Afterschool clubs

Bookings are now available via the schoolmoney app

Mondays **Write Dance** with Mrs Barker
Tuesdays **Gardening** with Mrs Belcher
Thursday **Athletics** with Mr Dillon (Sports coach)
Starts next week!



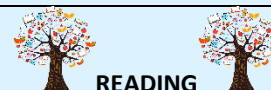
Attention: Lunch Menu Change

Menu Change

Following feedback please note there have been a few changes to the Winter school menu over the 3-week rota.

Please click on the link below to view the new menu.

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



READING

A huge THANK YOU for reading at home. As you know, our school aim is to read 4 times per week and this is rewarded each week. 2026 is the year of reading and research shows that 'regular reading supports success in school, work and life, boosts wellbeing, brings people together and increases empathy'. New stickers will be launched in Reception and Key Stage One reading diaries from this week, to support the school aim.

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



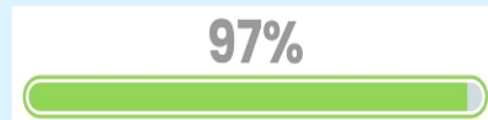
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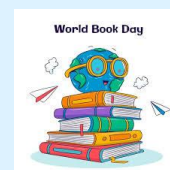
Attendance Matters

Attending and being punctual is important if children are to benefit from everything that school has to offer! Our attendance target is 97%.

Did you know for your child to have attendance above 97%, it amounts to them only being absent 1 day per half term?



Its been lovely hearing all about the childrens adventures over halfterm. This week we have got crafty making sparkly dough. Next week we will be celebrating world book day enjoying sharing stories and the love of books.



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Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	All Day	<p>Whole school</p> <p>Dress up as a favourite character from a book or pyjamas.</p>
Friday 20th March	Rockysteady	2pm	
Friday 27th March	Autism Day	All Day	Whole School

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April
SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 13th April

Year Group News

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



It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the half-term break. They have returned settled, happy and ready to learn, and it has been lovely to see them engaging so confidently in our new activities.

This half term, our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. The children have already begun exploring a range of traditional tales and have thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing these familiar stories. Through our provision and class discussions, they have been comparing characters, settings, and events from different traditional tales and many more activities.

Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies.

In Talk for Writing, we have started learning the story of The Magic Porridge Pot. The children have been listening carefully to the story and beginning to retell it using actions to help them remember key parts. They are becoming more confident in joining in with repeated phrases and sequencing the events correctly. In Maths, we have been exploring the numbers 9 and 10. The children have been practising recognising these numbers, counting accurately to them, and finding different ways to represent them using practical resources. We have been focusing on building secure number knowledge and confidence when working with larger numbers within 10.

In Phonics, the children have received their new blending books and have been very excited to begin reading them. They have been using their phonic knowledge to sound out and blend words, building fluency and confidence in their early reading skills. It has been fantastic to see how proud they are of their progress. We are looking forward to a magical half term ahead as we continue exploring our Once Upon a Time topic.

Busy Bees

It has been great to see the children come back to school ready to grow and learn. The children have thrown themselves into our new topic "Once Upon a Time." We will be looking at a range of traditional tales- a topic that will fit brilliantly with world book day next week!

In Talk for Writing, we are learning the story of the Magic Porridge Pot. The children will use a class story map and actions to re-tell the story.

In maths, we have been exploring pattern- looking for different patterns in the environment through print and textiles. We have also started to use objects to create our own repeating patterns. This is something that could be done at home too!

In phonics, we continue to explore phase 1 sounds and environmental sounds. The children have engaged with the activities really well and it is evident that their listening skills are improving each day.

Creative Caterpillars

The two-year-old room has been busy this week, exploring their schema and thinking about the new words of the week: 'stop' 'more' and 'toilet'. We have had some amazing toilet training success over the half term break and are very proud of the children's achievements.

The children have been exploring the home corner lots this week, making pizza, talking on the phone and doing the washing up!!The children have also begun to join the rest of Early Years for part of their day in the morning and the afternoon and it is lovely to see the older children acting as role models and taking the younger children under their wing.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



KS1 have had a brilliant first week of term! The highlight for the children has definitely been our visit from Dr James McKay and all his animal friends. The children were incredibly respectful and gentle when stroking the animals. We met a polecat, snake, blue tongued skink, lizard, tortoise and two different types of owls! This term we will be learning lots about animals starting with how we can sort and classify different types of animals.



In Maths, year one will be exploring and manipulating the composition of numbers 11-19 and using practical resources to make them in different ways. Year two will be learning about telling the time (O'clock, half past and quarter past/to).

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday and also throughout the week! KS1 will be taking part in a number of virtual author events learning about books, writing, illustration and the publishing process. We are looking forwards to a week of inspiration from lots of creative people including Tom Gates!



Easter 2026

William Lilley Holiday Club

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

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



LOCATION:

William Lilley Infant & Nursery School

COST:

£25 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

FREE places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals



DATES & TIME:

8:00am - 5:00pm

Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April



HOW TO BOOK:

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



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