

William Austin Infant School



Curriculum Newsletter 10 June 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term is going really fast and it is another very busy one. Attached to this letter is some information about the work your child will be doing at school this half-term. Curriculum plans do change sometimes, but we hope this information will be of interest to you.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Kang, Headteacher



The weather at the moment is quite unpredictable, sunny one day and raining the next! Can you please make sure your child brings their coat to school every day.

If it is sunny, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school, and send them in to school with a sun hat to wear when they go outside to play. We do reduce the length of time the children spend outside if it's very hot, and will make use of the shaded and sheltered areas on the playgrounds to protect them from the sun.

Please can they also remember to bring a water bottle and their book bag to school each day.



Polite reminder

To ensure the safety of the children and avoid congestion and accidents, we kindly ask that parents do not allow their children to run around or play on the school grounds after they have been collected from class at the end of the day.

Please make sure your child stays with you at all times to ensure their safety and to prevent any falls or injuries as you leave the school grounds to make your way home. Thank you.



Special Assembly Diary Dates

Each Year group will be having a special End of Term Assembly that we would love you to join us for!

Year R - Tuesday 14 July

Year 1 - Wednesday 15 July, and

Year 2 - Thursday 16 July

More information will follow, but these assemblies will take place in the morning.

We want to give you as much notice as possible, so that working parents can book time off to attend if needed for these special events!



Parent Survey

This term we will be sending an email to all parents, inviting you to complete an online Parent Survey similar to that used by Ofsted in the inspection of schools to gather your views and feedback about our school. We would like you to tell us what you think we do well and where we could improve. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and we would really appreciate your participation. Thank you.



Starting School September 2027

If you have a child, or know anyone that has a child, born between

1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

who would like their child to attend our school from September 2027 please come into school to register them now.



A Note About 'Staying Safe'

Please help us to keep all children safe – if you bring your child to school by car, please:-

- **DO NOT** park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school
- **DO NOT** park on pavements in a way that it is difficult for others to get past with a buggy
- **DO NOT** park in a disabled space if you do not have a blue badge
- **DO NOT** drop your children off in the middle of the road
- **DO NOT** block local residents' driveways.
- Please **do not** enter the school car park, and **do not** use the car park entrance as a turning or drop off area.



Empathy Day Festival

This year's theme is **"Jump into some else's story"**

Tomorrow is Empathy Day. It is a really good way to enable children to develop their empathy skills through high quality literature. The aim of the day is to enable children to connect with themselves, others and the wider world through books and stories. Children will also be taking part in various activities throughout the day to help develop their empathy skills and identify their own and others' feelings whilst considering strategies and actions to help manage those feelings in everyday life.



National Clean Air Day

In school we will be recognising Clean Air Day on 18 June 2026. This national campaign aims to improve public understanding of air pollution and how it affects our health and the environment around us. It is also a good opportunity for our children to begin to develop an awareness of air pollution and some of the easier things we can all do to tackle it, helping to protect our health and the environment too.

The children will be asked to write a Pledge on how they might be able to help keep the air clean; for example they might pledge to walk to school rather than come by car! Hopefully this is something that as parents you could encourage too!



Science Day

On Friday 26th June we will be holding a Science day in school. This will involve children taking part in a range of different experiments throughout the day. We encourage children to see Science in everyday life and during Science day we will be encouraging children to try and be more observant to Science taking place around them. We also want children to see that many jobs use Science and how important this subject is in our daily lives.

As part of the day the children are invited to come to school dressed up as someone who uses Science within their job. This could be a doctor, vet, engineer, scientist, inventor or an astronaut. But please do not go out and buy a costume especially, try to create something from things you already have at home, for example an oversized white shirt can become a lab coat or doctor's jacket!



Author of the Month

This Month's Author is Julia Donaldson. Julia is an acclaimed children's author who has written over 200 books, including The Gruffalo, Zog, Room on the Broom and A Squash and a Squeeze to name just a few! The library has many of her books available for the children to borrow!

National Thank a Teacher Day

Next Wednesday, 17 June is National Thank a Teacher Day.

If you would like to, please complete a short Google form (see link in email) by 6pm on Tuesday 16 June to send your message of thanks to **any member of our school staff**. We will see that they receive your kind words. The link can be used more than once if you would like to thank more than one person!

Thank you for taking the time to make someone's day! All the school staff will really appreciate the lovely messages you write about them!!



Please share and discuss with your child



Year R WOWs!



Buttercup Class enjoyed making cards with our grown up at the Eid Workshop

Daisy Class have developed brilliant ball skills!



Poppy Class enjoying doing their art and crafts during our Eid Workshop



Snowdrop Class enjoyed exploring environments from the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'



Year 1 WOWs!

Oak Class Oak Class had a wonderful day at the Zoo



Beech Class enjoyed seeing all the animals we had been learning about at Whipsnade Zoo.

Pine Class enjoyed learning how to sew to make their pencil cases



Willow Class had a fantastic time visiting Whipsnade Zoo and seeing the animals they had learned about in Science.



Year 2 WOWs!



Kingfisher Class had a wonderful time exploring the Wonder House exhibition at the Wardown Park Museum

Lark Class loved viewing the Wonder House exhibition at Wardwon Park



Owl Class had a respectful discussion on Human Rights



Puffin Class enjoyed the Eid Workshop with their grown ups

