



# William Austin Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year. This is the last newsletter of the school year, so please keep this part of the Newsletter in a safe place!

School closes at the end of the day on Tuesday, 22 July 2025. The children return on Tuesday 2 September 2025.

Children moving to YEAR 2 should be taken to the main playground on Tuesday 2 September. Staff will be around to help you.

Children moving to YEAR 1 should be taken to their new classroom door. Pine and Beech classes should go to the Year 1 playground near Greenside, and Oak and Willow classes should come to the classroom doors near the main gate on Culverhouse Road.

Classroom doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am, and open from 3.20pm until 3.30pm in the afternoons.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards, Mrs B Kang, Headteacher



## End of Term Party

We are marking the end of the school year tomorrow by having a non-uniform day and end of term party!

Children can come into school wearing non-uniform clothes, but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes! No flip flops, strappy sandals, crocs or open toes please!

Please do not send in any food, school will provide this!



## Level Trust Uniform Exchange

If you are having difficulty in affording new uniform please visit Level Trust Uniform Exchange by clicking on the link here: <https://www.uniform.exchange/>

Please also consider donating any good quality unwanted uniform that your child may have outgrown to this worthwhile cause. They will be appreciative for anything your child no longer needs. The Level Trust Uniform Exchange shop is located on the first floor of The Point shopping centre in Luton (previously called The Mall), not far from Lidl Supermarket.



## Lost Property

We have a vast mountain of lost property clothing that must belong to someone!! This will all be taken to a charity shop at the start of the Autumn term if it isn't claimed, so please come and take a look if your child has returned home at some point this year with only one glove, or without a hat or jumper or other item of clothing!!



## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check 2025

Preliminary results for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check show that the children have performed extremely well this year, with 91% of our children achieving the Phonics standard. We are immensely proud of their achievements!



## Year 2 End of Key Stage 1 Results for 2025

The attainment of children in Year 2 show that the outcome has overall been very impressive in all areas - Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. In Maths, Writing and Reading the children have done exceptionally well. We are incredibly proud of the Year 2 children and their individual achievements. We are also particularly proud of the increasing numbers of children who have achieved 'Working at Greater Depth within the Expected Standard' in Maths, Writing and Reading. It has been a very successful year, and our standards and attainment have seen outstanding outcomes.

Well done to all the Year 2 children for achieving their very best. Remember, always try your very best and never give up!

## Early Years Foundation Stage in 2025

The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage were assessed and achieved a Good Level of Development of 67%, which is above the Luton average. We are very proud of all the children. We have some good readers and writers in Year R and we have been very pleased with the children's attainment. The children have grown in confidence and are becoming more independent.

I am very proud of the achievements of the children. These excellent results come from their hard work and also that of the staff and the continued support you provide from home.



## Staff News

### A Fond Farewell!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs MacDonald this summer. She has been a class teacher here for 14 years, beginning her teaching career with us after leaving university. Over the years Mrs MacDonald has worked in all three year groups, and was instrumental in leading on and implementing Values Education/British Values across the school. She played a major part in helping us to achieve our first ever accreditation for Values based education in July 2018. She has also led on numerous other initiatives, such as Pupil Parliament, Mindfulness and wellbeing, Language of the month and gifted and talented. We will definitely miss Mrs MacDonald as she has been a great colleague, fantastic class teacher and has made valuable contributions to the whole school over the years. We wish her the very best for the future, and with baby number three due in November, she will definitely be a very busy mummy!!

We are also saying a sad farewell to Mrs Nicholson, who has worked here in her role as a Teaching Assistant since February 2013 and has worked across all the year groups in school supporting all our children, as well as SEN children in a 1-1 capacity too. We will definitely miss her quiet and calm demeanour and ongoing dedication she has shown since being here. We hope that she will enjoy some time to herself at last, and wish her the very best of luck for the future!



### Parent Survey Outcomes

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete the Parent Survey. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback! All parents either agreed or strongly agreed that our school provided a happy and safe environment for their child. The vast majority of parents also believe, or strongly believe, that their child is taught well, make good progress and are well behaved. Here are just a few of your lovely comments:

*"I would like to express my profound gratitude for the exceptional education and unwavering support"*

*"From the very beginning in Year R, it was evident that all your educators are not only passionate about teaching but also deeply committed to the well-being and development of each student."*

*"Communication, which is crucial to running the school smoothly. Well done to every member of WAI, working together is what makes this school such a pleasant experience for the children and parents".*

*"What stands out is the school's steadfast adherence to its ethos. It's clear that these values are not just words on a wall, but are actively embodied in daily interactions and the nurturing environment you've cultivated"*

*"A safe place where the children feel safe. Happy, supportive teaching staff that children love to talk about. Very supportive Office staff, always there to help"*

*"Thank you for creating such a positive and enriching educational experience. Your team's hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are truly appreciative of all that you do".*

*"The open communication and collaborative efforts between the school and parents have been instrumental in supporting our children's learning at home. Knowing the teachers are always approachable and willing to assist has been incredibly reassuring".*

*"Being a supportive and family orientated school. You support the needs of individual children well. Your TAs and HLTAs are amazing!"*

### And finally.....Thanks to You!

Thank you for your support and interest in your children's education and what is going on in school. It has been so lovely to see so many parents at the end of year Assemblies for all year groups last week, I hope you brought your tissues!! The Year 2 Leavers assembly in particular was very emotional, and I'm not sure if there was a dry eye in the house by the time they sang their final song!! It was really fantastic to see all the children sharing their learning experiences, opportunities offered to them and their best memories. Thank you to those parents who stopped and thanked the staff after each assembly and passed on such kind comments about our staff, and the school as a whole. It means so much that you recognise our commitment and determination to do our very best to help your children to develop and grow as individuals and achieve their very best!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, and our school governors, for their hard work and commitment to the school, and most of all to thank the children. This has been a very special year, highlighted by the fabulous memories we have made together, and a very successful Ofsted outcome!!

I hope you have an enjoyable time over the summer with your children. I have been very touched by the number of you who have given me so much support and I appreciate your kind words during this year.

I look forward to seeing most of you again in September.

To Year 2 children and any others who are leaving us, I would like to say thank you for working so hard, keep believing in yourself and good luck for the future.

A final farewell to our Year 2 parents who have a child leaving us for the last time - we bid you a fond goodbye. We will miss you and your families and wish you the very best for the future.

On behalf of all the staff at William Austin Infant School, I would like to thank you for all your support and for making this year a very successful one. Have a lovely Summer break!!



# WOW moments!!



## Year 2 Seaside Day!!

The children in Year 2 had a fabulous time at 'William Austin on Sea'!! They had great fun and were able to keep cool splashing about in the paddling pools, and playing in Year R's sandpit, as well as enjoying lots of games in the Sports Hall, and ending the day with a nice cool Ice Pop!! Thanks to the Year 2 staff who put together such a fun day for the children!!

