



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Another wonderful week at William Lilley! It has been a pleasure to see the children thriving; they are building strong relationships with staff and with each other and loving their new learning experiences. Children in nursery have been busy creating binoculars to explore the world around them, reception have been learning all about the 'colour monster' and KS1 are enjoying exploring all aspects of Robin Hood. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming all our parents into school for our parents' evenings for Nursery, Reception and the Marvellous Moles class. This is a great opportunity to find out all about more about your child's successes in school and what their next steps in learning are. Please ensure you have signed up for a parents evening time with your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you then!



READING



The children have been learning all about Julia Donaldson in assemblies, as well as in their class. There are picture frames in the library to remind the children of the author of the term. Copies of Julia Donaldson stories are in each classroom for the children to enjoy, as well as in our reading for pleasure sections in the library, for the children to bring home and enjoy with you! Please ask your child which one their favourite is.



Food donations

We have our very own foodbank which is available for families who may need additional support with food and groceries.

If you are able to donate any tinned food, food packages or jars, this will go to a good home to support families who may be struggling or in need.



Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

It only happens once a year we have decided to introduce non-school uniform day to celebrate.

Your child can come to school in non-uniform on their birthday

(or a day just before or just after if their birthday falls in a holiday or over a weekend).



Don't forget our half term holiday club

This will run from 8am to 5pm
Monday 26th October -Thursday 29th October.

To find out more please visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301



Children can attend for £25 each day or if you think your eligible for a free place, please call 07722014301

All childcare vouchers are accepted.



KS1 are also looking for a volunteer on a Friday afternoon to begin straight away, to help prepare resources for lessons. If you could spare an hour or two each week, please contact one of the KS1 team or the office.
Thanks in advance 😊

Afterschool curriculum Clubs

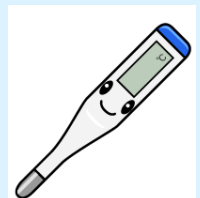
W/C 16th November
We are excited to run our next half terms curriculum teacher led activities as follows:

Monday: **Film Club** with Miss Khan
Tuesday: **Almost Christmas Crafts** with Mrs Abbey
Thursday: **Yoga** with Mr Dhillon



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 great fun we had at our pumpkin party this week with lots of party games, disco, arts and crafts.

Next half term we will be celebrating Christmas with our arts & crafts night on the 8th December further details to follow.





Calendar 2026-2027

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Monday 12th October	Book Club	15.15-16.30	Robins Owls Moles
Wednesday 14th October	Parents Evening	15.30-19.00	Whole School
Thursday 15th October	Football Club	15.15-16.30	Robins Owls Moles
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening	15.30-17.00	Whole School
Friday 16th October	Inset Day		School closed to children
Friday 13th November	Children in need	All day	Whole school Wear spots or pyjamas
Friday 27th November	Christmas Tree festival	AM	Whole school
Tuesday 8th December	Theme Night Christmas Crafts	15.15-18.00	Whole school
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity	10.00 & 14.00	Nursery & Robins
Friday 18th December	Last day of term		

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)



Wow – another fabulous few weeks in Reception...our Robins are truly Remarkable! It has been so lovely to see all the children rise to the challenge of new routines and expectations – we are really proud of them. The morning routine of coming into the cloakroom independently has been fantastic. The children have even started to come into the class to start their morning jobs straight away. This has been amazing – all the children have really shown how fantastic they are.

Reading

The amount of book sharing in Reception has been phenomenal. Thank you for supporting your child's love of books and reading by reading at least 4 times with them. Our 'prize jar' is already bursting with names of our 4+ readers! We love putting our names in and getting our reading stamps and celebrating wonderful reading habits

The Colour Monster

We have been learning and rehearsing our story. The children have been incredible at remembering our story, all the emotions, colours and what each emotion was like.

A few reminders

Please can we remind you that your child will need a water bottle with water each day.

As the weather begins to get cooler and wetter, please can your child bring an appropriate coat and, if they haven't already, a pair of wellies that can stay in school.

We have had such a wonderful, happy week in Super Squirrels. It is an absolute joy to see how brilliantly every child is doing and we are so incredibly proud of all the amazing progress they are making each and every day.

Phonics: Super Sounds

We have continued our work on Super Sounds and the children have been amazing. They are doing wonderfully and growing in confidence all the time as they learn animal names and the sounds each one makes, joining in and sharing their favourites with such pride.

Talk for Writing: We're Going on a Bear Hunt

The children have done so well this week. They are building great confidence as we innovated our story, We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They have loved retelling the story using our class story map and joining in with all the actions and phrases. Next week we will send a copy of the story map home so you can retell the story together using the same words and actions.

Maths: Number 2

Our focus in maths this week has been the number 2. The children have been fantastic and are building on their understanding well as we explore what two looks like, count objects, find pairs, and recognise the numeral 2 all around us.

Reading Books Reminder

Please return your child's reading book every Wednesday so we can change it. If the book is not returned, we will be unable to issue a new one. Thank you for your support with this

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have really enjoyed learning about the legend of Robin Hood so far. In English next week, we will be writing our own 'defeating the monster' stories of Robin Hood. We will be designing our own troublesome characters! Which 'baddies' will Robin Hood and Jack defeat this time? We will be continuing our focus on how adjectives can be used to add detail and descriptions to characters and settings.

In Maths, year two will be adding and subtracting numbers with 20. They will be using number facts to help them spot patterns as well as number lines and counting forwards and back. Year one will be using part whole models to partition numbers using practical resources and numerals.

In our Design and Technology lessons we will be finishing the 'making' stage of our catapults. We will be learning about levers and focusing on our catapults making precise movements and being very, very strong! We will evaluate our ideas and consider strengths and weaknesses of specific designs.



After the holidays we are looking forward to our new topic, 'Best of British'. We will be learning all about the landmarks in London as well as the Royal Family. During the first week of term we will be learning our next Talk for Writing story in English. We will be learning all of the actions and story words for The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony.

In Maths in year one, we will be recognising and comparing 2D and 3D shapes, learning their names and some of their properties as well as spotting the shapes in the outdoor environment. In year two, we will be learning all about multiplication. We will be spotting patterns, counting in multiples and multiplication calculations.

In our topic work this week we will be focusing upon art and design. We will be learning about the famous sculptor, Antony Gormley. We will be evaluating his art work.



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 26th - Thursday 29th 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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FREE Activities - October Half-Term



Stapleford Library

Harry Potter Props & Activities

Drop in anytime - all half-term

MORSBAGS Pop Up & Bag Decorating Workshop

Thurs 22nd October 10am-12pm

Children's Author Event - Liz Mackenzie – *The Clocker* (free - booking required)

Thurs 29th October 10.30-11.30am (alternate date also available at Toton)

The dog ate my library book clue hunt & Autumn crafts and colouring

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Toton Library

Bee-Bots Kids Coding Session Weds 21st Oct 10am-12pm

VR Headset Experience Weds 28th Oct 2.30-4.00pm

Children's Author Event - Liz Mackenzie – *The Clocker* (free - booking required)

Weds 21st October 2.30-3.30pm (alternate date also available at Stapleford)

Recycling Roadshow & Toton Village Craft Workshop

Weds 28th October 10am-1pm

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