William Lilley Infant and Nursery School

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A note from Mrs Beardsley

Exciting times ahead! We are thrilled to announce that our school is preparing to introduce **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**. This is a fantastic program designed to transform playtimes and give our children even more opportunities to get active, creative, and muddy! Behind the scenes, our staff are busy preparing the school grounds and gathering loose-parts resources for all the fun, imaginative play to come. Please keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks, including ways you can get involved and donate pre-loved items to help bring our new play spaces to life. If you would like to join in the fun, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

READING

With December fast approaching, you may be preparing to buy an advent calendar to count down to Christmas. Advent calendars containing books seem to be more popular than ever this year and what a lovely idea it is…a new book each day leading up to Christmas would be a lovely activity to share in an evening as the weather gets colder!

We are excited and looking forward to a visit from Harold the Giraffe on Thursday 3rd December. Harold will work with the children to help them learn about healthy bodies and healthy minds. Harrold visits William Lilley each year as part of our SCARF PSED/RSE curriculum. He will be supported by the Kathryn from the SCARF team and will bring along resources and activities for the children to share. Children across Reception and KS1 will meet Harold on the day and both morning and afternoon nursery children will join in the fun. If your child attends nursery on a Monday – Wednesday pattern, you are welcome to bring your child along and meet Harrold for yourself. Please let a member of the nursery team know if you would like to come along. Thank you.



School Photos



Don't forget School photos will be conducted on: **Wednesday 2nd December**
At this session, they will be photographing individuals.
If you wish to have a sibling photo, this can be done before school from 8.15. Please ensure full uniform is worn. Parents will receive free proofs of every image and the option to make a purchase online for Christmas delivery

Food forum

We are delighted to welcome our new chef Claire!
Vertas will be holding a food forum for some of our children on Tuesday 1st December to try different foods and discuss what they would like to see on the school menu.
Parents will be invited in to the school at 3pm to sample some of the foods on offer.

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!

Christmas Tree Festival Visit

Next Friday, 27th November we will be walking to the Methodist Church to visit the Christmas Tree Festival. We would. really appreciate some parent helpers to walk with us. Please let a member of staff know if you are able to join us.

Gymnastics



Great news… **William Lilley achieved 1st place** in the gymnastics competition at George Spencer Academy.
All the children who attended, performed beautifully with huge smiles on their faces.
They represented our school very well and we are extremely proud of them.

How are our classes doing in the race to be the Best Class for 2026-27? Who will be crowned the BEST ATTENDING CLASS OF THE YEAR We will announce the winner at the End of Year Awards Assembly; the table below details the current standings…

		
91%	95%	94%



We have had great fun this week making foil boats and adding cargo to see if they floated or sunk next week we will be making festive ginger bread
We still have spaces available on our curriculum led afterschool club activities
Monday - Film Club **Tuesday – Almost Christmas Crafts**
Thursday - Yoga





Calendar 2026-2027

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday Morning	**Reading Morning**	**8.35-8.45**	**Squirrels, Robins, Moles and Owls**
Monday 23rd November 30th November 7th December	Film Club	15.15-16.30	Reception & KS1
Tuesday 24th November 1st December 8th December	Almost Christmas Crafts	15.15-16.30	Reception & KS1
Thursday 26th November 3rd December 10th December	Yoga	15.15-16.30	Reception & KS1
Friday 27th November	Christmas Tree festival	AM	Whole school
Tuesday 1st December	**Food Forum**	**15.00**	**Parents**
Wednesday 2nd December	**School Photos**	**All day**	**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
Thursday 10th December	**KS1 Christmas Carols**	**17.00**	**Outstanding Owls** **Marvellous Moles**
Wednesday 16th December	**Christmas Dinner**		**Whole School**
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)



It has been a wonderful couple of weeks in Remarkable Robins, and I am incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitudes. Last week, the class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Children in Need activities. The children embraced the Pudsey-themed learning with great excitement and, most importantly, showed real thoughtfulness when discussing why the charity raises donations and how their support can help others. It was lovely to hear such caring and compassionate responses.

The children have also worked extremely hard on their Remembrance Day independent writing. They were highly motivated by having a real purpose for their writing and produced some thoughtful pieces of work. We are continuing to focus on developing our handwriting skills and correct pencil grip, and it is wonderful to see the children trying so hard and showing increasing confidence. At the beginning of the week, the adults working in the classroom had nothing but praise for the children. They were impressed by how well the children know and follow classroom routines, listen carefully and engage positively with their learning. Their excellent behaviour and attitudes made me exceptionally proud.

Next week, we will continue our Gingerbread Man learning activities as we begin creating our own stories inspired by the tale. In mathematics, we will be extending our understanding of the numbers 7 and 8 through a range of practical and engaging activities.

Finally, a huge thank you to our Thursday morning readers**.** It has been wonderful to see books being shared so enthusiastically at the start of the day. These sessions create a calm, positive beginning to our mornings and help foster a love of reading amongst the children.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning in Remarkable Robins!

In Early Years, over the past couple of weeks we have learnt about Diwali, Bonfire Night and staying safe and Remembrance Day. We learnt why we wear poppies and take a quiet moment to remember.

This week we have been talking about birthdays. We shared how our families celebrate, and learnt that birthdays are always a special time to show someone how much they are loved.



In literacy, we have been enjoying the story of Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle. The children have loved joining in with the actions, repeating the rhymes and retelling the story together. Ask your child to share the story and actions with you at home. They will love showing you what they have learnt.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-gqGGJO1NI

In phonics, we have continued learning to make, match and copy sounds using voices and bodies. We have also been exploring sounds using simple instruments too, tapping, shaking and playing along to copy and create different rhythms and sounds together.

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)



We have been working really hard in KS1 and are thoroughly enjoying our 'Best of British' topic. We are fast becoming experts on London landmarks and are enjoying learning about capital cities around the UK.

Thank you for your support with homework this term. It has been great to see the children continuing their learning at home and letting you know all about their new knowledge. New homework is sent out every Friday in the childrens' purple homework book and is collected in to mark on the Wednesday of the following week.

In English, we have been innovating The Queen's Hat and the children have made all sorts of other objects fly off around London, such as, scarves, phones, handbags and even Corgis!
Year 2 have been concentrating on including verbs and adjectives in their writing and Year 1 have been writing independently in simple sentences, applying their phonics knowledge. Next, we will be writing a journey story about the King. The children will use all of the key features they have been learning over the past weeks to apply to their own story.

During Maths, the children have been working on shape in Year 1, naming 2D shapes and learning about their properties. In Year 2, the children have continued to work on multiplication. Next week Year 1 will continue their shape work. Year 2 will continue their multiplication work and begin to look at division calculations.

Within topic lessons next week, we will be learning about human and physical features of landscapes in the UK. We will be grouping and sorting landmarks based on this.
We will also be continuing to carry out investigations during science, based upon properties of materials.

Could we please request that children bring their reading books and diaries to school everyday please? We use these for interventions, phonics and spelling lessons, individual reading and computing so they are super useful everyday! 😊

RATTLE & ROLL PERFORMANCE

Ofsted Registered

Christmas Holiday Club

Banks Road Infant & Nursery

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years, with funded places available for children in Reception to Year 6

We are running three days of Christmas parties which will include lots of festive activities, games, craft and a disco!

LOCATION

Banks Road Infant & Nursery, Toton



COST

£29.99 per day

All childcare vouchers accepted

FREE places available for those in receipt of targeted free school meals



DATES & TIMES

8am - 5pm
Monday 21st December
Tuesday 22nd December
Wednesday 23rd December

HOW TO BOOK

PAID PLACE
Scan this QR code to book via our website

FUNDED PLACE
Scan this QR code to book via EEQU website

rattleandrollperformance.com
enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com





Christmas is Coming!

During the run up to Christmas, why not take a break and let your kids enjoy a fun-filled workshop on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a concert on Sunday for the whole family at the iconic Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Get into the Christmas spirit with lots of well-known Christmas songs including some familiar favourites!

Young singers will be joined by other members of the MfE 'singing' family too on the concert day for this mega-Christmas extravaganza!

Singers will be divided into two age-group choirs:

Vocals 1 (school yrs 1 - 3) **Vocals 2 (school yrs 4 - 8)**

Music packs, including lyrics and audio tracks, will be sent out approximately one month before the event, giving everyone the chance to learn the songs as best they can before the singing afternoon.

Saturday 12 December - Singing Afternoon	Sunday 13 December - Concert
Nottingham Trent University Clifton NG11 8NS All Groups: 2.00 - 5.00pm	Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA Rehearsal: 12.30 - 2.45pm Concert: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Workshop Fees: £25

Less 10% discount if 2+ children from the same family. Use code Vocals10.

MfE runs a subsidised scheme for all courses, more details from the MfE office 0115 9589312

"So well organised and a fantastic experience for all!" - Course Parent

How to book

Scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page.
Book over the phone Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
Ask us for a paper form to complete and post with a cheque payable to 'Music for Everyone'.

Contact

admin@music-for-everyone.org
Music for Everyone, 10 Goose Gate, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FF
0115 958 9312

Supported by: Bookwise, Nottingham Trent University, Inspire





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


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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