



# William Austin Infant School

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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

As part of their support to internet safety day, Bedfordshire Police's Internet Child Abuse Investigation Team (ICAIT) have produced a leaflet for parents and carers with the aim:

- To inform parents and carers of the current threats posed to children online
- To inform 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.



## VE Day

Thursday 8 May 2025 marks 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day, when the Second World War came to an end in Europe. This year's commemorations provide a unique opportunity to connect younger generations with this pivotal chapter in history. Through personal stories, community events, and educational resources, we can ensure that the significance of VE Day and the sacrifices made during those challenging years are remembered and understood.

In school we will be having a non-uniform day, where the children are encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing to represent the colours of the United Kingdom.

The children will also be enjoying a special School Lunch, with traditional British food!!

## Reading Selfies!

At William Austin Infant School we are enthusiastic readers. We love to promote a good book or a cosy reading corner to help inspire each other to read even more!



We are in the process of updating our central reading display in the library with 'Reading Selfies' and would still like your help! If you haven't already done so, we would like you to take a photo of your child reading and send it in to us via the class email address. The photo could be of your child in their favourite place to read, or of them with people that 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 maybe they can recommend their favourite book to a friend!

## Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo

We have organised a trip for Year 1 children to visit Whipsnade Zoo on Wednesday 7 May. During the visit they will take part in a 'Fur, Feathers and Scales' workshop, and the trip ties in well with Year 1's half term topic on Animals! Please return the letter that went home last week, along with the payment due, if you have not yet done so. A reminder about the trip will come home with children on Tuesday next week.



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Please share and discuss with your child at home.



**? DID YOU KNOW ?**

The average time it takes for plastic to decompose is 450 years. Glass takes 4,000 years!



Where does the sky start?

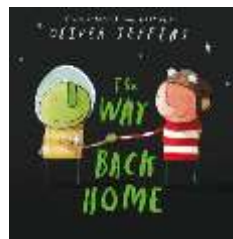


### Author of the Month

This month's Author is Oliver Jeffers.

From his much-loved debut, 'How to Catch a Star', Oliver has gone on to create a collection of award-winning and bestselling picture books which have been translated all over the globe.

He is also the illustrator of the smash hits 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Day the Crayons Came Home', both written by Drew Daywalt. His 21st picture book, 'Where to Hide a Star', was released in October 2024.



### Diary Dates

- Monday 5 May** - School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Wednesday 7 May** - Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
- Thursday 8 May** - VE Day. Non-uniform (Red, White and Blue)
- Friday 23 May** - Last day of Summer 1st half-term
- Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May** - Half-term holiday
- Monday 2 June** - Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 3 June** - Children return to school
- Week of 9 June - 13 June** - Year 1 children sit Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 10 June** - Individual Pupil Photos taken by School Photographer
- Friday 20 June** - Year R Farm Day (more information to follow)



# YEAR R WOW'S!



Buttercup Class have enjoyed learning about toys from the past

Snowdrop Class had fun learning all about dinosaurs and used junk modelling to make their own dinosaur models!



Daisy Class enjoyed creating our own 3D dinosaurs!



Poppy Class enjoyed learning about different materials



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# YEAR 1 WOW'S!



**Beech Class have enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom in Geography**



**Oak Class had lots of fun choosing their own special book from our pop-up shop on World Book Day!**



**In RE, Pine Class have been learning how to connect different faiths**



**Willow Class loved having their parents join us for Eid!**



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# YEAR 2 WOW'S!



Lark Class enjoyed choosing a book from the Pop-Up book shop on World Book Day!

Owl Class enjoying their Accelerated Reading books and quizzes!



In Kingfisher Class, we are studying different artists. We looked at the work of environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy and felt inspired to create our own pieces from nature



Puffin Class were exploring different animals and their habitats.

