



A note from Mrs Beardsley

The children have begun to get into the Christmas spirit this week with their visit to Stapleford Methodist Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the trip and made this possible as well as the Rev Andrew Checkley and parishioners. The children had a wonderful time exploring each of the trees.

Virtual Tour

Are you looking for a school place in September? Do you know other families who may be interested in having a tour? We have put together a virtual tour on our YouTube pages, starring our very own school council! Please take a look for yourself and share with others...www.youtube.com/watch?v=ma-zrK1xlxc



School Photos

School photos will be conducted on:

Wednesday 4th 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



Sponsored Reindeer Dash

On Tuesday 17th December we will be taking part in a sponsored 'Reindeer Dash' in support of Treetops Hospice. Children will be given reindeer antlers to wear and will 'dash' with Santa in the school grounds.

All money raised will be used to support local children and their families. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Market

Christmas is coming and once again we're holding our children's Christmas Market. **Friday 13th December** will be a non-uniform day and in exchange, children are invited to bring in donations from home so it's the perfect opportunity to clear out your cupboards and donate anything you no longer need but others may love! The Christmas Market will take place on **Monday 16th December** during school time. There will be an opportunity for those in Nursery who don't attend on a Monday to choose a gift on **Friday 20th December**. They will be able to purchase a gift for a loved one, which will be gift bagged or wrapped for them to bring home and put under the Christmas tree. Please send your child to school with £1 if they would like to take part. Thank you!

Santas Grotto

A great opportunity for you and your little ones to visit Santa at William Lilley on Tuesday 17th December 15.15-16.30. This will cost £2 per child (small gift provided) and there will be an opportunity to take your own photos. Look out for further details and how to book next week!



INSET Day

A reminder that next **Monday 2nd December** is INSET day. School is closed to all pupils.



READING

Personalised reading materials such as books and puzzles can add excitement and enthusiasm for your child when they are learning to read.

There are lots available to suit any budget...maybe your child could ask Santa?



Attendance Matters

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/>



It's not too late to sign up for our Christmas craft evenings next week
Sign up via the Schoolmoney App or call the office
Wednesday 4th December for Reception & Nursery
Thursday 5th December for Kingfishers, Flamingos and Puffins



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 4 th December	School photos	All day	Whole school
Wednesday 4 th December	Christmas Craft Theme Night	15.15-18.00	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Craft Theme Night	15.15-18.00	KS1
Friday 6 th December	Family Friday	12.30-13.00	Flamingos
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner		Whole school
Friday 13th December	Non Uniform Day (Christmas Market)	All day	Whole School (Bring a donation)
Friday 13 th December	Rock Steady Concert	14.30	
Friday 13 th December	Family Friday	12.30-13.00	Ladybirds & Butterflies
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	Whoopsy Daisy Angel	10.00 & 14.00	Ladybirds Butterflies & Nursery
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Carols	18.00	Flamingoes Kingfishers & Puffins

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY : Monday 2nd December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS : Monday 23 December- Friday 3rd January

SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 6th January

Year Group News

Nursery



This week we have been learning about weddings as part of our celebrations topic. The children have enjoyed talking about weddings and anniversaries as we discuss how people celebrate love.

We will spend the next few weeks thinking about Christmas and how we celebrate this at home. Next week we will be starting to learn our new 'talk for writing' story, 'Stickman'. We will send home a copy of our simple version of the story so that you can share it together at home. By the end of the week, the children will be able to use the story map to retell the story.



The children are learning lots of songs ready for our nativity show, 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. The children will decide what they want to be in the play and we will be letting you know next week if they need any clothes from home.



Reception



The Butterfly and Ladybird children have had a great week, full of festive fun as we visited the Christmas Tree Festival and saw our wonderful tree decorated by our children and also, we have been rehearsing for our Christmas play 'Whoops A Daisy Angel'. The children are singing the songs beautifully and we have told the children their parts (we will let you know soon) you are in for a real treat.

The children also 'wowed' us with their amazing writing about Rama and Sita, they applied their phonics brilliantly to attempt spelling words, well done everyone.

Next week we are going to learn the story of the 'Nativity' which in turn will help the children understand the story for our Christmas play. We will retell the story in different ways and also have a visit from a special elf!



In maths we will be focusing on measuring, learning about length and height.

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.

Christmas Nativity play – Whoops A Daisy Angel
Our Christmas nativity will take place on Wednesday 18th December, further details about tickets will follow shortly.



Key Stage One



We've had a wonderful week in KS1! The highlight of the week was our visit to the Methodist Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. The children enjoyed the experience and we'd like to say a big thank-you to all the grown-ups who supported us in making this trip possible.

In Geography this week we have been exploring human and physical landmarks. The children learned about significant landmarks in different countries and practiced plotting them on a map. They did an amazing job of explaining if each landmark was either a human or physical landmark.

Looking ahead to next week, our topic lessons will focus on our local area. We'll be thinking about what we like and dislike about it and sharing our ideas.



In English next week we will be starting our non-fiction unit where children will make a fact file about London. We will start off the week by planning using all the grammar we have looked at last week and explore the different sentence openers we could use.

In Maths Year 1 will be learning about odd and even numbers. Following this they will start learning about addition. Year 2 will be looking at subtraction and will be using their number facts and sticks and dots to support them.

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FAMILY FRIDAYS

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

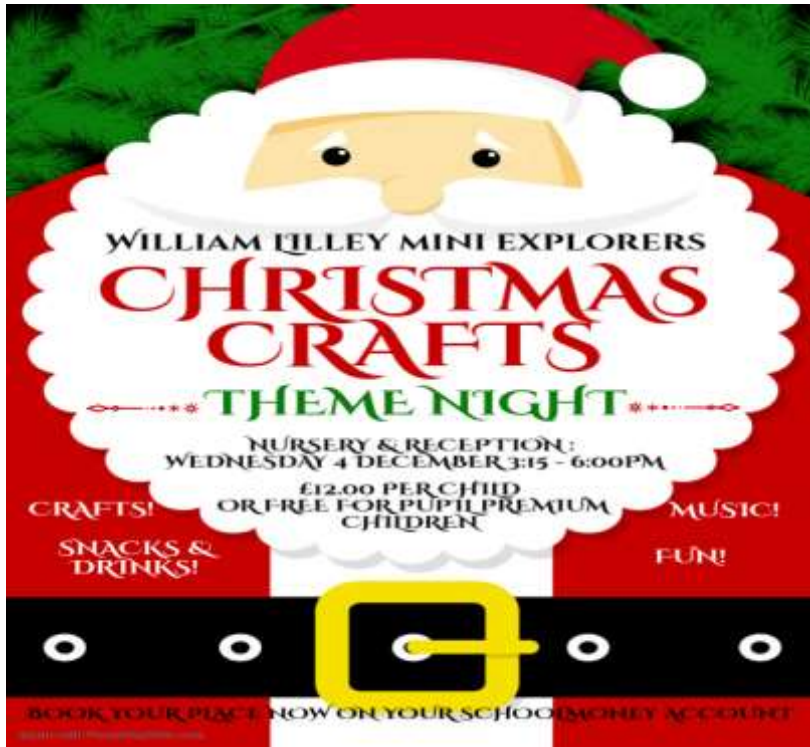
22 November	Kingfishers
29 November	Puffins
6 December	Flamingos
13 December	Ladybirds & Butterflies

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.



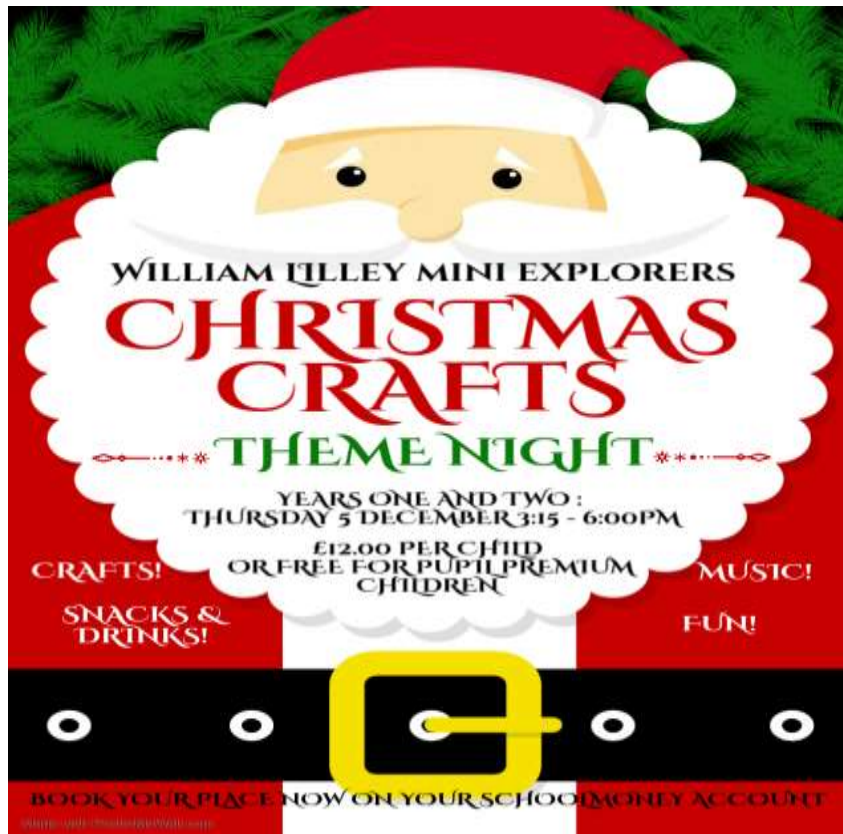
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CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
THEME NIGHT

NURSERY & RECEPTION:
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 3:15 - 6:00PM

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