



A note from Mrs Beardsley

As we enter the final week of the Autumn term, we know that the children are looking forward to all the Christmas celebrations and many different celebration activities. This week the children had a delicious Christmas dinner. Well done to all the lunch-time staff for this fabulous meal! We have also had a wonderful KS1 celebration homework event as well as Rattle and Roll concert for the children, where the children showed their amazing confidence and talents. Please take a look at the Calendar below for further information of all the fun activities planned next week.



A reminder that the deadline for applications for September 2025 school places is:
Wednesday 15th January 2025

Our nursery children confidently move into Reception as they already know staff, structure, routines and expectations. This supports children and they are able to make a bigger transition into a new school in Year three. Please take the time to look at our virtual tour by visiting www.youtube.com/watch?v=ma-zrK1xlc

Parents who would like a personal tour of our Reception unit (Tours are available Mon-Friday 8am-6pm) or have any questions prior to submitting their application forms are welcome to contact the office. Thank you!

Rattle and Roll holiday club

Our holiday club is back for the Christmas holidays from 9am to 3pm **Thursday 2nd January and Friday 3rd January 2025**. To find out more please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301. Please note this is **free for all children in receipt of free school meals**. All other children can attend for £20 a day. All childcare vouchers are accepted.



Year 1 Ice-skating

Year 1 children will now have received a letter regarding ice-skating sessions which are taking place in January. Please ensure you return the consent form to school. Thank you.



School photographs

You should have received your child's individual and sibling photograph proofs. Please ensure you place orders online. Deadline **Monday 16th December** for Christmas delivery.



What's on - Lakeside Arts, Nottingham

At the Lakeside Arts Centre in Nottingham there is a performance of the Storm Whale by Benji Davies. When the children are in Year 1 and Year 2 they will study this book during their English lessons so how lovely would it be for it to come to life for them?

Attendance Matters



Next week we will find out which child has won the Attendance Prize and we will be presenting certificates to children for their attendance. We are looking forward to celebrating our Attendance Heroes!



We have had a great time making our own musical instruments this week and expressing our creative side. Next week we will be celebrating the end of term with all things Christmassy. The children will get a chance to make their own Christmas cards Santa faces and snowmen. Bookings are now live for the New year! We look forward to welcoming the children back Merry Christmas and a Happy New year



For more information about the school please visit: www.williamlilley.notts.sch.uk



Calendar 2024-2025

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday (Back on 16th January)	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Reception and Key Stage 1
Monday 16th	Nursery Christmas Party – Wear Party clothes	PM	Nursery Red, Blue & Yellow (Mon-Wed & pm)
Monday 16th December	Christmas Market - Bring £1	Throughout the day	Whole school
Tuesday 17th December	Santa's Grotto Now fully booked	15.15-16.30	
Tuesday 17th December	Reindeer Dash – Don't forget your Sponsorship	Throughout the day	Whole school
Wednesday 18th December	Whoops A Daisy Angel	10.00 & 14.00	Ladybirds Butterflies & Nursery
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Carols	18.00	Flamingoes Kingfishers & Puffins
Thursday 19th December	Nursery Christmas Party – Wear Party clothes	AM	Nursery Red, Blue & Yellow (Wed-Fri & am)
Thursday 19th December	KS1 Christmas Party F2 Christmas Party – Wear party clothes		

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS : Monday 23 December- Friday 3rd January

SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 6th January

Year Group News

Nursery



Reception



Key Stage One



Next week will be very busy with lots of Christmas celebrations.

On Monday we will be having a party in the afternoon, please send your child to school in party clothes. We will also get chance to visit the Christmas market. Please send £1 for your child to buy a gift for a loved one.

Tuesday we will be taking part in our sponsored 'Reindeer Dash' please return any sponsor forms and money. We will also be meeting Santa



On Wednesday we will be performing our 'Whoops-A -Daisy Angel' at 10am & 14.00

Thursday we will be having our second Christmas party in the morning, please send your child to school in party clothes.

As well as all of those activities we will be creating lots of Christmas crafts and talking about how our families celebrate.

Thank you for your continued support at this busy time.

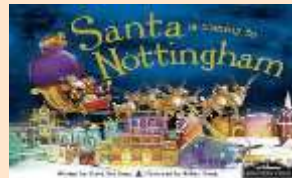
We wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year



We are officially on countdown to Santa now!

The children are feeling very excited and they have really been enjoying all of our Christmas activities. The children have loved creating some Christmas art work

The children have enjoyed reading the story Santa comes to Nottingham



We are looking forward to performing Christmas performance "Whoops-A Daisy-Angel' We are so incredibly proud of all the children and how they have perform all the songs and actions.



We hope you enjoy the show!

We have many more Christmas activities planned for next week along with our Reception Christmas party on Thursday Thank you for the £1 contributions towards the party food. Children can come to school wearing their party clothes on Thursday

We will be sending PE kits home next week to be washed. These then need to be returned to school during the first week in January.

Here's to another week of festive fun!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Well the children have worked so hard this term and been so enthusiastic in their learning. They have learnt so much from Robin Hood to King Charles!

Next week let's let the Christmas festivities commence!

Monday – Christmas market – Please send your child with £1 if you would like them to pick a present for a loved one from our school market. School will gift wrap the gift so it will be ready to put under the tree when they bring it home!

Tuesday – Reindeer dash - Children will be given antlers from school and completed a 'dash' around the playground. A special someone might make an appearance during the day too! Sponsor forms for this event were sent home last week so it would be great if children could raise money if possible.

Wednesday – KS1 carol concert – Please head to the sheltered area outside Reception from 5.45pm and the show will begin at 6pm. The children have worked so hard learning their songs to perform to you. Children will need to bring the following for their class song: CK – tinsel or a Christmas headband, FF – a santa hat, PP – antlers (from the reindeer dash on Tuesday!)

Thursday – Christmas party – Children can come to school for the day dressed in their party clothes.

Friday – Christmas jumpers and end of term activities – Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers/clothes to school to celebrate the end of term. Activities for the children will include an assembly with attendance certificates and reading rewards and the whole school singing together.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year



WILLIAM LILLEY

FAMILY FRIDAYS

You're invited to enjoy a
school meal with your
child!

17 January	Kingfishers
24 January	Puffins
31 January	Flamingos
7 February	Ladybirds & Butterflies

All welcome!

12:30 - 1:00PM

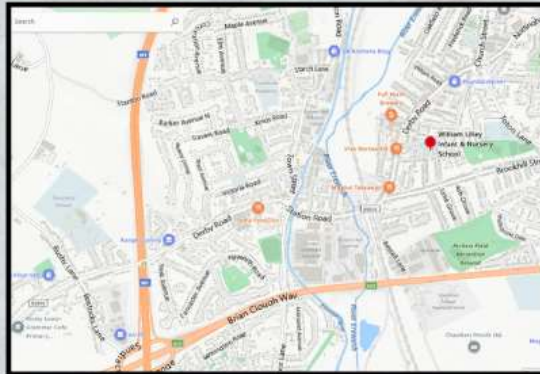
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William Lilley Infant & Nursery School

Where are we?

We're a **SMALL BUT MIGHTY** Infant & Nursery School hidden in the heart of Stapleford - Easy to reach and closer than you think! We provide high quality education for children aged 3 to 7.



Learning Environment

Our children benefit from and enjoy our extensive learning environments - a huge 'secret garden', large outdoor green spaces and a sensory studio designed to nurture children's learning and development.



Caring

William Lilley is a wonderful place to be!
Staff and children enjoy being at school and are caring, welcoming and supportive.

Individual

Children are celebrated for being the amazing individuals that they are. As a result, all our children thrive emotionally, socially and academically.



Fun

William Lilley provides exciting and fun learning which considers each child's development, talents and strengths.



Opportunities

We offer a comprehensive range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities to all our children.

Want to know more?

Come and see all that we can offer for yourself! We offer personalised tours from 8am - 6pm every day - please contact us for further details. You can also view our Welcome Video on our William Lilley YouTube pages:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ma-zrK1xIxc>.



Free places
for children in
receipt of benefit
related free
school meals

Christmas Holiday Clubs

William Lilley Infant & Nursery School, Stapleford

Thursday 2nd January & Friday 3rd January

Open to all children aged 3 – 11 from all schools

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £20 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 10am-3pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
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