William Lilley Infant and Nursery School

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A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term! We hope you and your children have managed to spend some quality time together. The children have been fabulous this week, they have skipped back into school, ready for all the fun and inspiring experiences that are due to start again this term. Please ensure you keep up-to-date with these by looking at the calendar page in the newsletter.

It was great to see so many parents during our parents evening before half term. Working together is vital in ensuring your child has the best possible opportunity to thrive. Your feedback is important to us and so please can you return any feedback forms which were shared with you on the day. Many thanks.

READING

It was lovely to see so many families enjoying reading morning with us this week. The children are working so hard with their reading. This will take place every Thursday morning from 8.35 to 8.45 for all Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One children in the childrens' classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there!

Foodbank & Preloved.

Our food bank and preloved uniform sheds are now open! These can be accessed anytime throughtout the school day. Any donations of preloved uniform or food such as soups,tinned veg,cereal etc would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks!



Children in Need

A reminder next **Friday 13th November** is Children in Need Children are welcome to come to school dressed either in spots or pyjamas for a suggested donation £1

Parking

There are scheduled road works on Halls Road **Wednesday 18th November** parking will be limited. **Breakfast club will be free from 7.30 for Reception & KS1 for this day only**

Applying for a school place?

Applications for RECEPTION and transfers from infant to junior (YEAR 3) for September 2027 are NOW OPEN until Friday 15th January

Do you have a child or do you know someone who has a child who is 5 years old between 1 September 2027 and 31 August 2028? Come and have a look around to see what we can offer in Reception by contacting the school office for a tour.

We are a small but mighty school who always offer fabulous opportunities and learning experiences in a caring and family orientated environment. Help us to spread the word to others who may not have heard of all that we have to offer!

School gates

Please could we remind all parents dropping off and picking up from Nursery to close the gates behind them. Thank you!



We are looking for parents or carers to join our OPAL(outdoor play and learning) Working Group.

Whether you have specific ideas to share, time to offer, or simply a passion for active outdoor play, we would love to have you on board! Please contact the school office for further information.

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 😊



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 or not 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/



It has been lovely to hear all about the Childrens adventures over half term.

Don't forget we now offer half sessions every night till 16.30 for £6.00

Please look out for our teacher led activities flyer next week these sessions will run W/C 16th November and will include :

Monday: **Film Club** with Miss Khan

Tuesday: **Almost Christmas Crafts** with Mrs Abbey

Thursday: **Yoga** with Mr Dhillon





Calendar 2026-2027

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday Morning	**Reading Morning**	**8.35-8.45**	**Squirrels**
Friday 13th November	Children in need	All day	Whole school Wear spots or pyjamas
Monday 16th November **23rd November** **30th November** **7th December**	**Film Club**	**15.15-16.30**	**Reception & KS1**
Tuesday 17th November **24th November** **1st December** **8th December**	**Almost Christmas Crafts**	**15.15-16.30**	**Reception & KS1**
Thursday 19th November **26th November** **3rd December** **10th December**	**Yoga**	**15.15-16.30**	**Reception & KS1**
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		

Christmas holidays 21st December- 1st January

School reopens Monday 4th January

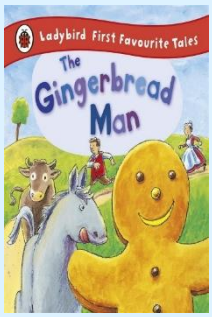
Year Group News

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



Welcome back to all our 'Remarkable Robins'. We have had a fantastic start to the new half term! We have quite literally hit the ground running! It has been lovely to see the children return with such enthusiasm, big smiles and a wonderful attitude towards their learning. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled back into our Reception routines.

We have launched our new Talk for Writing text, The Gingerbread Man, and what better way to start than by finding out whether we can run as fast as our speedy main character! The children have loved joining in with the story and repeating familiar phrases. We have also had great fun making our very own gingerbread men! We followed the recipe and made sure that our Gingerbread men didn't run away!





We have learned the importance of Bonfire Night and why we have bonfires and fireworks this time each year. The children have enjoyed creating their own colourful firework paintings, exploring different colours and patterns to capture the excitement of bonfire night.

In maths, we have been busy counting forwards and backwards and exploring all the different ways we can make 4. We have used practical resources to investigate number combinations and even created our own Numberblocks Number Four!



It really has been a brilliant first week back. The children have worked so hard, embraced their learning and shown just how much they are growing in confidence and independence. We are incredibly proud of them and can't wait to see what the rest of this half term brings!



Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



KS1 have made a brilliant start to the new half term and have settled back in to their routines super well. It has been lovely to see how excited they are to be back and to see everyone.

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, we are starting a new journey story called the Queen's hat which the children seem to be loving so far! They are going to be learning all about the royal family and London landmarks.



In Maths, The Year 1's are learning about ordering numbers which they have enjoyed so far, particularly when using manipulatives to support their learning! The Year 2's are starting to learn about repeated addition and multiplication.

In Topic learning, we are going to be investigating different materials in Science.

In Art, we will be learning all about Antony Gormley and his sculptures, and even having a go at creating our own!

BE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME

BUILDING STRONGER FOUNDATIONS TOGETHER

WHY ON TIME MATTERS



Ready to Learn · **Builds Routine** · **Builds Connections** · **Improves Achievement**

- **Every Day is a Learning Day!**
- **Missing days can hinder progress**
- **Builds a whole chain of learning**

AND EVERY DAY!

Establish Consistent Routines

Prepare the Night Before (bags, clothes)

Get Plenty of Sleep

Positive Attitudes

WHAT THE LAW SAYS



Parental Legal Duty:
to ensure children receive education (e.g., Section 7 Education Act)

Fixed Penalty Notices / Fines
can be issued for unauthorized absence

Possible Prosecution



TERM TIME LEAVE



NOT Permitted except for "Exceptional Circumstances"

- **Examples:** Religious observances, critical illness of a family member
- **Avoid taking holidays in term time**

ILLNESS GUIDANCE



Keep Child Home For:

- High fever, vomiting/diarrhea (stay off for 48 hours after), severe cough
- If symptoms are mild (e.g., cold), try school
- Contact the school daily

WILLIAM LILLEY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!
ATTENDANCE + PUNCTUALITY = SUCCESS!

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION


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)
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