



William Austin Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year. This is the last newsletter of the school year, so please keep this part of the Newsletter in a safe place!

School closes at the end of the day on Friday 17 July 2026. The children return on **Wednesday 2 September 2026**.

Children moving to YEAR 2 should be taken to the main playground on Wednesday 2 September. Staff will be around to help you.

Children moving to YEAR 1 should be taken to their new classroom door. Pine and Beech classes should go to the Year 1 playground near Greenside, and Oak and Willow classes should come to the classroom doors near the main gate on Culverhouse Road.

Classroom doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am, and open from 3.20pm until 3.30pm in the afternoons.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break.



End of Term Party

We are marking the end of the school year tomorrow by having a non-uniform day and end of term party!

Children can come into school wearing non-uniform clothes, but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes! No flip flops, strappy sandals, crocs or open toes please!

Please do not send in any food, school will provide this!



Level Trust Uniform Exchange

If you are having difficulty in affording new uniform please visit Level Trust Uniform Exchange by clicking on the link here: <https://www.uniform.exchange/>

Please also consider donating any good quality unwanted uniform that your child may have outgrown to this worthwhile cause. They will be appreciative for anything your child no longer needs. The Level Trust Uniform Exchange shop is located on the first floor of Frasers Plus shopping centre in Luton (previously known as The Mall), not far from Lidl Supermarket.



Lost Property

We have a vast mountain of lost property clothing that must belong to someone!! This will all be taken to a charity shop at the start of the Autumn term if it isn't claimed, so please come and take a look if your child has returned home at some point this year with only one glove, or without a hat or jumper or other item of clothing!!



Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2026

Preliminary results for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check show that the children have performed extremely well this year, with 79% of our children achieving the Phonics standard. We are immensely proud of their achievements!



Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Results for 2026

The attainment of children in Year 2 show that the outcome has overall been very impressive in all areas - Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. In Maths, Writing and Reading the children have done exceptionally well. We are incredibly proud of the Year 2 children and their individual achievements. We are also particularly proud of the increasing numbers of children who have achieved 'Working at Greater Depth within the Expected Standard' in Maths, Writing and Reading. It has been a very successful year, and our standards and attainment have seen outstanding outcomes.

Well done to all the Year 2 children for achieving their very best. Remember, always try your very best and never give up!

Early Years Foundation Stage in 2026

The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage were assessed and achieved a Good Level of Development of 74.5%, which is above the Luton average. We are very proud of all the children. We have some good readers and writers in Year R and we have been very pleased with the children's attainment. The children have grown in confidence and are becoming more independent.

I am very proud of the achievements of the children. These excellent results come from their hard work and also that of the staff and the continued support you provide from home.



Staff News

We were sad to say farewell to Miss Kauser who left us at the end of June. Miss Kauser had been a Teaching Assistant at the school since September 2009. Although she worked across all year groups, she worked mainly in Year 2. Miss Kauser was an extremely dedicated and committed member of the support staff team. She will be missed by us all and we wish her every success for the future.

Good luck
we will miss you

Feedback on Parent Wraparound Care Survey

Thank you to all the parents who responded to this survey. Although responses showed low uptake and interest, after careful consideration, the school have decided to continue running our current before school 'Sunshine Club' childcare provision. The responses showed a low demand for after school care so we will not be offering this service at this stage.

Free School Breakfast - We expressed an interest and have liaised with the Department of Education (DfE) regarding the offer of free school breakfast under the Early Adopter Scheme and I am pleased to inform parents that we will be providing a free breakfast to all our children from September 2026 from 8.45 a.m. when they enter the classroom. Year 1 and 2 breakfast will commence on 7 September and Year R on 14 September 2026. More detailed information will be included in September's newsletter. Please note the school timings remain unchanged.

Parent Survey Outcomes

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete the Parent Survey. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback! All parents either agreed or strongly agreed that our school provided a happy and safe environment for their child. All parents also believe, or strongly believe, that their child is taught well, make good progress and are well behaved and the school responds well to all concerns raised. Here are just a few of your lovely comments:

"The children enjoy being at school and learning. I think the parents enjoy joining in the parent/child workshops staff run"

"My child has spent 3 years in the infant's so she will be moving to junior side in September. I feel that she has had a brilliant learning experience from year R through to year 2. She has had great teachers who have helped her flourish they have supported her and helped bring out the best in her with all her subjects. The teachers and teachers assistants do an amazing job teaching our kids."

"My child is supported well within the school. My child is happy and enjoys his class. Has a good relationship with the class teacher"

"Keep parents updated with everything which I think is good."

"Fantastic staff, the school has a very nice vibe, there's lots of opportunities for parents to get involved, the newsletter is concise and informative"

"Happy with everything about the school"

And finally.....Thanks to You!

Thank you for your support and interest in your children's education and what is going on in school. It has been so lovely to see so many parents at the end of year Assemblies for all year groups this week, I hope you brought your tissues!! The Year 2 Leavers assembly in particular was very emotional, and I'm not sure if there was a dry eye in the house by the time they sang their final song!! It was really fantastic to see all the children sharing their learning experiences, opportunities offered to them and their best memories. Thank you to those parents who stopped and thanked the staff after each assembly and passed on such kind comments about our staff, and the school as a whole. It means so much that you recognise our commitment and determination to do our very best to help your children to develop and grow as individuals shine and achieve their very best!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their continued hard work - the school office for ensuring the school runs smoothly and are a great support to the school, the teachers, classroom support staff and family worker who do a fantastic job in ensuring that our children receive quality teaching and care and go beyond for our families and children and our premises staff who do a fantastic job keeping our school environment welcoming, clean and safe. Thank you also to our school governors, for their hard work and commitment to the school, and most of all to thank the children. This has been a very special year, highlighted by the fabulous memories we have made together.

I hope you have an enjoyable time over the summer with your children. I have been very touched by the number of you who have given me so much support and I appreciate your kind words during this year.

I look forward to seeing most of you again in September.

To Year 2 children and any others who are leaving us, I would like to say thank you for working so hard, keep believing in yourself and good luck for the future.

A final farewell to our Year 2 parents who have a child leaving us for the last time - we bid you a fond goodbye. We will miss you and your families and wish you the very best for the future.



WOW moments!!



Year 2 enjoyed their day out at Whipsnade Zoo seeing the animals in their nature habitats. They saw the baby elephant who just 4 weeks old, a very hot and sleepy rhino, flamingos and beautiful butterflies. The highlight was a spectacular bird show!



All the children had a wonderful time taking part in the Sports afternoon. Children participated in a carousel of activities on the Junior school sports field including a sprint race, standing long jump, and egg and spoon race. The event was very well supported by our parents - thank you for being there to cheer on your child and their class.



Year R children had a fun packed day when the farm came to William Austin!

Children came to school dressed up as a farmer. They enjoyed meeting some farm animals including a pony, a rabbit, a guinea pig, chickens and goats. Each class spent time outside feeding the goats, brushing the pony's coat and gently stroking the rabbit, guinea pig and chickens.

The children made animal-shaped biscuits and also took part in a Farmers' race! The children had a very enjoyable day!