



William Austin Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This first half-term has been very busy but we have been extremely pleased with how well the children have settled into their new year groups and classroom settings.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Parents Evening last week. It was lovely to see so many of you, and to hear how pleased you are with your children's progress in school. I would like to also thank you for the lovely compliments you made about our hardworking school staff!

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break.

Mrs Kang, Headteacher



'Living the Values the William Austin Way...' Our Value for October is Caring

By being caring we think of caring for ourselves, our belongings and other living things such as our pets. Caring people think about people in their family, their friends and others who are different or less fortunate and try to help when they can. We can also care for our environment and look after it.

You can show you care by:

- **Helping others.**
- **Picking up litter/fruit/coats and equipment.**
- **Playing with someone who is on their own or feeling upset.**
- **Caring for family, friends and animals.**

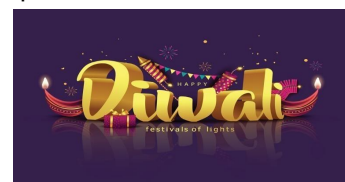


Diwali

Diwali, a special date in the Hindu and Sikh calendars, was earlier this week, and many of our children and school staff were celebrating this special Festival of Lights with their family and friends. We also invited parents to come in to our Diwali workshops in class, and these were very well attended!

We would like to take this opportunity to send belated best wishes to our families who celebrate this day.

Happy Diwali, and may the festival's lights fill your life with prosperity, peace and good health.



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are always very well attended, and we like to give parents plenty of notice of the dates, as it can be tricky to arrange time off work at short notice, particularly at Christmas-time!

With that in mind, here are the dates for this year's performances...

- Monday 15 December - Year R
- Tuesday 16 December - Year 1
- Wednesday 17 December - Year 2



Reminders and Diary Dates

Today, Friday 24 October is the last day of this half-term,

Monday 3 November - Staff training day

Tuesday 4 November - Children return to school

Week commencing 4 November - Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (collection to take place all week).

Monday 10 November - Year R Phonics Workshop

Friday 14 November - Non-uniform Day, raising money for Level Trust Uniform Exchange

Wednesday 10 December - Year 1 Theatre Trip (more information to follow after half term)

Friday 12 December - 'Jolly Jumper Day' - non uniform and children's Christmas Lunch (more info to follow).

Lockdown Practice

On the first newsletter of the year in September, we included some information regarding Lockdown Practice and Fire Drills.

This is to inform you that next half term we will be carrying out both Lockdown Practice and Fire Drills at some point.



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Well Done Dawud!!

Dawud from Lark Class and his dad...Oops, I mean Spiderman and Spidey Junior, did an amazing job raising a massive £1,634 for community projects by completing the Love Luton Runfest! It is so lovely to share these wonderful achievements with the rest of our school!

Harvest Collection for Luton Foodbank



We would like to thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Challenge for Luton Foodbank. We received so many donations of food for this worthwhile cause, and the children loved to see the display that was created from these donations during their Harvest Assembly, which was led by Rev. Boelman, our Chair of Governors and Yasmin Sultana, the representative from the Foodbank.

Drop off and Collection Times for Autumn Term 2025

As the weather changes, to avoid you and your children waiting in the cold for longer than necessary, please do not arrive too early. On very cold and rainy days we will open the classroom doors as soon as we can.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher you can always contact them via email, but if you did prefer to speak to them in person, please wait until the end of the school day and wait until the rest of the class has gone before addressing them so that they can fully focus on the children in their care. Equally, if the teacher needs to speak to a parent, they will ask you to wait until the other children have left class.

Children need to be collected by somebody of college age or above, so please do not send high school children to pick up as they will not be allowed to. If you are sending another person to collect your child, and their name is not on the green home collection form, please make sure you call the school office to let us know who is coming before home time, so that a message can be taken to class.

Medical Appointments

You should only make medical appointments for your child during school hours if it is **absolutely necessary**.

Children who do have an unavoidable medical appointment in the morning must be back in school by 11.50am at the latest if they are having a school lunch.

You must notify the school by 9.25am if your child has a medical appointment and is going to be late in. If you do not notify the school, a lunch will not have been ordered for them and you may have to take them home for the lunchtime period and bring them back in time for afternoon registration.

Please do not collect your child during the lunch break for any appointments.



Lost Property

We have so much lost property at the moment; including jumpers and cardigans, trousers, and so many gloves we could open a shop!! The items have been sorted into groups, and some are in bags in the medical room, so if your child is missing anything please come in and ask!

Please remember to name your child's school uniform - if items were named they could be easily returned to their rightful owner!

Any items left unclaimed by the end of the first week back (Friday 7 November) will be donated to charity

Parent Governor Election

We recently sent home nomination forms inviting interested parents to put themselves forward as Parent Governors. The closing date was 15 October, and we had one parent, Samsun Begum, who applied and has subsequently been elected as our new Parent Governor.

Starting School September 2026

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

School Tour Dates

We are offering school tours during this term to parents of children who are due to start school in September 2026. There are two dates available in November, so please contact the school office for more details if you or someone you know would like to attend one of our tours.

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. If you have not received a letter, you can go online and apply directly at www.luton.gov.uk/admissions, and follow the links. Applications should be made by 15 January 2026 at the latest to be considered in the first round of applications.



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Parking around School

On almost every newsletter we have to remind parents to be considerate when parking near to the school. We have recently had a number of local residents complain to the school about our parents blocking driveways and then being rude to the residents when asked to move or park elsewhere.

While we understand that the roads are a public highway, it is an offence to block someone's car when it is on their drive and a dropped kerb is also present. We would not like it if it happened to us, so please show respect and do not do it to others.

Please phone Parking Enforcement on 01582 548523 if you have any concerns about parking around the school.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones should not be used anywhere within the school grounds.

Thank you for your co-operation in safeguarding our children.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of you that visited the Book Fair and supported the school by purchasing books and other items.

The sales totalled £480.34, and from this the school received commission of 40% which raised a fantastic £190!!

This will be spent on books for the school's library, so all the children will benefit! The Book Fair raffle will be drawn in assembly tomorrow!

The Big Draw Competition for Level Trust

We have been so impressed with the many entries that have been returned so far for this competition, we have some extremely talented and creative artists at our school!! After half term we will showcase some of these in a special piece on our next newsletter!

As a reminder, children are asked to design their own school jumpers using the template. We would like the children to be as creative as possible and use lots of colour! They could turn their school jumper into whatever they like, for example - a jetpack to fly into space or even their favourite animal. Glitter, sequins and other craft materials can all be used.

We have extended the closing date to Tuesday 4 November, so if your child hasn't yet designed a jumper, it may be a nice craft to do over the half term! There is a template for the jumper attached to the newsletter that has been emailed out today for you to print, in case you have lost the original. Only entries using this template will be submitted.



Parental Involvement

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you as parents and carers for how you support your children in school. We have had quite a few information meetings and events in school and I have been so impressed by just how many of you have attended!

From the Welcome to the Year Group meetings for Years 1 and 2 that were held at the beginning of October, to Parent's Evening last week and the Diwali workshops held this week.

On National Poetry Day on 2 October, the Year 2 children had a mini assembly in the morning, and we almost ran out of chairs for the number of parents attending!!). In the afternoon, the Year R and Year 1 classrooms were packed, and the atmosphere was wonderful to witness!

With our Diwali workshops, we were impressed by the amount of parents that came along to join in. The origin of Diwali was explained in a carpet session, and then the children and their grown ups enjoyed a variety of activities in the class. We think some of the adults enjoyed the colouring more than the children did!! Thank you all for supporting your children and the school in the various events we invite you to!



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WOW MOMENTS!!



Congratulations to these Super Stars for showing the Value of Happiness throughout September!!

In Year R we had Lincoln-Paul (Buttercup), Idrees (Daisy), Dayana (Poppy), and Muawiyah (Snowdrop).

Our Year 1 stars were Ilana (Beech), Zaynab (Oak), Shahzaib (Pine), and Huzaifa (Willow).

Our Year 2 winners were Alyaanah (Kingfisher), Armaan (Lark), Ana (Owl) and Mansahib (Puffin)!



This month's Value has been 'Caring', and the following children were awarded for demonstrating this core value every day! !!

In Year R we had Aseel (Buttercup), Amelia (Daisy), Alyaana (Poppy), and Inayah (Snowdrop).

Year 1 stars were Maymuna (Beech), Abu-Bakr (Oak), Noor (Pine), and Haider (Willow).

Our Year 2 winners were Natalia (Kingfisher), Fatima (Lark), Aizah (Owl) and Leyah (Puffin)!

Harvest Challenge 2025

Here are some photos of the Harvest Assembly, led by Rev Boelman and Yasmin Sultana, the representative from Luton Foodbank. Thank you for all the donations of food that were sent in with the children!!



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