



William Austin Infant School

3 April 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the Spring Term is almost upon us, and I hope you are looking forward to the forthcoming break! We look forward to seeing many of you at the Eid Workshop tomorrow, and we also have the Year 1 Phonics meeting taking place on 28 April too!

In the Summer term we look forward to inviting you into classroom workshops and celebration assemblies. Thank you once again for all your continued support.

I hope all our families that celebrated Eid at the start of the week had a wonderful time! And to those celebrating Easter; I hope you all enjoy this special time of year with your family and friends.

Kind regards, Mrs B Kang, Headteacher



Easter Activities

The Easter holidays are a valuable time for families to spend together. There are plenty of activities and events going on both locally and nationally for us all to enjoy, and if we are lucky enough to see some sunshine too it's the perfect opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy the parks and surrounding countryside.

We would ask that you use some of the time to focus on the children's learning at home too though. Year 2 will be bringing home some Easter holiday tasks to complete which relate to their curriculum work, and Year 1 will have some Phonics learning to complete in preparation of their Phonics Screening Checks in June.

We do still have our learning activity grids for each year group on the school website too. These have not only academic tasks, but lots of fun suggestions for things to do both indoors and outside, like baking a cake, following a work-out video, and going on a shape hunt!! A good resource to use if the children need something to keep them occupied while they are off, especially in the wet weather we have been having recently!!

Click on the link to take you to our website page -

<https://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk/home-learning/>

Thank you for all your Charity Donations!

We raised a fabulous £262.66 for Keech when we celebrated Number Day in February, when we all dressed in clothes with numbers on, and supported this fabulous local charity.



We also raised an amazing £316.86 for another local charity, FOBE, when we wore red on Red Nose Day earlier in March.

The Easter Egg Raffle, also in aid of Keech has caused great egg-citement!! We raised a cracking £152.45!! The Year R and Year 1 raffle was drawn yesterday in assembly, and the Year 2 raffle has been drawn in assembly today. A big thank you to all parents, carers and staff who have supported us with these events.

We talk with the children about the reason for these collections, and encourage them to reflect on their own good fortune. Thank you for your generosity.

Hello Baby!

Congratulations to Mrs Badar and her husband who welcomed their second gorgeous girl into their family earlier this month! We are so happy for them and we look forward to saying hello, and welcome to the world, to their new bundle of joy!



Eid ul-Fitr, Workshop and the Last Day of Term

It is the final day of the Spring Term this Friday 4 April we will be celebrating Eid in school with the children! There will be a special Eid Menu, and Eid activities for them to do throughout the day. Children can wear their Eid clothes to school too! They must wear sensible shoes!!

To start the Eid festivities you are invited to attend a workshop in your child's class. Anyone arriving late will be turned away, so please be on time. We regret that younger siblings **will not** be able to join in on this occasion, as there is limited space in the class to do the crafts we have planned, so please make arrangements for little ones to be looked after at home.

The Eid menu is available to view on the last page of this newsletter, and also on the school website, along with the relevant allergy information.



Happy Easter!



Starting School
September 2026

If you have a child born between **01.09.2021 and 31.08.2022** and you have not yet registered them for school, please do so now. Please bring your child's birth certificate and a proof of your address; e.g. utility bill or council tax statement etc. to the school office where the details will be recorded and sent to Luton Borough Council School Admissions.



Reading Selfies!

At William Austin Infant School we are enthusiastic readers and we know that over the holiday there will be plenty of time for children to keep reading every day. We love to promote a good book or a cosy reading nook to help inspire each other to read even more!



As such, we would like to update our central reading display in the library with 'Reading Selfies' and would like your help! Over the Easter holidays, we would like you to take a photo of your child reading and send it in to us via the class email. The photo could share your child's favourite place where they love to read or people who they enjoy sharing a good book with. It could simply be a photo of your child reading at home on their own. We look forward to seeing your photos and most importantly recommending a new book to a friend!

Year 1 Phonics Screening

The information meeting for Year 1 parents will be taking place on Monday 28 April. The children brought home a letter about this on Tuesday this week; there is a reply slip on the letter that we ask you complete and return, so that we can have an idea of numbers attending! We have requested that you try to find alternative care for younger siblings, but if you have no choice but to bring little ones with you, on this occasion you will be allowed to.

Diary dates

Parents, please check the newsletter that was emailed out to you on Thursday 3 April for all diary dates.

We no longer publish times of events, for viewing on the Newsletter uploaded to the website.

Parking outside school

This is a reminder to all our parents/carers about parking outside the school. We all have a duty of care to ensure the safety of all children and to be considerate and respectful towards everyone. Here is a list of things to remember:-

Please do not park on the zig-zag or double yellow lines.

Do not park or drive on the pavements.

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

Do not block or park in front of local residents' driveways, and do not verbally abuse those residents if they ask you to move!!

Watch Your Speed! We have been concerned with the number of cars that have been speeding on the road when the children are dropped off and collected from school. This is a **real danger to our children's safety, please drive slowly around the school.**

The residents of Winslow Close contacted us earlier this month, voicing their concerns over inconsiderate parking outside their homes and driveways. I know that parking around school is tricky, but imagine if you were a resident close to the school and you were regularly blocked in. It would be very irritating! And although you might feel that it is 'only for 5 minutes', to a resident who needs to get to work, or go for an appointment it is very frustrating to have to wait until you return to your car! If a resident had an emergency that required an ambulance or fire engine, that vehicle would stand little or no chance of getting through at certain times of the day, due to the poor parking experienced. If you can walk to school, then please do, but if you do have to drive, then try to park a little bit further away, to avoid the heavy congestion we see at the moment!

Unfortunately, the school has no control over the policing of traffic or parking around the school, so if you do have any concerns about the parking, please contact Parking Enforcement on 01582 548523.



School will close at the end of the afternoon on Friday 4 April 2025,
and re-open for children on Wednesday 23 April 2025.

WOW MOMENTS!

Our Super Stars for March's Value of Politeness are:

Year R: Nylah (Buttercup), Ismaeel (Daisy), Anaya (Poppy), Maisur (Snowdrop)

Year 1: Musa (Beech), Nikita (Oak), Amirah (Pine), Faatimazahra (Willow)

Year 2: Ayat (Kingfisher), Ilyas (Lark), Khadijah (Owl), Ariyan (Puffin)

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



Our Easter Egg raffle raised a 'cracking' £152.45 for Keech Hospice!

Congratulations to our lucky winners, and thank you for your generosity!!

**KEECH
HOSPICE**♥