



William Austin Infant School

Spring Newsletter 12 February 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very close to the end of the first half of the Spring Term. I am sure we are all looking forward to spring and some better weather. We hope you have a nice half-term break.

We look forward to inviting you into school to attend various learning events, from classroom workshops and meetings to special events, assemblies and story-times.

We also look forward to taking the children out on external school trips. In March, Year 2 children will be visiting the Wardown House Museum and the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery in Aylesbury, and there will be more trips on offer during the rest of the school Year.



Kind Regards,

Mrs Kang, Headteacher

Thank you's

Storytelling Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you come along to the children's Storytelling sessions last week! We really enjoy inviting you in for events such as this, and you always show your support!

Parent's Evening

Thank you too, to all the parents who attended Parent's Evening last night. We were pleased to see how many of you took the time to come along to discuss your child's learning, and we hope you found the evening useful.

Please remember, we are always happy to discuss any concerns you may have, please contact your child's class teacher via the class email address in the first instance.



Dropping Off and Picking Up Before and After School

Please do not bring children to the office or leave them outside unattended before or after school.

We also have some children who are regularly late being dropped off or collected late from school.

Please make sure you are punctual with your children, at both the start and the end of the school day. It is very unsettling for children to walk late into their class, or to wait for you to arrive at the end of the school day.

Routine Medical Appointments

Your child's attendance is very important.

Please could you ensure that any routine medical appointments are made during the school holidays, or if possible at the end of the school day.



Staff News

We are pleased to welcome back both Mrs Stanley and Mrs Vogel this week as they return from maternity leave. Mrs Stanley will be teaching Owl Class on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mrs Vogel will be teaching Snowdrop Class on Thursdays and Fridays.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Site Agent, Mr Donnelly, who has joined us this week.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Bando, one of our Specialist Teaching Assistants, as she moves on to pastures new. We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Swindell in January, as she left to start a new job at a high school nearer to home. We wish them all the very best in their new posts, and will miss them both here at William Austin Infants.

Retirement News

After nearly 25 years of unwavering and dedicated service to the school we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Wild. Many parents and children will have come across Mrs Wild and experienced her warm, kind and caring nature. Mrs Wild has always gone over and above for everyone and her excellent skills range from giving first aid to both children and adults, fixing school printers and photocopiers to baking cakes! There's not much that Mrs Wild has not been able to fix, resolve or make better! In true Mrs Wild fashion, she will be returning for a short time after half term to help in the Office whilst we recruit for her replacement. We wish Mrs Wild a very happy retirement!

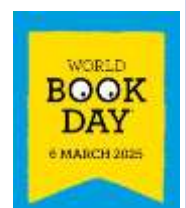
World Book Day 2026

On **Thursday 5 March** our school will be taking part in World Book Day. It is designed to encourage children and adults to enjoy books and storytelling. This year in school we have decided to use this day to highlight the importance of sharing books with each other and reading regularly.

To celebrate, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Please do not spend money on an expensive outfit from a shop, when there are lots of ideas for simple home-made costumes that can be easily crafted at a fraction of the price!

Parents will also be invited in for a fun reading and Storytime session.

More details will follow immediately after half term.



Half-term holiday

School closes at the end of tomorrow afternoon, Friday 13 February and reopens Monday 23 February.

World Book Day Thursday 5 March - Children can dress as their favourite book characters. More details to follow nearer the time.

Year 2 Walk to Wardown House Friday 13 March

Year 2 visiting Wardown House as part of the 'My Museum' Project.



Red Nose Day Friday 20 March

(We will be collecting donations for a local charity rather than the national campaign)

Wednesday 25/Thursday 26 March

Year 2 trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery in Aylesbury. Owl and Kingfisher Class visit on the Wednesday, Lark and Puffin Class visit on the Thursday.

Eid Non-Uniform Day Friday 27 March - Special Lunch Menu, children can wear non-uniform clothes

Last day of Spring Term Friday 27 March

Parking outside school

Please remember:

Do not park or drive on the pavements

Do not block local residents' driveways.

Do not park in a disabled space if you do not have a 'blue badge'.

Thank you



And Finally,

We would like to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating this blessed month.

May this month bring you peace, blessings and an abundance of joy!



WOW moments!!



Our Super Stars for January's Value of Tolerance are:

Year R: Zaina (Buttercup), Aminah (Daisy), Dawoud (Poppy), Aleha (Snowdrop)

Year 1: Maymuna (Beech), Ismaeel (Oak), Musa (Pine), Hadia (Willow)

Year 2: Ibrahim (Kingfisher), Fatima (Lark), Musa (Owl), Sami (Puffin)

Congratulations to you all! We are very proud of you!

