



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Our outdoor environment has truly come to life this week as the children have been taking their learning beyond the classroom and into the sunshine. Whether joining in with exciting Science activities, exploring potions, plants and animals in EYFS, or participating in our extensive sporting opportunities, the children have relished every moment spent outdoors. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity flourish as they investigate the natural world, collaborate with their peers, and apply their learning in new and meaningful ways. From hands-on experiments to imaginative play, the outdoor setting has provided the perfect backdrop for developing creativity, resilience and critical thinking skills. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and engagement shown by all pupils, and we look forward to continuing to make the most of our outdoor spaces as the season progresses.

Autism Awareness Day



Don't forget we are celebrating Autism Awareness Day on **Friday 27th March** as the official date Thursday 2nd April is during the school holidays.



Children are encouraged to wear something bright and colourful.

So...whether you have Autism, love someone who does or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – let's stand together and pledge our support!

Polite reminder

Please can we ask that children do not bring in footballs to play on the playground at the beginning and the end of the day. This can often cause disputes that then continue into school and do not support a smooth transition.



Throughout the school day we set up a range of different sporting activities and games for the children to engage with, these are supported by our talented team which includes Mrs Emery, our in-house football coach. By providing these with support, children learn the key skills and strategies they need to play exciting and fun games whilst also building key teamwork skills.

Thank you for your support.

Healthy School

We as a school recognise the positive contribution of a healthy lifestyle to good behaviour, self-esteem and achievement.



We would like to remind you to send in a labelled water bottle each day with your child containing **water only** to keep the children hydrated.

Thank you!

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.

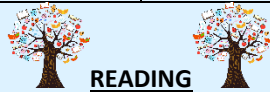
School Photos

School photos will take place on:

WEDNESDAY 6th May 2026

They will be photographing the following: Class Groups, Leavers Groups, Leavers Individuals and Graduations

Please ensure full uniform is worn. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase.



READING

We have just taken delivery in school of lots and lots of books and reading themed equipment. We are excited for the children to be able to access this in the school library and in their classrooms. Ask the children about the new books they have been reading or maybe they have been telling stories with our 'character spoons' or puppets. Excitement for reading is all around!

Attendance

At William Lilley Infant and Nursery School, we expect children to attend every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. We understand that it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell. Please click on the link below for up to date guidance and support from the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

To meet our safeguarding responsibilities, we are require all **unplanned absences** to be reported on their first day by 9.15am and we may request daily contact for the duration of the absence. All communication channels are acceptable means of informing school of the absence. These include email, answer phone message, telephone call, text message, verbally informing a member of staff and Class Dojo.



With the sun beginning to shine we have been able to get outdoors and have some fun in the sun this week, enjoying our wonderful outdoor environment with games and activities.

We also had a lovely time at our movie nights which included also some fun outdoor games

Next term bookings after Easter are now available where we will be focusing on fun outside.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
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
Wednesday 6th May	Class photos	Throughout the day	Whole School
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)



The sun has come out this week and it has been great to see the children really engaged in their outdoor play. We have had a potion station which the children have collected natural items for and have enjoyed tipping, emptying and pouring. It has been funny to see lots of magic potions being made that turn the teachers into frogs!! We have also been able to use the grass areas more and develop the children's construction further.

As the weather is beginning to warm up, please ensure that your child's name is in their jumper/ coat or cardigan.



We have been busy practising our Easter songs in preparation for the homework/ Easter celebration on Wednesday 25th March. Some parents have asked if children need an Easter bonnet for this. We would love to see your fabulous creations, however, there is no expectation for you to make one it is entirely your choice- we know how busy this time of year is!

Brilliant Butterflies and Lovely Ladybirds

There will be no homework this Friday to allow you the opportunity to complete the termly homework. If you have a piece of homework for the termly homework, please bring it to school by Tuesday 24th March, or send us a photo on dojo so that we can have it displayed ready for Wednesday.

In talk for writing, we have started a new story map this week of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have been very creative in their continuous provision time creating various beanstalks! They have been able to use phrases from the story in their play.

In maths, we have started to look at number bonds to 10. Ask your child if they can remember the number bond call and response song that we have been learning this week!

Busy Bees blue and yellow and Creative Caterpillars

If your child has taken part in the termly homework challenge and would like their work to be showcased in the celebration on Wednesday, please bring it to school on Tuesday or send any photos to dojo by Tuesday 24th March.

In the busy bees this week we have started to look at and learn the Easter story. We have sequenced pictures and looked at what people do to celebrate Easter. In maths we have been looking at finding an amount to match a numeral to 5. Creative Caterpillars have also been enjoying the sunshine this week. They have spent lots of time with the nursery children building new friendships and exploring new areas.

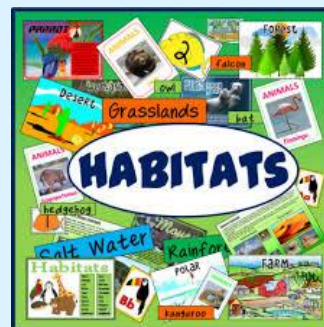
Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have had another great week in KS1. The children have worked really hard on their paintings inspired by Robert Oxley. They mixed their own colours and added the 'drip effect' using lots of water with their water colour paints.



Next week, in topic lessons we will be continuing our learning about animals and exploring how different habitats meet the needs of different animals.



In English we will be planning and writing our own independent losing finding stories inspired by Owl Babies including a range of punctuation and conjunctions.

In Maths, year ones will be exploring teen numbers by partitioning into tens and ones, doubling and halving. Year two will continue their work on addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers including exchanging tens into ones.

**SUNDAY
29TH MARCH**

EASTER FAMILY FUN

For primary aged children and their families.

LEGO | CRAFT | FOOD | ACTIVITIES | FUN

2pm start
@ Stapleford Baptist Church
Albert St

THE EASTER STORY *No need to book - just turn up!*

At 4.15pm there will be a short all-age service- you are very welcome to stay on join us.

Contact:
office@staplefordbaptist.org

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

MUSIC, RAFFLE, GOOD COMPANY
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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