



A note from Mrs Beardsley

We were absolutely delighted to welcome so many parents to our very first Reading Morning this week! The excitement was contagious, and our children loved every moment of sharing their passion for reading right in their classrooms. A huge thank you for your incredible support—it truly made the event so special. We can't wait to see you all again next week for more wonderful reading moments together!



Menu change

Please note a change of menu next week due to stock deliveries.

Wednesday 6th May - fishcake chips & peas flapjack pudding

Friday 8th May – Roast dinner cookie for pudding



Don't forget you can book and come and have lunch with your child. Whether it's your day off a birthday celebration or if Grandparents would like to join in the fun, you're invited to join us for one of our amazing school lunches for £3.79 any day book your space via the office team

School Photos

Don't forget 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.



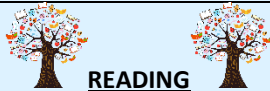
Uniform



Could we please ask that you check the names on your child's jumper/cardigans with the hot weather we have had a few going missing and we have gained a few in lost property. Don't forget to put your name in all uniform. Thank you!

Navigating Neurodiversity

Does your child have behaviours that are difficult to manage?
Do you think your child shows Autistic or ADHD traits?
Would you benefit from some support in how to help at home?
Would you benefit from talking to other parents who may be managing similar challenges?
We have a parent learning group running on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.45 – 3.00 and would love for you to come along to join in. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.
Please let the school office know if you would like to attend via email office18@williamlilley.notts.sch.uk or phone 0115 9179277



Reading morning will continue every Thursday from 8.35am to 8.45am for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 children. It was lovely to see so many families join us this week. Next week you will be able to go straight to the school hall after reading morning for a parent phonics meeting.



Don't forget our phonics morning next week
When? Thursday 7th May 8:50am - 9:15 am
Who? Parents/carers of Children in Y1 or Y2 who will be taking the Phonics Screener recheck
Where? In the school hall
What? An information session for families about the Y1 Phonics Screener Check and what you can do to support your child with their phonics and reading skills.

Attendance

Well done to all our children who are in school every day. Children who attend school every day have the building blocks needed to help them progress, know more and learn which secures future success. Children who are in school every day help to secure strong relationships and develop their communication and social skills.



We have had a great week going on a Gruffalo adventure. Next week we turn to space where we will be making paper plate flying saucers. Toilet roll rockets and pop pom aliens we will also endeavour to get outside in this lovely weather.





Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Tuesday 28 th April for 4 weeks	Navigating Neurodiversity	13.30-15.00	All parents welcome – more information to follow
Thursday 30 th April (and each Thursday following this)	Reading morning	8.35-8.45	Busy Bees, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 6th May	Class photos	Throughout the day	Whole School
Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June	Science Week	All Week	Whole School
Wednesday 1st July	Ark Farm	All day	Busy Bees & Creative Caterpillars
Wednesday 8th July	Manor Farm	All day	Ladybirds & Butterflies
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)



This week has been filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities and hands-on experiences for the children. They have loved exploring new activities both indoors and outdoors.

In Maths, we have continued working on addition to 10. The children have been using practical resources and number activities to help them add numbers together and build confidence when solving simple number problems.

In Talk for Writing, we have been innovating our story and creating our own versions. The children have enjoyed thinking of new ideas for characters and events and have been busy writing their own stories using their phonic knowledge to help them.

In Phonics, we are continuing to practise blending sounds together and building fluency in reading. The children are becoming increasingly confident when reading words and applying their phonics knowledge during both reading and writing activities.

In Topic, we have been learning about the life cycles of animals, including ducks and caterpillars. The children were very excited as our caterpillars arrived in school this week! We will be carefully observing and watching their journey as they grow and change from caterpillars into butterflies.



Busy bees and Creative Caterpillars.

This week we have been looking after our caterpillars and learning all about their life cycle. It has been fascinating to see how quickly they grow!!

In maths, we have been thinking about big and small. We have taken our maths outside and explored the environment for different objects to compare their size. Next week in phonics, our N2 children who will be moving into reception next year will be starting to look at some RWI phonics in preparation for being school ready! Creative Caterpillars have been exploring the trajectory schema. They have had lots of fun throwing bean bags into buckets and watching the water fall through water wheels.

TRIPS!

On Wednesday 1st July the Creative Caterpillars will have Ark Farm coming into school to visit. A letter about this will follow over the next couple of weeks.

On Wednesday 8th July the Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies will be going on a trip to Manor Farm Park and Woodlands. A letter about this will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have really enjoyed the better weather this week and completed our PE sessions outside. Could you please ensure your child has a full PE in school, including trainers or pumps and a sweatshirt or hoodie for those cooler days.

PE days remain the same:

Kingfishers – Monday and Thursday

Puffins – Tuesday and Thursday

Flamingos – Wednesday and Thursday

Next week in English, children will be doing some author focus work on our author of the term, Oliver Jeffers and his famous book: Lost and Found.

Year 2 will also begin some of their SATs booklets showcasing their reading skills. They will read fiction and non fiction texts and answer questions about what they have read.

In Maths. Year 1 will be continuing their work with money and making amounts using coins. Year 2 will be recapping calculations, especially addition and subtraction.

After learning lots about the history of pirates, next week we will be creating our own pirate flags! We will be designing our flags, making them using fabric and then evaluating our finished products.



Photos for classes and graduation photos for Year 2 will be taking place on Wednesday next week.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday!



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Family Learning



Navigating Neurodiversity

A free, four week course to help you understand neurodiversity and to find strategies to help your child.

William Lilly
Infant and
Nursery
Tuesday
afternoons,
1.30-3.00pm
28th April, 5th
May, 12th May,
19th May

Home learning activities provided to help you understand your child's individual needs.

Learn strategies to help your child manage their emotions and sensory needs,

Meet other people in a similar position and share strategies and ideas.



★ All parents, carers and family members welcome

★ Refreshments provided

You will discover:
What neurodiversity means and aspects of different types of neurodivergence.
The difference between sensory seeking and sensory avoidance.
How to help your child when they feel 'big' emotions.

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