



William Austin Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

Up until now the weather has been fairly mild for the time of year, however this is beginning to change, so please make sure your child always brings a coat to school with them, even if they say they don't need one!

Thank you as always for supporting your child's learning. We will continue to do our very best to keep your children and our school community safe and well.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Kang, Headteacher

Poppy Appeal

Tomorrow is the final day to get your poppies and other merchandise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal ahead of Remembrance Sunday on 9 November. A separate letter went home before half term with more details on this.



Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 14 November, we will be having a non-uniform day to coincide with the BBC Children in Need Appeal. However, all donations made this year will be going to Level Trust, a local charity that supports families on low incomes who struggle with the cost of school life by helping with school uniform, shoes and coats as well as holiday schemes and laptops.

Suggested donations of £1. More information to follow.

Year 2 Science Lesson Observation

Join your child in class and take part in a practical Science lesson followed by storytime.

Please refer to the letter that was sent home, or email the office on the contact email above to check timings

Unfortunately, due to limited space in the classroom, only one adult can attend, and you will not be able to bring younger children with you. **Anyone arriving with children, will regrettably be turned away.**

'Living the Values the William Austin Way...'

Our Value for November is Respect

Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others. It is about acting in a way that shows others you care about their feelings, their values and their well-being.

You can show respect by:

- Speaking politely to others.
- Listening when others are talking.
- Treating property carefully and looking after it.



P.E Kits

We are noticing that some children are coming in to school on P.E days wearing branded hoodies and multicoloured P.E kits, which are not part of the school uniform.

Can I please remind parents that for P.E all children should be wearing are black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (with elasticated ankle cuffs), a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and plain black trainers or plimsolls. For warmth they should wear their school jumper or cardigan. This is the school's P.E uniform.

Please do not allow your child to wear hoodies, football kits and multi-coloured clothing. These are not acceptable for school, however much your child may prefer to wear them. Thank you.

Friendship Week - Monday 10 to Friday 14 November

The theme for this year's Friendship Week is 'Power for Good'. On Monday 10 November we will take part in 'Odd Socks Day', where the children are asked to wear odd socks alongside their main uniform. The children will be taking part in a range of activities in school, understanding what it means to be a friend and how good friends are an important part of our lives.



Road Safety Week - Monday 17 to Friday 21 November



Road Safety week is designed to raise awareness on how to stay safe when we are out and about as a road user and as a pedestrian. During this week the children will join in with activities focusing on road safety and how to keep safe when they are crossing the roads with adults. More information about Road Safety Week will be sent home nearer the time.



Ex-Staff News!!

Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children may remember Mrs MacDonald, a class teacher who left us at the end of the Summer Term.

At the time we informed you that she was expecting baby number three! Well... we are pleased to inform you that she and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl, who arrived three weeks early, in October!!

We send our love and congratulations to the MacDonald family for this wonderful news!



The Big Draw Competition

We were so pleased with the amount of entries we had for this competition, the artwork was amazing!!

As mentioned on the previous newsletter, we have showcased just a few of the fantastic entries on our WOW moments page of this newsletter!

Odd Socks Day

We are celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 10 November, as part of our Friendship week! Children must wear their normal school uniform, but with a pair of odd socks, that's all! It couldn't be simpler!

Please see the slip brought home today.



After-School Clubs

We are pleased that the Year 1 and Year 2 children are enjoying taking part in the After-School Clubs this term! They have certainly proved very popular! All sports clubs finish during the week commencing Monday 1 December

If your child is doing an After-School Club please remember to collect them on time at 4.30pm. If you pick them up later than 4.40pm on more than three occasions they will be withdrawn from the club for the remainder of the term.

The schedule for the Spring Term's After School Clubs will be sent home in December.

Starting School September 2026

If you or anyone you know has a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, please come to the School Office to register your interest now for them to attend our Infant School in September 2026. You have until 15 January 2026 to formally apply for a Infant School place in the first round of applications.

Transfer to Junior School September 2026

For Year 2 parents only: You should have received a letter from the Admissions team inviting you to apply for a Junior School place for your child. The deadline to submit your child's application for Junior School will be 15 January 2026. If you have not yet applied for a place, please ensure you do this as soon as possible. Please contact admissions@luton.gov.uk if you have any queries.



Parking outside School



Parking continues to be a major concern on the roads around school. Please be considerate to the local residents and other road users and remember:

- Don't park or drive on the pavement
- Don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines
- Don't park in a disabled space if you don't have a 'blue badge'
- Don't block local residents' driveways
- Keep within the speed limit and be aware of pedestrians crossing the road

We do understand how frustrating it is when the roads are blocked and it's difficult to park, but we **MUST** remind you to be courteous and respectful to each other! If everyone tried to park a little bit further from the school gates the traffic would flow much more freely!

Please do not park across the driveways of our local residents, especially if there is a car on the drive already. Think how it would affect you if someone prevented you from leaving for an urgent appointment because they had parked inconsiderately and blocked your drive with their car...

Unfortunately, we have no jurisdiction on the parking around school and there is very little we can do, other than continue to remind people to be patient and polite. Staff on duty outside are not Traffic Wardens, and it is not their role to monitor the parking before and after school each day, therefore we rely on parents to be considerate.

If you have any concerns about parking please phone **Parking Enforcement on 01582 548523.**

Lost or Damaged Reading and Library Books

If your child loses or damages their Library or Reading book there is a fee that parents need to pay before another book can be issued. The fee goes toward replacing the book

The charge is £5.00 per book. This fee is payable to the school office if your child loses a book at home, or if it is damaged by them or someone else outside of the school setting.

However, if a lost book is later found and returned the £5.00 fee will be fully refunded.



School Trips

We are looking forward to taking the children on various exciting excursions throughout the school year.

The first of these will be a Theatre Trip for Year 1 children to Luton Hat Factory to see 'The Three Bears' on Wednesday 10 December!

A letter regarding this will be sent home this Friday, 7 November.



Diary Dates

Week commencing 10 November - Friendship Week,

Monday 10 November - Year R Phonics Information Meeting

Monday 10 November - Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks with your normal uniform)

Thursday 13 November - Year 2 Science Lesson observation

Friday 14 November - Non-Uniform Day for Level Trust Uniform Exchange.

Week commencing 17 November - Road Safety Week

More information to follow

Wednesday 10 December - Year 1 Theatre trip to The Hat Factory, Luton

Monday 15 December - Year R Christmas Performance

Tuesday 16 December - Year 1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17 December - Year 2 Christmas Performance

Friday 19 December - Last day of the Autumn term



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WOW moments!!

