



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome back to the summer term! We have an exciting and engaging term ahead, filled with opportunities for learning and fun. Year 1 and Year 2 have already set sail on their new topic, *Land Ahoy* where they will be exploring the fascinating world of pirates through a range of creative and interactive activities. In EYFS, the children are enjoying the wonderful *Cluck, squeak, roar* topic which is all about animals, with plenty of hands-on experiences—and we are especially looking forward to some special visitors joining us later in the term. We are delighted to have everyone back and look forward to working together to make this a happy and successful term for all.

National Offer Day – 16th April 2026

We would like to warmly welcome all of our new reception children who will be joining us in September. We are thrilled to see that many of the children joining reception will be doing so in small classes, allowing them the opportunity to thrive in our nurturing and inspiring environment. We look forward to sharing more details with you within the next couple of weeks.



Year two parents will also have received notification of placements for their child into Year three in September. Over the next few months, we will be working closely with the next schools to organise a transition plan for all our Year two children who will be moving on in September. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome two new members of staff to our William Lilley family.

Welcome to Mrs Bratby who is an experienced teaching assistant who is working with our EYFS children. Mrs Bratby brings a caring and nurturing approach to her role and has already proven to be a valued and positive addition to our team.

We are also delighted to welcome Sally Martin to our school family. Sally Martin is a highly experienced practitioner who has joined us as our new Senior Midday Supervisor. Her calm, caring nature shines through as she builds warm, trusting relationships with each and every child, ensuring lunchtime is a happy, safe, and enjoyable part of the day.

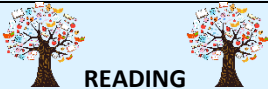
Summer Menu



You all should have received a digital copy of the new school menu if not you can view it via the link below on the school website or pick up a paper copy from the school office

[William Lilley Infant and Nursery School - Menu - Summer 2026](#)

Don't forget school sandwiches are available free every day for Reception, Year 1 & 2 including pudding of the day.



READING



Author of the Term – Oliver Jeffers

The children have been learning all about Oliver Jeffers in assemblies as well as in their class. There is a display in the library for the children to enjoy with key facts and recommendations of stories that they may enjoy. Copies of Oliver Jeffers stories are in each classroom for the children to enjoy as well as in our reading for pleasure sections, for the children to bring home.

Warmer weather

As the weather warms, can parents please ensure that all children have a water bottle and a named hat to wear at school. Where possible, sunscreen should be applied before school. If sunscreen needs to be reapplied at lunchtime, parents are advised that staff are unable to undertake this. If needed, sunscreen must be provided in a NAMED bottle for children to apply unsupervised - please ensure that your child is aware that they must NOT share sunscreen with other children. With the warm weather unfortunately, comes hayfever for some. Please advise school should your child suffer from severe hayfever.



A reminder that medication can only be administered if prescribed 4 times a day.

Attendance

Pupils with outstanding attendance were awarded attendance certificates at the end of last term. Well done to all that were awarded a certificate, great work!!



Welcome back!

What a lovely first week back. We have enjoyed listening to what all the children have been up to over Easter and the children have loved playing and catching up with friends. Now the Summer nights are here we can't wait to enjoy our outdoor area playing why not come along and enjoy the fun!

Don't forget universal breakfast for Reception Years 1 & 2 is free from 8.15 every morning no need to book.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 28 th April for 4 weeks	Navigating Neurodiversity	Afternoon	All parents welcome – more information to follow
Wednesday 6th May	Class photos	Throughout the day	Whole School
Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June	Science Week	All Week	Whole School
Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July	Y2 Residential		Year 2
Monday 13th- 17th July	Sports week	All week	Whole school
Wednesday 15th July	Pottered sports	10.00am & 13.30 (details to follow)	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 16th July	Sports Day	13.15	Flamingos Kingfishers Puffins
Monday 20th July	Culture Day	All Day	Whole school

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May
Half Term Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May

Year Group News

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



It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter holidays. They have settled back into school routines beautifully and have shown a positive attitude towards their learning.

This half term, our topic is Cluck, Squeak, Roar, where we will be learning about animals and their life cycles. We are excited to begin exploring this through a range of engaging activities.

We will have some exciting animal visitors into school this half term too!

Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies

In Talk for Writing, we have started the story Farmer Duck. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and joining in with repeated phrases and actions as they begin to retell it.

In Maths, we have started learning about teen numbers. The children are exploring how these numbers are made, focusing on ten and some more. They are beginning to recognise, represent and build teen numbers using practical resources, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of number.

In Phonics, we continue to practise our Set 1 sounds and focus on blending to read words. We are very proud of the progress the children have made and how they are beginning to apply their phonics knowledge in both reading and writing.

In SCARF, we are learning about 'Being My Best', including how to bounce back when things go wrong, as well as understanding the importance of a healthy body and mind.

Busy Bees and Creative Caterpillars

In Busy Bees this week, we have been reading the story Rosie's Walk. The children have worked hard to create their very own story map they can then use to re-tell the story. We have looked at preposition words from the story and practised putting a teddy in the different positions. We have also learnt about the life cycle of a chicken and read an information book about this.

In maths, we have continued to practise counting to 10. We played a game of a dance and freeze which the children have enjoyed and would be a good game for them to play at home. Play some music, and when it pauses children have to count accurately to 10 before it can be played again. You can challenge the children by asking them to start counting from a number that is not 1.

In the creative caterpillars, we have been learning through the enclosing schema. We have challenged ourselves to wrap up toys in paper and dolls in blankets. In the water tray we have explored what happens when a tea bag is in the water and what is inside the tea bag.

We have also welcomed some new friends to our class this week and said goodbye to one of our friends who is now a busy bee!

We look forward to a fun and exciting half term ahead. Thank you for your continued **support.**

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back after the holidays. They have settled back in brilliantly, ready to tackle the summer term. This week we have started our 'Land Ahoy' topic by learning about real pirates from history. We have also started to learn our new talk for writing story 'Nadira and the Cruel Pirate.'

Next week in English, we will continue to look at 'Nadira and the Cruel Pirate' in English. The children will be innovating their stories, ready to write their own pirate stories. We will also be learning about sentence structure and grammar in English.



In topic the children will be learning about the features of maps. We will be using maps to find the world's 7 continents and the 5 oceans, and learning their names.



In maths the year one children will continue to measure in centimeters using a ruler and record their results in a simple table. We will also be solving addition and subtraction problems involving length. The year 2 children will continue their work on fractions. They will find a half, a third and a quarter of numbers by sharing. They will find $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of objects, shapes, and sets of objects. The children will learn that $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$.