



### A note from Mrs Beardsley

Another amazing half term has passed by and we couldn't be prouder of the children and all they have achieved. They have engaged with fun, inspirational activities and their love of learning has continued to grow. It has been lovely to share some of these activities with so many parents this week at reading morning and our Early Years stay and plays.

We wish everyone a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 1st June**. We hope you all have a fantastic week!

### 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 containing **water only** to keep the children hydrated..

### For Your Information

The Healthy Families Team provide a single point of access advice and support line for parents and carers covering the 0-19 years age range. Topics that the team are able to help with include behaviour management, health and wellbeing, sleeping and diet.

For more information, please visit the website by clicking on the link [Healthy Family Team](#) or call 0300 123 5436.

You also have the option to text the Advice Parentline; **07520 619 919**.

### Reminder

School will be closed next week for May half-term and will reopen on **Monday 1st June**. We hope you all have a fantastic week!



### READING

Some books are written to be sung, such as [The Animal Boogie](#) by Fred Penner and [Down By the Station](#) by Jennifer Riggs Vetter. There are also books that have songs within them, such as [The Smartest Giant in Town](#) by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. This book repeats part of the story in song format but adds new details each time, helping your child to retell the story in a multi-sensory way. You can sing the song in any tune that you like and can even make up a different tune each time you read it.

### School payments

As we near the end of the first half of the Summer Term, we politely request that all monies due on your child's account are settled by **Friday 22 May**. Should you require any support in order to be able to do so, please contact the School Office.

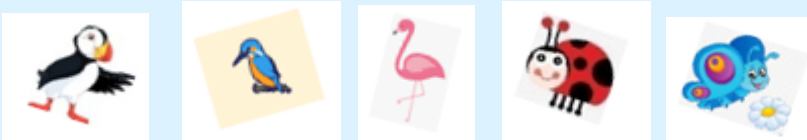
We can advise on current balances, potential charges yet to be incurred and payment plans. Please be aware that outstanding amounts from this half term may result in our provision having to be restricted on an individual basis.



### Attendance



We are delighted to announce that the winner at the end of the first half of the summer term are the ...PERSERVERING PUFFINS...with a total class attendance of 96%, closely followed by another Key Stage 1 class, the Curious Kingfishers. Well, done to you all!



We are excited to bring new activities to our mini explorer's afterschool club. Please see flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.

Starting week commencing 1st June each week

- Monday – Football
- Tuesday – Paper Plane Challenges
- Wednesday – Bread making
- Thursday – Large scale painting
- Friday – (Outdoor fun) Den building





**Calendar 2025-2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Who?</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>Reading morning</b>	<b>8.35-8.45</b>	<b>Busy Bees, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2</b>
<b>Monday 22nd June-Friday 26th June</b>	<b>Science Week</b>	<b>All Week</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	<b>Ark Farm</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Busy Bees &amp; Creative Caterpillars</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	<b>Manor Farm</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Ladybirds &amp; Butterflies</b>
<b>Thursday 9th – Friday 10th July</b>	<b>Y2 Residential</b>		<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Monday 13th- 17th July</b>	<b>Sports week</b>	<b>All week</b>	<b>Whole school</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th July</b>	<b>Pottered sports</b>	<b>10.00am &amp; 13.30 (details to follow)</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>13.15</b>	<b>Flamingos Kingfishers Puffins</b>
<b>Monday 20th July</b>	<b>Culture Day</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Whole school</b>

**Half Term Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May**

## Year Group News

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



We can't believe that we are at the end of another half term! The children have worked so hard this half term and have really emersed themselves into our topic of 'Cluck, Squeak, Roar.' The ducklings have enhanced our learning and we have seen some fantastic art work and writing produced by the children. It has also been amazing to hear the rich language that they have used when talking about the ducklings.

Letters about our upcoming school visits and school trips will be coming out by the end of this week and a payment option for consent and contribution will be added to school money. We are really looking forward to providing the children with a hands-on experience linked to our learning.

#### **Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies**

It has been incredible to see the children grow in confidence in their independent writing this half term. All of the children are learning how to 'hold a sentence' and then write it and the concentration and effort that the children put into their work is brilliant. We have seen a big improvement in their handwriting too and the children are now consistently forming their letters with more accuracy.

In maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of numbers and they way in which they are made. They have also been looking at addition and subtraction number sentences.

This week, we introduced our Rainbow Challenge wall in which the children must complete 5 coloured challenges to build a rainbow and earn a rainbow award card. The enthusiasm that the children have shown for this has been infectious and it has been particularly great to see the boys so keen to accept the challenge.

#### **Busy bees blue and yellow**

This week, the children in nursery have been focusing on who they are as a person and what makes them unique. They have been reading the story 'Only one you' and discovering what makes you special. They have then painted their own unique stone to represent themselves. These will be making an appearance in the new bug house that Ms McNeil is working hard on behind the scenes!

We have been looking at weighing in maths and have had lots of fun discovering objects that are heavy and light.

#### **Creative Caterpillars.**

The caterpillar children have been particularly busy this week investigating the positioning schema. They have thought about 'where should it go?' and placed objects onto pictures in the correct places, they have also explored planting and have been filling pots with soil and adding flowers into them.

The children have visited the ducklings every day and seen how they have grown. The language that the children have recalled and revisited when talking about the ducks has been fantastic. We particularly enjoyed letting them swim in the water tray and feeding them grass and daisies from outside.

#### **Warm Weather**

As the weather should hopefully begin to improve after half term, please ensure that your child has a name in their cardigan or jumper. Please also ensure that they come to school wearing sun cream and with a hat and water bottle.



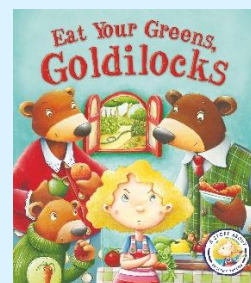
### Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



Wow! What a super half term we have had. The children have worked incredibly hard over the past weeks. They have loved our Land Ahoy topic and know so much about pirates from the past now! Our floor book is full of facts and the children have all written reports and stories all about pirates.

Our Year 2s have now nearly completed their SATs for reading and maths. We are really proud of them for their positive attitude and resilience. Year 1 and a few Year 2 children will be taking part in the phonics screener assessment when we are back after the holidays. Our phonics books have been collected in ready for new groups and colours after the holidays but the children still have their reading for pleasure books for over the holidays. Please record any reading in the childrens' reading diaries.

When we return after half term, we will start our new topic 'Inside Out' where we will learn all about our bodies and how to stay healthy. In English, our Talk for Writing text to accompany our topic is called 'Eat your Greens Goldilocks'.



PE days will remain the same after the holidays

Thanks for all of your hard work and support over the term. Have a super break and we will see you soon for our final half term.

# Mini Explorers Activity Nights

**Mondays**

**Sports**

**Tuesdays**

**STEM**

**Wednesdays**

**Baking**

**Thursdays**

**Arts & Crafts**

**Fridays**

**Outdoor Fun**

**Available to all William Lilley pupils -  
from age 2 to 7!**

**Check our weekly newsletters  
for more details!**

**£12 per session (includes light snack)**

**Book now on your SchoolMoney app!**

**We are registered with the  
Government Tax Free Childcare Scheme**

## Opportunity for Parents/Carers to meet with the SEND Inclusion Service

NCC's SEND Inclusion Service



Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs and want to find out more about inclusion for Early Years pupils in a mainstream school or setting?

Would you welcome the opportunity to discuss inclusion & transition with a member of Nottinghamshire County Councils Send Inclusion Team. A series of free online meetings will be running throughout the year. These sessions will be a 30 minute appointment and can be booked using the link below.

<https://outlook.office.com/book/NottinghamshireParentCarerTransitionEvents1@nottscc.gov.uk/s/9RiatOzRJEyIfKIPREaHMw2?ismsaljsauthenabed>

Sessions are open to all parents/carers of Early Years children and school starters which special educational needs – no diagnosis or EHCP required.

Let's talk together about inclusion & transition in Early Years. Come and have a chat. Summer Term 2026

**Appointments available on the following dates:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June between 9-11am

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 1-3.30pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June between 5.30-7pm

