



## A note from Mrs Beardsley

Working closely alongside parents is at the heart of everything we do, helping every child feel happy, safe, and truly cherished as they grow. When school and home work together, children flourish in an environment filled with care, encouragement, and shared joy. It has been such a wonderful joy to welcome parents into our school family recently. This has included sharing special moments during parents' evenings in Outstanding Owls, exploring gentle ways to support reading at home through our parent phonics learning sessions, or proudly celebrating every milestone together in our weekly PROUD assembly. Our parents evening for all other classes and nursery groups will be taking place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October please look out for more details within the next two weeks.



### READING



We know that you have been busy over the past weeks enjoying the 'reading for pleasure' books that your children have selected from the school library. The children have been talking about what they have been reading and who they have been reading with.

Here is a link to a clip by author and professor of childrens' literature, Michael Rosen, discussing the importance of reading for pleasure.

[Professor Michael Rosen on reading for pleasure - YouTube](#)

## Baby coming soon!

As you know Mrs Belcher is having a baby! She will be starting her maternity leave very soon and her last day in school will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

I know many of you will want to wish her well and would like to pass on your warmest wishes for her imminent arrival within the next week.



## Mini-me's

We offer a wide range of opportunities for children to build independence and responsibility within our 'family' community.

Next week we will be reintroducing 'mini-me's' into our lunchtime provision. Our mini-me's are chosen from the KS1 classes who learn how to encourage healthy habits and collaboration in the hall during the lunchtime as well as learning all about the midday role. Please talk to your child about this opportunity as each week two children are chosen across each class.



## Spare Clothes



If anyone has any spare/outgrown school uniform or jogging bottoms especially large boys. All donations would be greatly received. Thank you!



Please note school money are having a few technical issues. If you are experiencing any issues and would like to book any wraparound care or make any payments please contact the school office.

## Allergies

We currently have some children in school with various food allergies, including nuts therefore we ask that packed lunches are nut free. Please avoid sending your child with packets of nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts. Grapes are a good healthy fruit snack if you do include them in your child's lunch could we please ask that they are always cut length wise to avoid choking



## Head Lice

It's very difficult to prevent head lice and unfortunately they are a common occurrence in school. We politely request that you check your child's hair regularly. Should you find lice, we would appreciate you taking action without delay and for your child to only attend school once treatment has been started. If we notice head lice in a child's hair, we will call you to come and collect your child to commence treatment. For more information, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> who advise that it can take up to 17 days of treatment for your child to be completely clear of head lice - speak to your Pharmacist about how to treat them for free!



Attending and being punctual is important if children are to benefit from everything that school has to offer and so far, we have had a brilliant start!

Did you know for your child to have attendance above 97%, it amounts to them only being absent 1 day per half term?



Don't forget we now offer the following for our after school club

**3.15 – 6.00pm £12 including snack**

**3.15 – 4.30pm £6**

**Please take a look at the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.**





### Calendar 2026-2027

| Date                   | Event           | Time        | Who?                         |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Monday 28th September  | Book Club       | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Thursday 1st October   | Football Club   | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Monday 5th October     | Book Club       | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Wednesday 7th October  | Halloween Party | 15.15-18.00 | Whole School                 |
| Thursday 8th October   | Football Club   | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Monday 12th October    | Book Club       | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Wednesday 14th October | Parents Evening | 15.30-19.00 | Whole School                 |
| Thursday 15th October  | Football Club   | 15.15-16.30 | Robins<br>Owls<br>Moles      |
| Thursday 15th October  | Parents Evening | 15.30-17.00 | Whole School                 |
| Friday 16th October    | Inset Day       |             | School closed to<br>children |

**Inset Day Friday 16th October**  
**Half Term 19th – 30th October**  
**School reopens Monday 2nd November**

## Year Group News

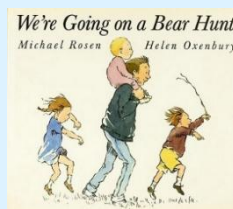
### Early Years Foundation Stage (2 Year olds, F1 and F2)



This week in Super Squirrels, we've made a fantastic start to our Super Sounds phonics scheme- the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about farm and jungle animals and the wonderful sounds they make, listening carefully and joining in with great enthusiasm! There is also a YouTube page called The Learning Lady who shares videos demonstrating exactly the phonics games we play in class, so you can watch and join in with them together at home too. You can find it here: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEwh2-nBp0UeGqliBC-QUQ>)

In literacy, we have continued exploring the beautiful story Owl Babies, and the children have done absolutely brilliantly — they are now confidently retelling the story independently using story maps and sequencing cards, showing amazing recall and understanding!

From next week, we will be starting our exciting new story We're Going on a Bear Hunt, which will be our special Talk for Writing text for the next three weeks.



What an amazing couple of weeks we have had in Reception! Our Remarkable Robins have continued to settle beautifully and have been busy learning, exploring and having lots of fun together.

We have been enjoying our text 'I'm Special, I'm Me!' and have been thinking carefully about what makes each of us special and unique. We have explored what our faces look like, talking about our different features and noticing how wonderfully individual we all are. We have also thought about the people who are special to us and why they are important.

Our fabulous phonics has continued, and the children are becoming increasingly confident at recognising their phonemes. Fred, our helpful frog, has been having lots of fun too! He has been talking only in sounds, so the children have had to listen incredibly carefully and use their phonics skills to work out what Fred has really said. We have been so impressed with their fantastic listening!

We have enjoyed joining in with our PE sessions, and the children were brilliant. We have been practising our listening skills, following instructions and joining in with a range of fun games. It has been wonderful to see everyone having a go, developing their confidence and enjoying being active together.

Next week, we are very excited to begin our special Talk for Writing text, 'The Colour Monster'. We can't wait to introduce this wonderful story and begin learning our Talk for Writing techniques. There will be lots of exciting opportunities for the children to develop their vocabulary, storytelling, actions and confidence as they bring the story to life.



Just a gentle reminder too, please could you aim to read with your child at least four times a week and you can write about any books you enjoy together in their reading diary!

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



KS1 have had another brilliant week this week. It has been lovely to see all of the children settling in to their new classes.

#### PE kits:

Thank you to everyone that has sent their child in with a PE kit, the children have been loving PE so far this year! There are just a couple of children that still need to be sent to school with one please.

#### Reading:

The children have made a great start with their reading so thank you for noting down how many times your child has been reading at home. These are collected on a Thursday so please make sure that you have logged how many times they have read before then as children are rewarded with the chance to win books for each time they have read at home four or more times a week.

#### Upcoming learning:

In English lessons, we will be writing our own version of Robin Hood. The children have been loving learning about Robin Hood and his friends this week!



In Maths, the Year 1's are learning about greater than and less than symbols whilst the Year 2's are learning about addition and subtraction.



In topic learning, we are going to be creating our own catapults and evaluating them! The children are very excited to start this.

# MINI EXPLORERS



## Pumpkin Party

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER,  
3.15pm - 6.00pm

Join us for a spook-tacular  
evening of halloween fun!

Wear your costume!

£12 per child, includes food

Book now through your SchoolMoney account



# 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!**

**Half Session**

**3.15pm - 4:30pm £6 per session (no snack)**

**Full Session**

**3.15pm - 6:00pm £12 per session (light  
snack)**

**Book now on your SchoolMoney app!**

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



*October 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.



To book a funded place via EEQU, please scan this QR code

### LOCATION:

William Lilley Primary School

### COST:

£25 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

**FREE** places available for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

### DATES & TIME:

08:00am - 17:00pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

### HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code to book and use code HHWILI to take you straight to the club or visit our [website](#)



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