



William Austin Infant School

Curriculum Newsletter 23 April 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attached to this letter is some information about the work your child will be doing at school this half-term. Curriculum plans do change sometimes, but we hope this information will be of interest to you.

Best Wishes,

Mrs B Kang

Headteacher



School Uniform

Now that we are in the Summer Term children can wear the school's summer uniform!

The Summer uniform consists of a purple or lilac and white check dress, or dark grey or black shorts. Open toed and/or open heeled shoes and sandals are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

We would like to remind parents that children should always bring a jacket or coat to school, as the British weather is very changeable!

We do not expect to see our children wearing sun-glasses in school, so please keep these at home.

A final reminder that hair bands, ribbons/bows or scrunchies should be plain. Large hair accessories are not permitted e.g. hair bands with large flowers. Similarly, parents or carers who wish their children to wear a head covering (hijab) should ensure it is a 'ready-made' elasticated type that is of shoulder length and can be slipped on and off easily. It should be plain purple, dark grey, black or white in colour.

Online Safety

Bedfordshire Police's Internet Child Abuse Investigation Team (ICAIT) have issued an informative leaflet for parents and carers with the aim of:

- Informing parents and carers of the current threats posed to children online
- Informing parents and carers how to seek advice and support in the event their child is targeted online
- To ensure online safety learning provided within schools is echoed within the home environment

The leaflet is available to view on the school website under the Key Information - Online Safety tab, along with lots of other helpful tools for parents to help keep their children safe online.



'This Is My Place'

Most parents may recall that Sarah Owen, MP for North Luton asked for ideas from our children to contribute to Luton Borough Council 's project on enhancing community spaces across the town. Children were asked to design their own indoor or outdoor space/room where they can feel they belong. This creative piece of homework also tied in with the theme of Children's Mental Health Week: **Belonging**.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping your child think about and create their design. We received such a wonderful array of ideas showing places where children belong.

Pupil Parliament host Sarah Owen the Luton Member of Parliament

Our school had the privilege of welcoming the Luton North MP Sarah Owen to our school. She visited all the classes and then sat for discussion with the school's Pupil Parliament who had lots of questions to ask her. Sarah inspired and encouraged our pupils and particularly enjoyed discussing the competition entries for This Is My Place. She was really impressed with the winning entries selected by our pupil parliament.

Reading Rivers

2026 is the National Year of Reading. At William Austin Infant School we are enthusiastic readers and always look for ways to inspire children to read. Over the Easter holiday we asked children to create their very own unique Reading River. Reading Rivers are a way for children to share their reading journey so far by including what they like to read, who they read with and where.

Children have really impressed us by sharing their Reading Rivers with their class; we would like to thank parents for helping your child with this. We will be using the children's creative work to update our displays in school.



Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

This half term, Year 1 will be learning about animals and what better way to get to know more than a trip to Whipsnade Zoo! The trip will take place on Wednesday 13 May. Please look out for the trip letter which will be sent home to parents later this week.



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Please share and discuss with your child at home



Strawberry is the only fruit whose seed grows on the outside.



Author of the Month

This month's Author is Tom Percival

Tom Percival is artist, illustrator, musician and writer. He is well known for his uplifting stories that celebrate diversity and encourage children to be themselves.

He is the author of many well known picture books, including *By the Light of the Moon*, *The Sea Saw* and *The Invisible*. Tom's bestselling *Big Bright Feelings* picture book series offers perfect reading for building self confidence and managing feelings.



Monday 4 May - School Closed (Bank Holiday)

Wednesday 13 May - Year 1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

Eid Al Adha Parent workshops

- Year 2 Monday 18 May (afternoon - details to follow nearer the time)
- Year 1 Tuesday 19 May (afternoon - details to follow nearer the time)
- Year R Wednesday 20 May (afternoon - details to follow nearer the time)

Wednesday 20 May - Year 2 trip to Wardown Park

Friday 22 May - Last day of Summer 1st half-term

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May - Half-term holiday

Monday 8 June to Friday 12 June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 7 July - Year 2 trip to Frinton on Sea

Friday 17 July - Last day of Summer 2nd Term.



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YEAR R WOW'S!



Buttercup Class enjoyed painting our junk model dinosaurs.



Poppy Class enjoyed sharing a book with their grown ups on World Book Day



Daisy Class had fun with our parents at the Easter workshop



Snowdrop Class enjoyed learning about different materials



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YEAR 1 WOW'S!

Beech Class are having fun making their animal pencil cases



Oak Class had lots of fun creating and drawing at the Parent Easter workshop



Pine Class worked hard at making their crowns and boats linked to our new story in English.



Willow Class enjoyed their Eid party



YEAR 2 WOW'S!

Owl Class enjoyed exploring parts of Roald Dahl stories



Lark Class taking part in drama activities in Wardown House.



Kingfisher class had great fun acting out Charlie and the Chocolate Factory story at the Roald Dahl museum



Puffin Class had lots of fun at the Roald Dahl museum, especially when they pretended to be asleep so they could have a dream blown over them from the BFG's trumpet.

