



A note from Mrs Beardsley

At William Lilley, we believe every child does best when they feel known, valued and cared for. Taking the time to understand each child as an individual helps us support their wellbeing, build their confidence and help them enjoy learning. Nurture and care are at the heart of what we do, creating a safe and supportive environment where children can grow and thrive. As Mother's Day approaches, it's a lovely opportunity to reflect on these same values that so many mums and carers show every day. The love, patience and encouragement given at home mirrors the nurturing environment we aim to create in school, helping every child feel supported and ready to flourish. Here is a little poem for all you carers

HAF is the Department for Education funded programme offering **FUNDED** activities and food for children receiving benefits related free school meals. These programmes run during the following school holidays: spring (Easter), summer, autumn (October) and Christmas holidays. It is not a food voucher scheme; all activities happen face to face. For more information or to see if you are eligible for Holiday Activities and Food please see <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food> Bookings are now open please visit the link below to book.



[Activities and venues | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Spare Clothes

If anyone has any spare/outgrown school uniform we are in need of boy's underwear, trousers etc all donations would be greatly received. Thank you!



Red Nose Day

Don't forget next Friday 20th

March Wear something funny for money. Children could wear odd socks, pyjamas, clothes back to front or even wear a T-shirt inside out for a suggested £1 donation.



Rattle & Roll

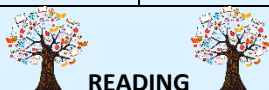
Our Outstanding holiday club is back for the Easter holidays! This will run from 8am to 5pm Monday 30th March -Thursday 2nd April. To find out more please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301



Children can attend for £25 each day or **free for all children in receipt of Pupil premium**. All childcare vouchers are accepted.

Goodbye and welcome

Change is a natural part of any school community and often brings new opportunities for growth. This week we say goodbye to Kristie and would like to thank her for the care, dedication and positive impact they have had on our children and families in her role as senior midday supervisor. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sally Martin who will be leading our midday team and Mrs Tanya Bratby who is an experience SEND TA who will be joining our Teaching Assistant Team. I am sure you will support me as we warmly welcome them to our school.



READING

Wow! Thank you for all of the reading that has been happening at home. Since we launched our stickers to support with reading, lots of children have been reaching our school aim of reading at least four times a week. Each week they will be entered into a prize draw. Happy Reading 😊

Attendance



Last week the Ladybirds had 100% attendance!! Well done to all the class.



As we near the end of this half term, we politely request that all monies due are settled by the end of term, **Friday 27th March**.



Come and join us for this half terms Pizza and Movie Theme night next week.

Tuesday 17th March KS1

Wednesday 18th March Nursery & Reception

A great way to relax and spend time with your friends after school. Please see flyers attached at the end of the newsletter for further details.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 17th March	Pizza & Movie Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Wednesday 18th March	Pizza & Movie Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Ladybirds Butterflies Busy Bees Caterpillars
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day	All Day	Wear something funny
Friday 20th March	Rockysteady	14.30	
Tuesday 24th March	Homework celebration	14.30-15.00	Kingfishers Flamingos Puffins
Wednesday 25th March	Homework Easter Celebration	Please see Class Dojo for further information regarding times.	Reception & Nursery
Friday 27th March	Autism Day	All Day	Whole School Wear something bright
Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June	Science Week	All Week	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)



Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies

We have had another lovely and positive week in Reception!

In Maths, we have been exploring one more and one less, as well as looking at the composition of 10. The children have been using practical resources to help them understand how numbers can be made and changed. They have been practising finding one more and one less than a given number and exploring different ways to make 10.

In Talk for Writing, we have continued working with the story The Magic Porridge Pot. The children have been busy innovating the story by thinking of their own ideas and making small changes to the characters or events. They have also been writing about the story, using their phonic knowledge to help them sound out and write words. Alongside this, we have been reading and sequencing lots of traditional fairy tale stories, helping the children to think about the order of events and what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of a story.

In Phonics, we continue to practise and revisit our Set 1 sounds to help the children become more confident and secure in recognising them. The children are working hard to blend sounds together to read words and are using their phonics knowledge during both reading and writing activities. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing as they practise these important early reading skills.

In our SCARF lessons, we have been learning about how to look after the people around us. The children discussed ways we can care for our families and friends, as well as how we can help look after our immediate environment, such as our homes.

The lovely weather over the past few days has meant the children have spent lots of time learning and exploring in the outdoor environment. They have really enjoyed being outside and have been fully engaged in a range of activities that support their learning through play.

Busy bees

We have read the story 'How to catch a star' this week in our topic sessions. We have explored light and shadow using torches and started to use our imaginations when talking about the story. We have practised speaking in full sentences and not just using one word.

In maths we have been working on identifying amounts. The children have been great at finding an amount to match a numeral.

We have also continued to practise our Easter songs in preparation for our Homework and Easter celebration.

Creative Caterpillars

This week we have been working with the transforming schema. We have read the story Dear Zoo and enjoyed acting it out using the puppets. We have been looking outside at the signs of spring and exploring different textures.

Box Modelling resources wanted!

If you have any boxes, tubes, bottle lids, clean bottles please can we have them! The children love to make and explore in the workshop and we use the recycling to create our models. If you have any please just send them in with your child in a carrier bag and we will put it away ready to use. Thank you.

Homework celebration Wednesday 25th March 2026.

A dojo has been sent out with information about this terms' homework celebration. We are inviting you to look at the homework and celebrate the children's work, followed by an Easter song performance by the children and a stay and play Easter craft session. We hope to see you there!

The children have really enjoyed using our story maps in English to learn our version of 'Owl Babies'. A copy of the story map has been sent home this week. Please share this with your child at home.

Next week the children will be innovating the story of 'Owl Babies' to create their own story. In topic lessons we will continue to classify animals based on characteristics. The children will be learning examples of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

The year twos will be thinking about what animals, including humans, need to survive. In art the children will be using their colour-mixing skills to create animal art inspired by Robert Oxley.



In maths the year 1 children will be studying the composition of teen numbers. They will have a deep understanding of how a teen number is 10 and some ones. By really understanding that 16 is 10 and 6, they will be able to calculate using teen numbers much more efficiently. The year 2 children will be looking at addition and subtraction. They will be using their knowledge of tens and ones to add accurately.

Mini Explorers
Pizza & Pyjama
Movie Night

Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 18 March
3:15 – 6:00pm

Hot Chocolate **Movie** **Pizza**

Cosy areas **Don't forget your pyjamas!**

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 £12 per child

Book your place now through your SchoolMoney account!

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*Stapleford Town Council's Mayor
 Councillor Sue Paterson invites you
 to her last civic event of 2025/2026*

Spring
COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY **11** 10AM-NOON
 2026

Carnegie Centre, Warren Avenue Stapleford NG9 8EY
See you there

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 FOR MORE INFO GO TO
www.staplefordtowncouncil.gov.uk



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](#)



To book a funded place via EEQU, please scan this QR code



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