



### A note from Mrs Beardsley

Welcome back everyone! We all hope you had an enjoyable Easter break together. The children have settled back into school brilliantly, they have really enjoyed being introduced to their new learning opportunities and topics. Please look out for your child's knowledge organisers which show what they will be focusing upon this term. For more details of the learning this term, please see the class pages section of the newsletter.

### May Day Thursday 1st May

Why not come and join your child next



Thursday for Maypole  
Margherita pizza served  
herbed new potatoes and  
vegetable crudites followed by a lemon drizzle muffin?  
Bookings can be made via the school money app £3.79.  
Please advise of any allergens.



### Den Building & Picnic Theme Nights

Theme nights are back this half term!  
Monday 12th May Years 1 & 2  
Tuesday 13th May - Nursery & Reception 15.15-18.00  
Please see attached flyer.  
Bookings can be made now via the schoolmoney app

### Universal Breakfast club

It has been brilliant to see so many children come and join us for breakfast each day. This is a FREE OFFER available for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like your child to come along, please book them in on the SchoolMoney App and bring them to school at 8.15am. See you then!



### National Offer Day – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

We would like to warmly welcome all of our new reception children who will be joining us in September. We are thrilled to see that many of the children joining reception will be doing so in small classes, allowing them the opportunity to thrive in our nurturing and inspiring environment. We look forward to sharing more details with you within the next couple of weeks.



Year two parents will also have received notification of placements for their child into Year three in September. Over the next few months, we will be working closely with the next schools to organise a transition plan for all our Year two children who will be moving on in September.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask!



### READING

Author of the Term – Oliver Jeffers



Our focus author this term is Oliver Jeffers. There is a display in the library for the children to enjoy. Copies of Oliver Jeffers 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

This year we are updating our attendance arrangements in line with the DfE 'Working together to improve attendance' recommendations. Our school council have been supporting in considering the children's rewards and what they would like to see. This week, in our PROUD assembly we will be introducing our **new 100%** attendance rewards. If your child has been at school every day, their name will be entered into a prize draw for the week and each week one child will be selected to choose from the attendance prizes. Our school council loved this idea to replace the previous one prize per term as it gives more chance to win. Good luck everyone! Remember you have to be in the draw to win!



Welcome back!  
What a lovely first week back. We have enjoyed listening to what all the children have been up to over Easter and the children have loved playing and catching up with old and lots of new friends as we introduced our new FREE Universal breakfast Club for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from 8.15am every day. Why not give it a try?



Calendar  
2024-2025

Date	Event	Time	Who?
Every Thursday – start date for Summer Term to be announced shortly	Reading morning	8.35-8.55am	Whole school
Anyday	Come Dine with me	Lunch time	Whole school
<b>Thursday 1st May</b>	<b>Maypole margherita</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Monday 12th May</b>	<b>Den building &amp; picnic Theme Night</b>	<b>15.15-18.00</b>	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Tuesday 13th May</b>	<b>Den building &amp; picnic Theme Night</b>	<b>15.15-18.00</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b>
<b>Thursday 15th May</b>	<b>Manor Farm</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Ladybirds &amp; Butterflies</b>
Wednesday 11th June	Ark Farm	10.00-14.00	Nursery
Thursday 10th July- Friday 11th July	Woodlands Residential	All day	Year 2
<b>14th-18th July</b>	<b>Sports week</b>		<b>Whole school</b>

**Bank Holiday Monday 5th May**

**Half Term Monday 26th May -Friday 30th May**

## Year Group News

### Nursery

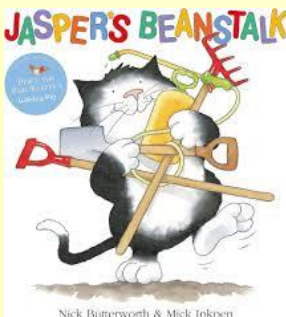


The children have settled back into nursery brilliantly after the Easter holidays. We have loved listening to all of their stories about their time at home.

This week we have started our new topic, 'The Circle of Life'. Look out for a knowledge organiser coming home soon.

We have started the topic by learning about the spring. The children have been outside looking at signs of spring and how the natural world is changing with the season.

Next week we will be reading the stories 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and 'The Tiny Seed'. We will be learning about plants and what they need to grow.



We will be focusing on our maths skills next week, looking at length and counting accurately.

In phonics, we are preparing for Read Write Inc lessons.

Please check that all your child's cardigans and jumpers are named.

### Reception



The children have made a fabulous start back to the summer term, following the Easter break and have settled back into the routines brilliantly. They are very egg-cited about our new topic 'Squeak, Cluck, Roar' and this week we have looked at the life cycle of a duck. The children have made their own life cycle information maps using the vocabulary 'First, Next, After that and Finally'. We have also created our own class story information text about this life cycle.

The life cycle of the duck will be our focus for our Talk for Writing over the next few weeks.



Next week the children will be writing their own class story map about the life cycle of a duck and using the story vocabulary to retell it.

In maths we will be learning to have a deeper understanding of number 14 to 20 including counting, matching and comparing numbers. We will also be having a special delivery on Tuesday which we will keep you updated with throughout the week on class dojo.

#### Farm Trip

You should have received a letter about our upcoming trip to the farm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, please speak to one of the Reception team should you have any questions. We will need some parent helpers to come along with us so please let us know if you are able to. Thank you.



#### PE Kits

Our PE lessons will start again next week, so please return your PE kits if you haven't done so already, many thanks. Brilliant Butterflies PE day remains on a Monday afternoon and Lovely Ladybirds on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Key Stage One



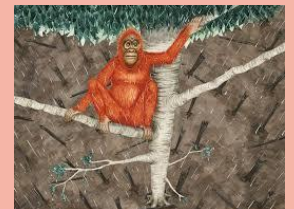
We have had a lovely first week back in Key Stage 1! The children have settled in brilliantly and are showing such enthusiasm and determination in their learning.

This week we started our new topic, *Pollution Solution*, where children learn about environmental issues and how we can look after the animals on our planet.

In science this week, children have been classifying animals and grouping them according to what they eat. They've identified lots of examples of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. Next week, we'll be learning about food chains and beginning to explore the habitats of different animals.

CARNIVOROUS		HERBIVOROUS		OMNIVOROUS	
Tiger	Ducklefish	Rhinoceros	Deer	Hedgehog	Boar
Platypus	Anteater	Parrot	Koala	Shark	Monkey
Shark	Lion	Hippopotamus	Giraffe	Koala	Bear
Walrus	Penguin	Kangaroo	Elephant	Turtle	Ostrich

In English, the children have really enjoyed reading *Buddy's Rainforest Rescue* and learning about the important issue of deforestation. Next week, we will be innovating a story map based on another environmental issue, focusing on the use of conjunctions and adjectives within our writing.



In maths, Year 1 will be revisiting addition within 20 and applying their knowledge to solve word problems. Year 2 will be focusing on problem-solving and using what they've learnt throughout the year to solve a range of reasoning questions. We are so proud of how hard the children are working and look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

# Mini Explorers

## Den Building & Picnic Theme Night

Nursery &  
Reception

Tuesday 13  
May

3.15 - 6.00pm

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APPLICATION PACKS AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING SCHOOL  
Deadline for applications: Monday 28 April 2025, 09:00am

William Lilley Infant & Nursery School, Halls Road, Stapleford, NG9 7FS  
[www.williamlilley.notts.sch.uk](http://www.williamlilley.notts.sch.uk) 0115 917 9277 [office18@williamlilley.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office18@williamlilley.notts.sch.uk)

## Speech, Language and Communication Early Years Parents and Carers Drop-In

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



**Chilwell Family Hub**  
Great Hoggett Drive  
Chilwell  
Nottingham  
NG9 4HQ

JOIN  
US



**Monday 16th June 2025**  
9am to 11am



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

We will be there to chat, play and answer any questions and give ideas!

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