

# William Austin Infant School

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## Curriculum Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Accompanying 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.

Mrs. B Kang, Headteacher



### Google Classroom for Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 children use Google Classroom for their weekly homework tasks. Your child's login details for Google Classroom are on a label attached to their Reading Record, either on the outside front or inside front cover.

Google Classroom can be accessed in a number of ways; on a computer or laptop, via the Google Classroom App which can be installed on smartphone and tablet devices, and even through the web browser on Smart TV's and the following games consoles: Xbox one, Xbox series S, Xbox series X, PlayStation 4, PS4 pro or PS5. Click on the link here go directly to the Home Learning section of the school website: <https://www.williamaustrininfants.co.uk/how-to-access-google-classroom/>

We do expect all children to complete the homework that is set for them. This work is planned carefully so that it reinforces and continues the learning that has taken place in school. Please contact your child's teacher via the class email address if you have any questions.

### Knowledge Organisers and 'WOW' Moments

With the half termly curriculum newsletters such as this one, we always attach a separate newsletter and topic overview specific to your child's year group. We also attach an additional Knowledge Organiser for each year group.

A Knowledge Organiser is a summary of essential information, including key facts and vocabulary, that enable pupils to better understand a unit of work or a curriculum subject that will be studied during the course of each half-term.

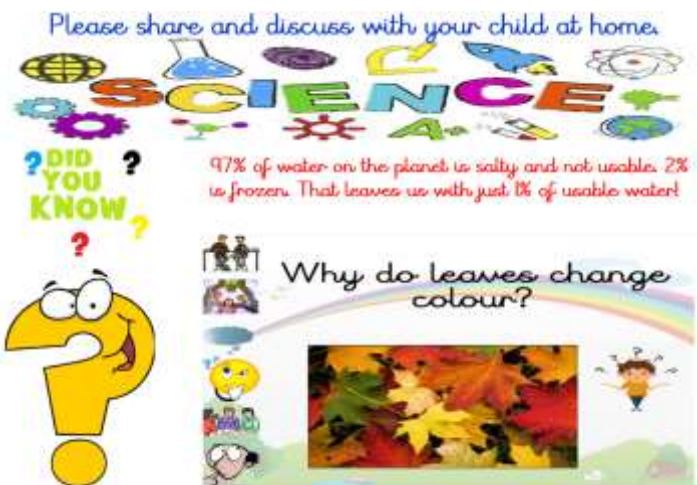
We also showcase each year group's 'WOW' moments by attaching more photos from the topics that have been covered in each class, so that you are able to see the amazing learning taking place in school.

### Phonics Workshops for Parents of Year 1 Children

We are looking forward to inviting Year 1 parents into school to join a Phonics Workshop session in March. The exact date and more information will be sent out soon after our return from the half term break.

Children in Year 1 will sit the statutory National Phonics Screening Check in June, and this workshop is designed to give you all the information you need to support your child.

More information will follow nearer the time.



### Safer Internet Day 2025 - 11 February

The children will be taking part in Safer Internet Day 2025; this day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

This year's theme is 'Too Good To Be True? Protecting yourself and others online'. In school the children will be completing different activities across the week about keeping safe online.

For more information about Safer Internet Day and Online Safety visit the school website: <https://www.williamaustrininfants.co.uk/online-safety/>

### Vacancy for School Cleaner

We require a school cleaner to join our team.

The hours of work are 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., Monday to Friday (10 hours each week). Cleaners also work 10 hours a week during school holidays and work 50 weeks per year. Applicants must have the ability to speak and write fluently in standard English.

You will be required to complete a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) form for this post. You will also be required to provide the details of two referees. Additionally, you will need to declare if you have lived or worked abroad.

For further information and to collect an application form please come to the school office.

The closing date to apply is Monday 27 January, at 4pm.



### Staff News

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Malik and her husband after the arrival of a beautiful baby daughter earlier this week! We are looking forward to welcoming her into our extended William Austin family and can't wait for cuddles!!



Mrs Malik started her maternity leave from Kingfisher Class only last Monday! The class is being taken by Mrs Shanks while Mrs Malik is on leave, and the children have settled well with their new teacher.

### Polite Reminder

A reminder that classroom doors are opened at 8.45am and are closed promptly at 8.55am, so please do not knock on the classroom door once it has closed.

If you arrive at school after 8.55am, please enter via the main school gate and report to the office. All school gates are locked during the school day for safety and security reasons.

Thank you.

### Building Work

We apologise for the way the school entrance looks as you approach the main reception. We have had ongoing issues with a leaky roof (which is only affecting the school office), and further work will be taking place over the coming weeks to rectify the problem! Unfortunately this does mean that the scaffolding will be extended further across the front of the school, and there will also be a portaloos in place for the workmen to use!

We are sorry for the inconvenience this causes, and thank you for your patience.

## Storytelling Week

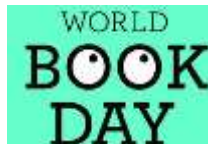
Storytelling week is from 3 February to 6 February this year, and we have lots of fun things planned to celebrate reading and our love for books in school. Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm on the afternoon of Thursday 6 February where the children will retell a story that they have learned. A separate letter about this will be sent home next Monday

Our school adopts the 'Little Wandle' Phonics programme and this is followed across all three year groups. We have some useful videos on our school website that will help support you and your child in saying the phonemes (sounds) clearly and how to blend these orally to make the words.

Click here for more information - <https://www.williamaustininfants.co.uk/phonics-1/>

### World Book Day 2025

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6 March** in school. The day is designed to encourage children and adults to enjoy books and storytelling. Further information will follow after the February half-term.



### Number Day - Friday 7 February

Friday 7 February is Number Day at William Austin Infants. This will be a non-uniform day, and any donations will be sent to Keech Hospice Care.

Children will enjoy a fun-filled 'mega maths' day packed with fun Maths related activities throughout the day while also raising money for this worthy cause.

A separate letter explaining the day in more detail will be sent home with the children on Friday 31 January.

### P.E Kits

Our school uniform policy states that children's PE kits must consist of plain black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts. A plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and black plimsolls or unbranded trainers that fasten with Velcro rather than laces preferably. They should wear their normal school jumper or cardigan, and not a hoodie or tracksuit top.

Some children are coming into school on PE days wearing brightly coloured tracksuits, football shirts and branded sportswear. These are **NOT** acceptable for school, however much your child may like wearing them. We will be monitoring this issue, and will speak to parents of children who do not wear the correct kit to remind them of the expectations of the clothing to be worn on PE days. After a reminder, if your child continues to wear the incorrect kit, they will be provided with a school jumper that they will need to wear for that day.

### DIARY DATES

#### Monday 3 February to Thursday 6 February

Storytelling Week

#### Friday 7 February

Number Day

#### Tuesday 11 February

Safer Internet Day

#### Wednesday 12 February

Parents Evening

#### Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Half-term holiday

#### Monday 24 February

Children return to school

#### Friday 4 April

End of Spring Term

#### Tuesday 22 April

Staff Training Day

#### Wednesday 23 April

Summer Term begins

### Assessments and Reporting End of Year Targets to Parents

There is detailed information on our website regarding Assessment, EYFS and the KS1 curriculum.

To ensure that parents are fully involved in their child's attainment and progress we will be sending home some useful information for you at the beginning of February, prior to Parents' Evening on Wednesday 12 February. You will receive a booklet showing where we expect your child to be working at by the end of the school year in Reading, Writing and Maths.



There will also be some information about next step targets to help you to support your child at home. These will be discussed at the Parents' Evening, so please remember to bring the booklet with you.



# Year r WOW moments



Buttercup Class enjoyed performing our Christmas play 'I-Spy Christmas' to everyone!

Daisy Class used their sticking skills to collage 'The Little Red Hen'!

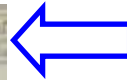


Poppy Class had fun exploring the pasta in the Investigation Tray.

Snowdrop Class enjoyed making bread, just like 'The Little Red Hen'!

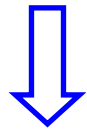


# Year 1 WOW Moments



Beech Class have enjoyed making kindness cards in RE.

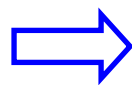
Willow Class enjoyed the trip to the theatre to see The Kings Polar Bear



Oak Class enjoyed comparing and sorting different materials



Pine Class created kindness cards to spread appreciation among our class.



# Year 2 WOW Moments



Kingfisher Class have been learning to sort similarities between humans and other animals.

Lark Class have been practising their football dribbling skills.



Owl Class enjoyed exploring matching the multiplication sentence to the correct array.

Puffin Class enjoyed creating a setting and then thinking of adjectives to describe.

