



A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome back to a new year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and quality time with family and friends. The children have returned brilliantly, showing great eagerness and enthusiasm within their new topics and fun learning opportunities (such as the ice-skating and martial arts sessions in Year 1 and Year 2). As we enter into a new year, it is important to ensure that we re-establish the term time routines. Within this, all children are encouraged to read at least four times a week, helping them to develop a love of reading and support their development in all areas. We love to hear about their reading in their reading diaries and don't forget each child will receive different reading rewards for their reading at home.

School Application Deadline



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

Digital technology

Your child may have been lucky enough to receive new digital technology over the Christmas period. It is important to ensure that children have access to appropriate content and therefore would urge all parents to ensure that all appropriate supervision and restrictions are placed on any new devices. If you require any further support please visit our website on www.williamlilley.notts.sch.uk/e-safety-online-advice-and-support We would also remind all parents that we do not allow any home digital technology such as telephones, watches and devices which have potential for communication and taking photographs in school.

Food Bank URGENT APPEAL

We offer a small food bank to support any of our families who would benefit. If you are able to donate items, we are urgently appealing for the following:

Pasta, rice, tinned custard, rice pudding, soup, tinned fruit and veg, crackers, tinned pasta e.g. spaghetti, cooking sauces, microwave/boil in bag rices/noodles, cereal, sandwich spread, tuna, tinned meats e.g. hot dogs, corned beef, jam/marmalade, par baked bread, plain biscuits, long life fruit juices/milk, teabags, hot chocolate, no added sugar cordial, toiletries inc. toothpaste and toilet roll, cleaning items e.g washing up liquid, multi-purpose spray

Many thanks for your support; we know that your generosity is very much appreciated



Last call to return any sponsorship forms and money to school by **Friday 17th January** All money raised will be used to support local children and their families.

Emergency Contact

If you have got a new phone from Father Christmas...or even a new house?

Please keep the School Office informed of changes to your child's emergency contact details.



READING

Author of the Term – Anthony Browne

Our focus author this term is Anthony Browne. There is a display in the library for the children to enjoy. Copies of Anthony Browne stories are in each classroom for the children to enjoy as well as in our reading for pleasure sections, for the children to bring home and enjoy.

Attendance Matters

At William Lilley Infant and Nursery School, we expect children to attend every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. 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/>



Happy New Year! It's been lovely to welcome back the children and hearing all about their Christmas break.

We are looking forward to lots more fun and activities next week. If your child would like to join us please book via the School money App or contact the office team



**Calendar
2024-2025**

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday (Back on 16th January)	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Reception and Key Stage 1
Wednesday 15th 22nd 29th Jan 5th 12th Feb	Ice skating	12.30-15.15	Year 1
Wednesday 15th 22nd 29th Jan 5th 12th Feb	Martial Arts		Year 2
Friday 17th Jan	Family Friday	12.30	Kingfishers
Every Thursday (from 23rd January)	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Nursery
Friday 24th January	Family Friday	12.30	Puffins
Friday 31st January	Family Friday	12.30	Flamingoes
Friday 7th January	Family Friday	12.30	Ladybirds & Butterflies
Thursday 11th July - Friday 12th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2

HALF-TERM : Monday 17th February - Friday 21st January

SCHOOL REOPENS: Monday 24th February

Year Group News

Nursery



Reception

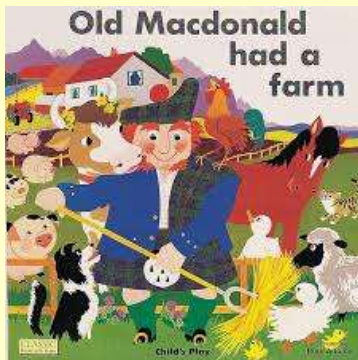


Key Stage One



It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children and hear all about their Christmas celebrations. This week we have also started to welcome new children to nursery. We are all excited to get to know them and make new friends.

This week we have been learning about winter and how the natural world changes during winter. We went on a winter walk to look at the trees, and we found lots of ice and frost on the ground. The focus this week has been to settle back into our routines and expectations.



Next week we will be starting our new topic, 'Rhyme Time', starting with 'Old McDonald' and other animal rhymes. We will be creating our own farm animals using playdough, paint, and cotton wool.

During our phonics sessions we will be dancing to a beat and playing a new rhyming game called 'Silly Soup'. In maths we will be splitting a group of 3 or 4 cubes in different ways and starting to understand that the total is still the same. Look out for information about this term's topic being sent home.

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a very happy new year. The children have settled back into the Spring term brilliantly and have thoroughly enjoyed our new 'Talk for Writing' text 'Supertato'.



They thoroughly enjoyed the story and were captivated by the newsflash that Supertato had been spotted in the local Sainsburys 'saving the day'. They were then amazed by the fact Evil Pea had been into our classroom and frozen some of the vegetables. The children have been scientists exploring how to free the frozen vegetables. They came up with lots of ideas and we placed the frozen veg in different places around the classroom to see which one melted first and if they had predicted it correctly. The children have also created their very own story mountain about Supertato using the talk for writing vocabulary 'first, suddenly and luckily'.



Our new topic is called 'Real life superheroes' and you will have received a

letter explaining all we are teaching the children.

Next week we will continue to use 'Supertato' for our 'Talk for Writing' work and we will be creating our class story map of the whole story. We will send this home next Friday for the children to retell the story to you with. We will also be looking the 'police' through our book called 'Cops and Robbers'. The focus will be on the role of the Police and how they help us in our community. In Maths we will be recognising numbers, comparing numbers, subitising and matching the correct numeral to an amount.



PE KITS

Thank you to all those who have already sent in PE kits, children will need them every week as Brilliant Butterflies do their PE on Mondays and Lovely Ladybirds on Tuesdays.

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic break! It has been wonderful to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm for learning!

This week, we have started our new topic 'Active Planet', where we learn about seasonal changes, weather patterns and how the weather affects people in different countries. We also learn about plants that grow in different weather conditions.



In topic this week, children have been learning about weather and have been busy creating detailed weather maps that illustrate different weather patterns around the world. They have also learned about the Equator, North Pole and the South Pole.

This week we have been particularly impressed with the Year 1 children, who have shown amazing confidence during ice skating. They've truly wowed us and we can't wait to see what they accomplish in the weeks ahead!

Next week in English, children will revisit conjunctions. Following this, we will begin to innovate The Storm Whale, the teachers are eager to hear the imaginative ideas the children come up with! What animal might wash up on the sand this time? Later in the week, children will start planning their very own stories, inspired by **The Storm Whale**. We can't wait to see their ideas come to life!

Next week in Maths, Year One will continue with subtraction and finding missing parts of an equation. Following this they will learn about inverse operations. Year two will continue with multiplication, using their number facts to support them.

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

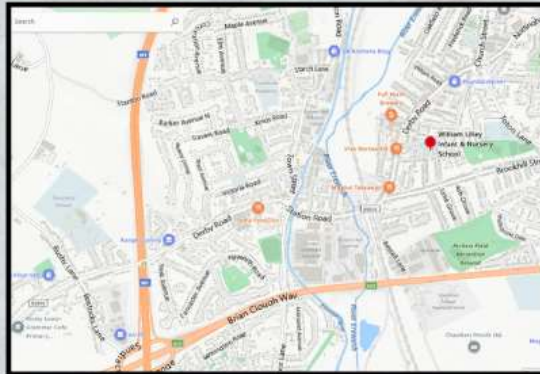
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William Lilley Infant & Nursery School

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>.