

William Austin Infant School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support of working together with our school throughout the first term of this current school year.

On behalf of all the staff at William Austin Infant School, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to those of you who are celebrating, and a very Happy New Year to everyone. A safe and happy holiday to you all.

Mrs B Kang, Headteacher.



Christmas Parties

Reminder



The children will be having their parties on the final day of term tomorrow (Friday 19 December) **during the afternoon.**

They can wear non-uniform clothes and their festive jumpers to school. Please make sure that your child is wearing sensible shoes. **Please do not send clothes in for your child to change into**, and please do not send any food.

Children will have their school lunch as normal, the party food they eat will not replace their lunch!

Children's Christmas Performances

We were so pleased to welcome parents in to see the children's Christmas performances, and it was lovely to see so many of you! Each year group played to a packed house, and they all behaved and performed brilliantly well!!

A big thank you to the staff who worked so hard behind the scenes to plan and rehearse with the children over the past week or so.

Practice really does make perfect!

We are so incredibly proud of all of the children, and I'm sure that you are too!



After School Clubs for Year 1 and 2

The after school club places have been allocated, and confirmation letters went home with the children last Thursday. The Sports clubs will run for a total of 10 weeks, and Lego Club will run for 5 weeks. All Clubs will start on the week commencing Monday 12 January 2026. All the information you need is on the confirmation slip.

We hope the children enjoy taking part in their chosen club!



Starting School and Transfer to Junior School Applications 2026

Applications for Transfer to Junior School and Starting School 2026 must be submitted by **15 January 2026 at the very latest**. It is particularly important that parents who have children in Year 2 apply for their child's Junior School place by this date. Any applications made after this date are late applications, and will not be considered in the first round of allocations. Please also ensure when applying online that you receive an email receipt from Luton Borough Council to confirm your application has gone through.

We have been informed by the council that at least 26 parents have not yet submitted their child's application for Junior School transfer! We have emailed these parents directly to remind them. If you have any problems, please contact the Admissions Team at Luton Borough Council on 01582 548016 or call at the school office.



Advance Notice for Next Term's Milk Money

The milk letter for the Spring Term will be sent home on Friday 9 January 2026.

PLEASE DON'T SEND MONEY INTO SCHOOL BEFORE THIS DATE.

Milk will cost **£14.85** for the whole Spring term for children in Year 1 & 2.

Year R parents will need to refer to their individual letters, as children in Year R are entitled to free school milk until they turn five years old.

The last day for payment will be 9.15am on Wednesday 14 January 2026. No payments or orders will be accepted after this date and time, as we have to place one milk order for the whole term.



Year 1 Theatre Trip

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Hat Factory last Wednesday to see 'The King's Polar Bear'!! They were impeccably behaved, and this was commented on by the Theatre staff too!

Thank you to our parent helpers who came along, we hope you enjoyed the experience too!

All year groups will get the opportunity to go on different trips in the new year, more details will follow in due course.

Staff News

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bibi at the end of this term. Mrs Bibi is one of our amazing SEND Teaching Assistants and has worked in Year R and Year 1 during her two and a half years with us, and we will miss her.

We wish her good luck in her new post, and all the very best for the future.



We are also saying goodbye to Mr Fforde, our Site Agent, who has worked at our school for 3 and a half years.

We would like to formally welcome back Mrs Malik, who has returned from maternity leave after the birth of her second child! Mrs Malik is teaching Owl Class on Thursdays and Fridays, with Mrs Patel remaining in class Monday to Wednesday.



Diary Dates

- Friday 19 December - Last day of term
- Tuesday 6 January - Children return to school
- Monday 16 to Friday 20 February - School closed for half term
- Monday 23 February - Children return to school
- Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 March - Year 2 visit to Roald Dahl Gallery (2 classes each day, more info to follow)
- Friday 27 March - Last day of the Spring term
- Monday 13 April - Staff Training Day (closed for children)
- Tuesday 14 April - Children return to school

Fabulous Fundraising!

Our school raised £193.92 in donations for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and their annual appeal.



Thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform day in November, we raised £297.99 for Level Trust!!



Jolly Jumper Day last Friday raised £299.03 for The Luton & Dunstable Hospital Charity, and we have requested that your donations are used for the Paediatric Unit.



On behalf of all three charities I'd like to thank you for your kindness and generosity.

As a school we have made the decision to support local charities even when there is a national campaign. There are many charities close to home who do not benefit from national campaigns, so we feel that it is important to highlight the work they do for our local community and support them through various fundraising events.

This year we plan to support Keech Hospice, as well as other local charities, such as CHUMS, Luton Foodbank and Autism Bedfordshire.

School will close at the end of the afternoon (3.20pm) on Friday 19 December and re-open for children on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

Monday 5 January is a staff training day



WOW moments!!

The Big Draw Competition

You may remember that our children took part in a competition to design a school uniform earlier this term. Called The Big Draw, this was organised by The Level Trust, and we were amazed by the amount of entries we received! The Level Trust were equally impressed, and were pleased to tell us that a child from our school had been selected as the overall winner from all the Luton Schools! What brilliant news!!

So, a HUGE congratulations to Rayaan from Oak Class for your super rocket design uniform!! Rayaan was so excited to be awarded with an Amazon Fire Tablet as his Overall Winner's prize in assembly a couple of weeks ago!

Congratulations also go to Medina from Willow, Dawud from Owl and Sulaiman from Lark, who were judged to be the top three entries for our school!



RockSteady Crew!!

We have some super budding musicians at our school!! Rocksteady Music come in to our school to give lessons to children whose parents have paid private tuition for their child. We have a keyboard player, a drummer, a guitarist and a vocalist!!

This term these children had been working hard to practise a song called 'Golden', which they performed to the whole school and to their very proud parents!!

If you would be interested in your child having private music lessons, please contact the school office, and we will be happy to put you in touch with RockSteady Music. They will explain what the lessons entail and how much it costs!

We thoroughly enjoyed your performance children!
A big well done to you all!!



Mulberry Court

This afternoon we were delighted to welcome some very special residents to our school!

A few of the residents from Mulberry Court came to see a special performance of Year 2's Christmas Play!! They really enjoyed watching the children perform, and stayed afterwards to have some tea and cake, whilst chatting with a few of the children. Just before the residents left school to make their way back home the children gave each of them a little Christmas gift to say thank you for coming to spend time with us!

These community links between our school and other local communities are so important, and the children love taking part just as much as the residents do!

