



### A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome back to the final half of the summer term! We hope you have had an enjoyable break from school. The children certainly have settled back into school and are really enjoying the all the inspirational activities and topics which have already begun. We have a fun-packed term planned with external trips and visits, Y2 residential, farm visits, sporting events, Science week, culture days and summer fayre activities to name but a few! Please keep looking out for further details on the 'Calendar' section of the newsletter for further updates.

### Book Fair

We are looking forward to welcoming the book fair back to school.

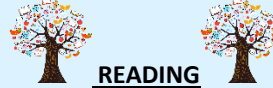
**Thursday 25th June 8.35-8.45 & 15.20**

**Friday 26th June 15.20**

**Monday 29th June 15.20**

**Friday 30th June 15.20**

See you there!



### READING

Oxford Owl is our eBook library where children can access a wide selection of titles from Oxford's loved and trusted series to support reading for pleasure and phonics practice at home.

Simply go to [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk), click login and enter your class username and password as a student (details are in your child's reading diary). Happy Reading!



### Year two residential.

Please join us for a parent's information evening **Monday 15th June 15.30** for those children who are attending the Y2 residential. This will be an opportunity for parents to have a look at photos ask questions and pick up consent forms and kit lists.



### Baby on the way!

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Belcher is expecting a baby in October. I am sure that you will join us in sharing your many congratulations!

### Contact details

Have you recently moved house? Do you have a new mobile phone? Do you have new contact details? Please ensure these are shared with the office.



### Box modelling

Could we please ask for any box modelling supplies that you may have in your recycling at home? Any small or large boxes, tubes etc. would be very much appreciated for our model making and creative work.

### Attendance

Thank you for your support in making sure that your child attends every day and is in school ready for teaching by 8.45am. If your child is unable to attend due to an unplanned absence, please contact the Office by 9.15am. We understand that it can be tricky deciding whether 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>



What a great start to the half term lovely to see so many faces joining in the exciting activities. Our mini-explorers club is open to everyone via the SchoolApp. Please book in or ask a member of the team for further details. Each week the children have a wide range of practical and inspirational activities for them to engage with. Please take a look and see if your child would like to join in with any of the events next week:

- Monday - **Sporting Fun** – Athletics skills
- Tuesday – **STEM** – Designing and modelling with junk
- Wednesday – **Food Technology** – Making Fruit skewers
- Thursday – **Creative Skills** - Making hats/ headdresses
- Friday – **Outdoor Fun** - Natural bracelets & perfume pots.





**Calendar 2025-2026**

| <b>Date</b>                       | <b>Event</b>                           | <b>Time</b> | <b>Who?</b>                             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Every Thursday                    | Reading morning                        | 8.35-8.45   | Busy Bees, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Monday 15th June                  | Residential parent information evening | 15.30       | Year 2 parent's                         |
| Thursday 25th-Tuesday 30th June   | Book Fair                              | 15.20       | 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                        | 13.30       | Nursery & Reception                     |
| Thursday 16th July                | Sports Day                             | 10.00am     | Flamingos<br>Kingfishers<br>Puffins     |
| Monday 20th July                  | Culture Day                            | All Day     | Whole school                            |

**Inset day - Friday 3rd July**

**School Holidays 27th July – 2nd September**

**School reopens to children Thursday 3rd September**

## Year Group News

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



It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break. They have settled back into school routines brilliantly and have enjoyed exploring the new activities and learning opportunities in the classroom.

#### Lovely Ladybirds and Brilliant Butterflies

This half term, our topic is 'We're Off on a Journey'. We began the topic by learning about the famous fossil hunter, Mary Anning and her important discoveries. The children were fascinated to learn how Mary Anning found fossils along the coast and helped people understand more about dinosaurs and prehistoric life. They have enjoyed learning about dinosaur fossils, discussing different types of dinosaurs and finding out about the creatures that lived millions of years ago.

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing equally. The children have been using practical resources to share objects into groups and understand the importance of making sure each group has the same amount. They have enjoyed investigating different ways to share and developing their understanding through hands-on activities.

In Phonics, we continue to practise our sounds, blending, and reading skills. As with every half term the children have had group or teacher changes and have adapted brilliantly. The children are becoming increasingly confident in applying their phonics knowledge to both their reading and writing, and we are very proud of the progress they are making.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term ahead as we continue our journey of discovery and learning.

#### Busy bees blue and yellow

The nursery children will also be learning through the topic 'We're Off on a Journey'. They have explored the topic through learning about dinosaurs linked to the past and present. This week has focused on the Understanding the World aspect of the curriculum. The children have loved using the beebots and making them travel around the mats. As WOW Wednesday this week we also looked at mobile phones and cameras from the past.

The children continue to do fantastically well with their phonics and it is brilliant to see how well they can retain the information they are being taught and the enthusiasm that they use when applying it.

In maths, we have been looking at counting and using different starting points to reach a number. This will continue into next week.

#### Creative Caterpillars.

The caterpillar children have been busy exploring in the enclosing schema this week. They have particularly enjoyed playing inside the dark tent. The children have made great progress in their fine motor skills and it is great to see them mark making with such confidence. Some of them have even started to write the initial letter in their name in readiness for nursery next term.

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



It was lovely to welcome the children back after the half term. We are now in our final term of the school year! Look out for information about transition days and events.

We have started our new topic, 'Our Future', the latest knowledge mat has now been sent home for you to look at. The children enjoyed learning about bodies this week in science.

Next week we will be designing a sports kit as part of our topic. We will be learning about sports stars and keeping fit. We will be practicing all of the skills we need to send and receive balls in PE.



In English, we will be completing story mountains to show classic stories and traditional tales. We will be showcasing all of the key features of writing that we have learned so far this year.

In maths, the year 2s will be revising how to multiply and divide. and solving problems involving all four calculations.

The year one children will be recapping how to tell the time. We will learn half past and o'clock. We will then move on to solve problems involving numbers up to 20.



# 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**



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