



A huge thank you to all our parents for your continued support. It really does make the difference to your child and their development as well as making a difference to our William Lilley family. It has been great to see so many parents supporting our parents evening this week.

Throughout the week our Governors have been sharing the annual parent questionnaire with families on the playground and at parents evening. We value your views and are keen to ensure that our school continues to be a support for your children to thrive in their first years of schooling. Please follow the link below to complete the questionnaire should you not yet have had an opportunity to do so. <https://forms.office.com/e/PyiJJSEgNk>

School Website

You should have all received an email asking you to sign up for the new school website. Please check that this hasn't gone into your JUNK folder. If you are having any difficulties with this, please let us know. Thank you!

Internet Safety Week

Across the school, we celebrated Safer Internet Day this week and learnt about how to stay safe from online scams. We discussed how to spot an online scam, trusted adults in our lives, personal information and shared some retellings of classic fairy tales with an online safety twist!

Computing club used Purple Mash to create an information text about how we can stay safe online and also created a poster (see attached)

Use the QR code or link below to view what they made.



<https://www.purplemash.com/?~c3c9NjUwMjQ3MCZzZz01NzZiNjY3ZDUxMzYwZGFhYmYyY2QxMTU0ZDgyNThlOSZjdXJyZW50U3RhZ2VJbmlleD0=>

Name Labels

Please could we politely request that your child's items are all named, including water bottles, jumpers, shoes, coats and lunch boxes.

It would help us to ensure that your child brings home all their belongings, that they drink out of their own water bottle and that they receive their correct packed lunch.

It also helps our younger children begin to recognise their name and for all children to take responsibility for their belongings. Thank you.

INSET day

A reminder that Monday **24th February** is INSET day. School is closed to all pupils. We reopen on **Tuesday 25th February**.

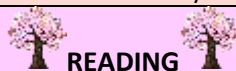


Breakfast Club

We are delighted to confirm that William Lilley has been chosen to become an early adopter school for the Universal Breakfast programme as part of the Government's pilot scheme. This means that we will be able to offer all Reception, Year One and Two children a FREE breakfast (and childcare) from 8.15am every morning from 22 April 2025 (our first day back after the Easter holidays).

We are in the process of preparing for the roll out of the pilot scheme. To assist us with assessing interest and demand, it would be extremely helpful if you would complete the breakfast club parent questionnaire – we have sent you an email with the link to the questionnaire or you can access it here: <https://forms.office.com/e/QUgPp6SNFz>

We should be grateful if you would submit your responses by Friday 14 March. As soon as we have reviewed your responses we will provide you with further information as to how the scheme will work for you and your child(ren).



As we often talk about, reading should be as fun as possible. This will help to develop your child's love of reading.

For a change from their reading book, your child could try reading jokes, rhymes or even tongue twisters!

Enjoy the selection below...

What followed the dinosaur?

Its tail!

'Eleven elves licked eleven little liquorice lollipops.'

Attendance Matters

We are delighted to announce that the winner at the half way stage of the school year are the...PERSEVERING PUFFINS...with a total class attendance of over 95%, closely followed by another Key Stage 1 class, the CURIOUS KINGFISHERS!



Wraparound Menu Changes

Due to updated guidance we've had to slightly change our wraparound menu on Tuesdays. We've changed crackers for pittas with a choice of fillings. Copies of the updated menu can be found on the school website

Hope you all have a restful week and we look forward to seeing all the children back on the 25th!





**Calendar
2024-2025**

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Monday 24th February	Inset Day	School closed to pupils	Whole School
Every Thursday	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Whole school
Wednesday 5th March	Class photos	All day	Whole school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day	All day	Whole school
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day	All Day	Whole school
Thursday 10th July-Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2

HALF-TERM : Monday 17th February -Friday 21st February
Inset Day: Monday 24th February
SCHOOL REOPENS: Tuesday 25th February

Year Group News

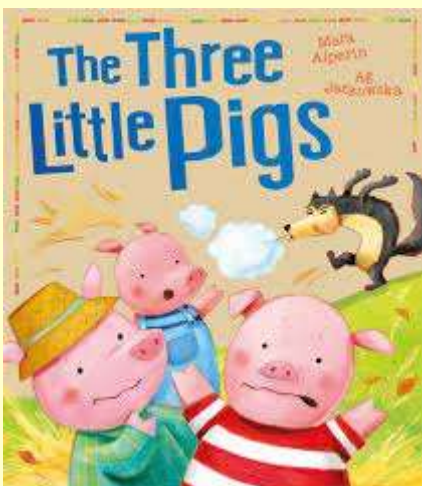
Nursery



We have finished off our 'Rhyme Time' topic with a week focusing on 'star rhymes'. The children have loved singing lots of rhymes and zooming to the moon.

We have read 'Whatever Next'. The children have been acting out the story using lots of props. We decided that the moon is not very exciting in the story, and so we created our own adventures for Baby Bear.

When we return to school, we will be starting our new topic 'Traditional Tales'. A new knowledge organiser will be sent home during the first week. Our first traditional tale will be 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be using a 'talk for writing' story map to retell the story. A copy of our story map will be sent home. We will be reading lots of different versions of 'The Three Little Pigs' and talking about how they are the same and different. The children will be building their own houses using sticks, straw, and bricks.



Enjoy the half term holidays and we will see you on **Tuesday 25th.February**

Reception



This week the children have really enjoyed learning about the firefighters as the last part of our 'real life superhero' topic.

They particularly enjoyed the visit from the firefighters and exploring the fire engine, equipment and hose!



In maths the children have enjoyed exploring the number 8 and all the different ways we can make it e.g., 5 and 3, 6 and 2. Also we have been learning about how to stay safe when using the internet. We learnt some rules to help keep us safe.

After half term our topic will be 'Once upon a time' which focuses on traditional tales. Our 'Talk for Writing' book next half term will be 'The Magic Porridge Pot'



through which the children will create story mountains, story maps and write about the story. We will send further information about this story home.

In maths we will be focusing on length and height, we will be measuring a range of objects using nonstandard units e.g. Cubes and putting them in length or height order. We will be celebrating the lead up to 'Shrove Tuesday' by having pancake races in our PE session.



Young Artists Publication

Thank you to all those who have given permission to publish your child's artwork for the 'Me and My Family' book which will be published on the 10th March 2025. If you haven't yet given your permission they have extended the deadline to 16th February 2025.

Key Stage One



This half term has absolutely flown by!

The children have loved our Active Planet topic and have learnt so much about the weather and climates around the world. Thank you so much for the weather forecast videos you have been sending through on Class Dojo...they are AMAZING!

The children really enjoyed making weather charts and it's so lovely to hear that lots of them are on display at home.

Thank you to everyone who came along to parents' evening meetings this week. It was great to catch up about your child's learning journey at William Lilley.

When we return after the holidays, we will be starting a new topic called 'Rumble in the Jungle'. We have lots of exciting learning planned with a focus on geography, science and art.



During the first week back we will be starting our new book: Where The Wild Things Are. To launch this new unit we will have a **pyjama day on Wednesday 26th February**, just like main character in the book!

In topic lessons we will be beginning to learn about the Amazon Rainforest in more detail.

In Maths we will be concentrating on money, recognizing the coins and notes and adding to make totals.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025



WE NEED TO BE SAFE ONLINE



ASK YOURSELF IS
THIS TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE?

DON'T CLICK
IF YOU DON'T
KNOW

~~CLICK HERE~~



ALWAYS TELL A
TRUSTED ADULT IF
SOMETHING MAKES
YOU CONFUSED OR SAD

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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSES FRIESLAND SCHOOL

"AN ACTION PACKED DAY OF FOOTBALL FOR
CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 6"



9.00am - 3.30pm



Wednesday 19th -
Friday 21st February

£18 PER DAY

- Fun football programme
- Individual development, shooting games, and tournaments
- Highly qualified & trained coaching staff
- End of course presentation



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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE **Ofsted**
www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk **Register**

Speech, Language & Communication Early Years Parents & Carers Drop-In

Come along to one of our early years drop-in sessions for **children under 4 years old** if you'd like to talk with us about your child's **talking and communication**.

No need to book! Just pick a date and come along with your child at any time during the session.

We'll be there to chat, play, answer questions and give ideas!

Nottinghamshire Families Only

Where and When?

January 2025

Friday 10th January 9am-11am – **Ladybrook Family Hub**, 116 Somersall St, Mansfield, NG19 6EW

Monday 13th January 9am-11am – **Hucknall Family Hub**, Broomhill Rd, Hucknall, NG15 6AJ

Monday 20th January 9am-11am – **Chilwell Family Hub**, Great Hoggett Dr, Chilwell, NG9 4HQ

Tuesday 28th January 9am-10.45am – **Ollerton Family Hub**, Dukeries Academy, Whinney Ln, New Ollerton, NG22 9TD

February 2025

Thursday 6th February 9am-10.45am - **West Bridgford Young People's Centre**, Bridgford Rd, West Bridgford, NG2 6AT

Tuesday 11th February 9am-10.30am - **Arnbrook Family Hub**, Bestwood Lodge Dr, Arnold, NG5 8NE

Tuesday 18th February 9am-10.30am – **Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub**, Swan Ln, Mansfield Woodhouse, NG19 8BT.

Monday 24th February 9am-11am - **Newark Family Hub**, 168 Bowbridge Rd, Newark NG24 4EG

March 2025

Tuesday 4th March 9am-10.45am - **Kirkby Family Hub**, Pavillion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, NG17 7LL

Monday 17th March 9am-11am – **Killisick Community Centre**, Killisick Rd, Arnold, NG5 8DB

April 2025

Thursday 3rd April 9am-11am **Beeston North Family Hub**, Alderman Cl, Beeston, NG9 2RH

Monday 7th April 9am-11am **Sutton in Ashfield Family Hub**, Clare Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield NG17 5BB

For any queries, please call 0300 123 3387