



# William Austin Infant School

## Curriculum Newsletter 19 September 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first few days and weeks back at school are always busy, but we have been very pleased with how quickly the children have settled into their new routines and new class groups in Year 1 and Year 2.

A special welcome to any new children who have joined classes in these year groups from other schools. We look forward to working with you and having a happy association with you all.

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

Mrs. Kang, Headteacher

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for the Autumn Term will take place on Wednesday 15 October 2025, and appointments will be available. You will be sent a link to book online..

You will be able to meet your child's new class teacher and discuss how your child has settled into their new class. There will be the opportunity to ask any other questions you may have. There will be more information to follow later this month.



### Packed Lunches & Nut Allergies

We kindly request that parents refrain from sending peanuts, or any other nuts as part of a packed lunch. This includes any food that contains nuts and nut products (e.g. nut oil). We are requesting this as we have some children with nut allergies and some of these are severe, meaning a life-threatening reaction can occur even if they are just sitting next to a child that has nuts in their packed lunch. The school kitchen is already defined as being nut-free.

Please also watch out for, and avoid, hidden nuts in foods, such as cereal bars and chocolate spreads (e.g. Nutella).



### Author of the Month

Reading has always been a big priority at our school, and we want to instill a real love of reading books for pleasure in our children, both at home and at school.

There are so many benefits and positives of reading; it improves how well the brain functions and increases vocabulary, it helps to sharpen memory and how much information is retained, and strengthens writing skills too!

In the school Library, to encourage the children to enjoy reading even more, we have an 'Author of the Month'. Each month a new author will be highlighted, with a bright, colourful and informative display board taking centre stage in the Library area!

This month's Author is Benji Davies, an artist and author who specialises in illustration. He creates stories that help children find a quiet confidence to navigate the real world. Emotion and the pursuit of joy are key themes in Benji's work.

The Storm Whale, Grandad's Island and The Grotlyn are just some of the books he has written.



### Welcome to the Year Group Meeting

On Tuesday 23 September you are invited to attend our 'Welcome to the Year Group' meeting. This meeting is for both Year 1 and Year 2 parents, and you will find out what they will be learning this year and how you can help support your child's learning at home. **This is a ticketed event**, so please remember to return the ticket request slip. Spare letters are available from the school office.

Following this meeting you will be able to go to your child's class to join in with their Storytime session.

You can bring younger children to this session if you do not have anyone who can look after them at home.

**PLEASE NOTE – YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO JOIN THE CLASS STORYTIME SESSION IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED THE YEAR GROUP MEETING.**

### Harvest 2025

Traditionally, Harvest is a time to be thankful for what we have, and to share with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. In light of this, we will be taking part in the Luton Foodbank's Harvest Challenge this October, and the children will be involved in a special Harvest assembly in school. More information on this will be sent home soon.





# YEAR 1 WOW moments!!



The children in Oak Class have been learning to log on to the computers



Willow Class have been learning about the importance of fieldwork in Geography. They went outside to draw features of the playground.



Beech Class matching facts about the human body to the correct body part



Pine Class have been learning about common nouns in English



Our Year 1 Maths Superstars Week commencing 8 September!



Our Year 1 English Superstars Week commencing 16 September!

# YEAR 2 WOW moments!!



**Kingfisher Class** have enjoyed planning and writing a poem.



**Owl Class** learned why Florence Nightingale was an important person who made a difference



**Puffin Class** enjoyed the Nurses 'WOW' morning



**Lark Class** enjoyed exploring artefacts from the past when two mysterious time keepers came to visit

**Our Year 2 Maths Superstars Week commencing 8 September!**



**Our Year 2 English Superstars Week commencing 15 September!**

