

# William Austin Infant School



Newsletter 28 February 2025

[www.williamaustininfants.co.uk](http://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk)

Email: [office@williamaustininfants.co.uk](mailto:office@williamaustininfants.co.uk)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone to the second half of the Spring Term. We have already reached the end of our first week, Ramadan begins this weekend, and Eid and Easter will be here before we know it! Ramadan Mubarak to all of those in our school community who will be observing this special time of year!

Once again there is a lot going on in school and it is a busy time. We hope the weather doesn't have too many nasty surprises in store, and we begin to see a bit more sunshine (and less rain!!) as the days gradually get longer.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kang, Headteacher

### School Absence and Reporting Pupil Sickness Absence

#### **Is my child too ill for school?**

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know. Click on the link for more information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

By law parents and carers must report all pupil absence. The school is required to maintain a high record of attendance and the Education Welfare Officer regularly visits the school to check pupil attendance and absence. If your child is absent from school due to illness please ensure you contact the school on the first day before 9.30am.

Please continue to make all non-urgent medical appointments out of school hours. If you do have to take your child for a medical appointment during the school day you will be required to show the school your appointment letter, card, or text reminder if you are sent one.

### World Book Day - Thursday 6 March

We are taking part in World Book Day next Thursday, there will be fun activities during the day, and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Please do not spend lots of money on a shop-bought outfit, as home-designed costumes are quite often a lot cheaper to make and just as effective and fun to do!

Parents are invited to come into school at 2.30pm (prompt) to join in with afternoon activities and Storytime!

Click here for some ideas!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>



### Site Security

In light of the news earlier this week that a local school was the proposed target of an attack, we would like to re-iterate that the safety of the children and the staff is at the very top of our list of priorities, and we will be reviewing our lockdown procedures even further to ensure the safety and security of our school site.



### Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

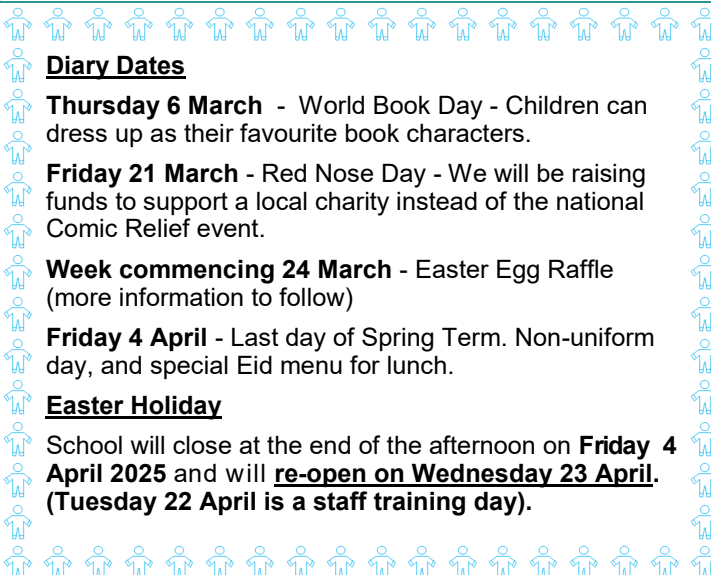
The Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery earlier this week! They were all beautifully behaved, as they always are when we take our children out of school on educational trips! Roald Dahl is one of our featured topics for Year 2, and this visit was a wonderful experience for them all; the trip is a fabulous insight into the author and his work, and the workshops they take part in are great fun!!



### Returning to school during lunchtime

If your child has an appointment that is scheduled for lunchtime, you must pick them up from school at the start of their lunchtime period, and return them at the start of the school's afternoon session. It is not possible to either collect or bring a child back to school halfway through lunch. This is due to fire and safety procedures.

Children who have appointments in the morning must be back in school 15 minutes before the start of their lunchtime in order to have lunch in school.



#### Diary Dates

**Thursday 6 March** - World Book Day - Children can dress up as their favourite book characters.

**Friday 21 March** - Red Nose Day - We will be raising funds to support a local charity instead of the national Comic Relief event.

**Week commencing 24 March** - Easter Egg Raffle (more information to follow)

**Friday 4 April** - Last day of Spring Term. Non-uniform day, and special Eid menu for lunch.

#### Easter Holiday

School will close at the end of the afternoon on **Friday 4 April 2025** and will **re-open on Wednesday 23 April**. (Tuesday 22 April is a staff training day).



Values-based Education VbE Quality Mark



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



# WOW MOMENTS!!

**Our Superstars for February's Value of Honesty are:**

**Year R:** Medina (Buttercup), Sufyan (Daisy), Musa (Poppy) and Sulaiman (Snowdrop).

**Year 1:** Ayaan (Beech), Mikail (Oak), Zaryab (Pine) and Ghaziyan (Willow)

**Year 2:** Norah (Kingfisher), Eliza (Lark), Nishiv (Owl) and Sajidur (Puffin)

Well done to all of you!

We are very proud of you for showing your



## YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE ROALD DAHL CHILDREN'S GALLERY, AT THE DISCOVER BUCKS MUSEUM IN AYLESBURY!

