



A note from Mrs Beardsley

The children have had a wonderful week; as they have excelled in their work this week. Children in Reception have completed their very own writing about their Christmas elf called Pip and we are so proud of how well they have applied their phonic knowledge. Well done Reception! Our Key Stage One children have been fascinated by their 'Best of British' topic, as they have learned all about London and many landmarks that can be seen.



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-zrK1xlxc 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!

Christmas is coming!

We have many Christmas activities planned for the final two weeks of term. This includes:

Friday 13th December – Wear a Christmas jumper and bring a donation for the Christmas market

Monday 16th December – Christmas market. Children can bring their donation for a gift for a member of their household. They will have the opportunity to 'shop' for their gift at the Christmas market. This will then be wrapped for them to bring home to place under the tree for Christmas day.

Tuesday 17th December – Santa visits the classes, Reindeer dash and after school Santa visits available

Wednesday 18th December – EYFS 'Whoops A Daisy angel' performance (please look out for your tickets) and KS1 Evening Carols

Thursday 19th December – Christmas parties (Nursery M-W and pm on Monday 16th)

Friday 20th December – Celebration assembly and rewards

Please look out on the Calendar page for details of the many activities and events planned over the next two weeks.

HAF (Holiday activities and food)

Are you claiming benefits-related free school meals and looking for holiday clubs?

Nottinghamshire County Council are running their HAF programme supporting the wellbeing of children aged between 5 to 16 years focussing on physical and mental wellbeing by providing a variety of activities during school holidays. Included in each session is a meal, this may be breakfast or lunch depending on the programme offered. Eligible children and young people will be able to access up to 24 days holiday activity each year. The programme offer is wide and varied.

To see what activities are available and to gain a HAF code. Please click on the link below

[Register for a HAF code | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Sponsored Reindeer Dash

Your child should have received a sponsor form this week for our Reindeer dash on Tuesday 17th December. All money raised please be back in school by the end of January. Thank you!



Menu Change

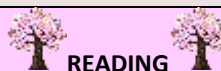
A reminder next **Wednesday 11th December** is Roast Turkey Christmas dinner followed by ice cream.

Thursday 12th December will be cheesy tomato pasta followed by a Christmas cupcake



School photographs

This week the children had their individual and sibling photographs taken. Please ensure you place orders online. Thank you.



We have now opened our reading advent calendar in the school library! The children are very excited for their classes turn to open the pouch! Ask your child who has been lucky enough to receive a book so far in their class.

Attendance Matters



As we are counting down to Christmas and we have so many festive fun-filled activities planned over the next two weeks. The children will be sharing special moments with their friends, ones that will matter for many years to come. We can't wait to share the magical festive season with them - and you.

Thank you for ensuring that your child is in school, on time so that they can join in!



We have had great fun this week getting Christmassy with our Christmas craft theme nights making Santas, spin pin snowmen wooden tree decorations. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun!

You may want to take advantage of our after school club to give you an opportunity to catch up with some Christmas shopping! Next week we will be getting our groove on making music makers.

Please make bookings via the schoolmoney app. Please ensure you book in advance, bookings can be made up to midnight the night before for both wide awake club and mini explorers.

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



Calendar 2024-2025

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Reception and Key Stage 1
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner		Whole school
Friday 13th December	Non Uniform Day (Christmas Market)	All day	Whole School (Bring a donation)
Friday 13th December	Rock Steady Concert	14.30	
Friday 13th December	Family Friday	12.30-13.00	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Monday 16th	Nursery Christmas Party	PM	Nursery Red, Blue & Yellow (Mon-Wed & pm)
Monday 16th December	Christmas Market	Throughout the day	Whole school (Bring £1)
Tuesday 17th December	Santa's Grotto	15.15-16.30	
Tuesday 17th December	Reindeer Dash	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	AM	Nursery Red, Blue & Yellow (Wed-Fri & am)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS : Monday 23 December- Friday 3rd January

SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 6th January

Year Group News

Nursery



The children have had a fabulous time this week getting in the Christmas spirit. We have been dressing up as Santa and delivering presents in the home corner. The children have been very busy creating lots of Christmas crafts which, will be sent home in the last week of term.

The children have loved our new talk for writing story, 'Stickman' a copy of which should have made its way home.



We have also continued with our nativity practice, tickets for this should also have made their way home.



Next week we will continue to learn our 'Stickman' story. We will be changing the story

and creating our own version where Stickman meets different characters.

The children will also be talking about how they celebrate Christmas. Don't forget that next Friday is non-uniform day, see the newsletter for more details. Our Christmas parties will be in the final week of term, please send in your £1 donation towards the party food by the end of next week.

Reception

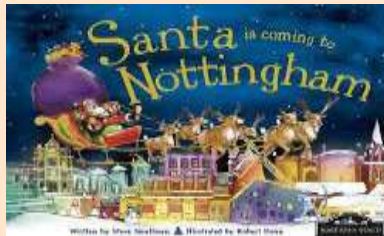


The Butterfly and Ladybird children have had a great week, full of festive fun in the classroom but mainly rehearsing our Christmas play 'Whoops – A - Daisy'. The children are singing the songs beautifully and practising their parts brilliantly, you are in for a real treat.



We learnt the story of Christmas and talked about the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem which is just like our story about 'Whoops – a Daisy'.

Next week we continue with the Christmas theme and the book we will be working with is called 'Santa comes to Nottingham'.



Reminder about Party Date
Our Christmas party will take place on **Thursday 19th December**. Your child can come to school in a party outfit and we are asking for a donation of £1 towards food for the party. Please could we ask for this by Monday 16th December. Many thanks.



Key Stage One



As we head into the final couple of weeks of term, things are starting to get quite busy and very festive around KS1!

Next week, we will be applying lots of our geographical knowledge about the UK and making some comparisons between London and Stapleford and then deciding where we would prefer to live and why.

In English, we will be writing a fact file all about London. We will be planning, writing and editing our work using full sentences and commas in a list of three. The children know lots and lots about our capital city so we are looking forwards to them writing this piece of non-fiction.



In Maths, Y2s will be learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and looking at the number of sides, faces and vertices. Y1s will be using objects, images and number facts to solve addition within 10.

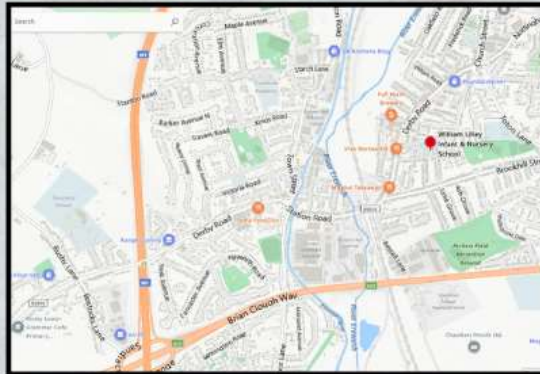


On **Thursday 19th December**, we will have our KS1 Christmas party. Children are invited to wear a party outfit on this day. We will be collecting £1 to buy some party food for this day. Please send any money into school by Friday 13th December.

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>.

WILLIAM LILLEY

FAMILY FRIDAYS

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

22 November	Kingfishers
29 November	Puffins
6 December	Flamingos
13 December	Ladybirds & Butterflies

All welcome!

12:30 - 1:00PM

Only £3.54

Please reserve
your meal with the
school office 48
hours before your
child's Family Friday.