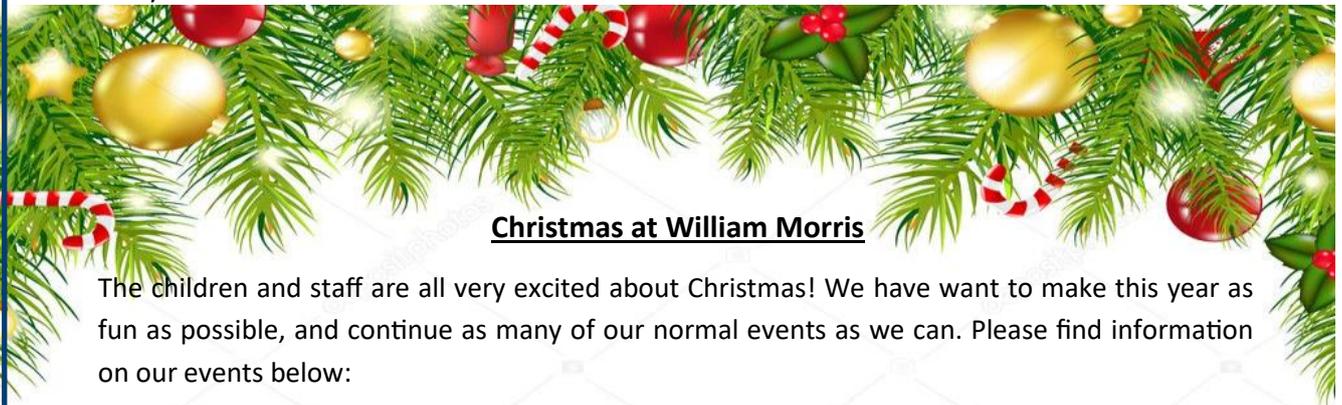


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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun filled couple of week! Please see the fab learning over the next few pages. The children and staff all loved being sporty and spotty for 'Children In Need', thank you so much for supporting our non-uniform day—we raised the fantastic amount of £114!



Christmas at William Morris

The children and staff are all very excited about Christmas! We have want to make this year as fun as possible, and continue as many of our normal events as we can. Please find information on our events below:

- * Friday 11th December—**Christmas Jumper Day**, please wear your festive jumper with school uniform and bring a donation for Save the Children



- * Week of 14th December—**Christmas productions**. This week the children will perform a class Christmas production and we will film it. It will be very much like a live show, where mistakes may happen! This will then be shared with parents on our youtube page. More information on costumes etc to follow.

- * Thursday 17th December—please come in your Christmas party clothes to enjoy our yummy **Christmas lunch** and **Christmas Class Parties!**



- * **Staff gifts**—some parents have very kindly asked if staff are willing to accept gifts this year. If your child would like to make a card or give a small gift to their teacher, we have asked teachers to ensure their gifts are quarantined before they take them home.



- ***Christmas Cards**—as normal, each class will have a Christmas postbox. Children will be allowed to bring cards in to give to their friends, which will then be quarantined before they are given out. Please bring cards in on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December only, which will be given out the following week.

- *We look forward to a fun end of term!

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PTA Events

Santa calling

The wonderful PTA have been in touch with Santa and have arranged for him to make a video call from the North Pole during our Class Christmas Parties—please see the leaflet sent home today.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The PTA will be holding a Christmas raffle to raise money for school. They are asking for donations to create the hampers to be sent in by **30th November**, so that items can be quarantined before the raffle is held.



Donations are requested for:

2 x children's hampers—suggested donations are sweets, chocolates, toys, craft items etc

1 x dad's hamper—suggested donations are chocolates, sweets, alcohol, toiletries etc

1 x mum's hamper—suggested donations are chocolate, sweets, alcohol, toiletries etc

Tickets on sale in December. Thank you for your support, all money raised will be used to buy equipment for all children at school.

Spare clothes



Year 1 parents—if you have any spare school clothes that your children have grown out of and no longer need, we would welcome donations of spare clothes that we could use when children need a change of clothing in school.

Please can we ask that parents wash and return all spare clothes that are sent home with their child—our stock is running low!

Nursery children - applying for Reception Places for September 2021

For all parents of Nursery children who are due to go to school in September 2021, please don't forget that you need to apply for a school place online at https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions



Applications **must** be completed and submitted by midnight **15th January 2021**. Applications need to be submitted for ALL nursery children who will be school age in September 2021 .

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Covid 19 Reminder

Please see the guidance below taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>. If your child or anyone in your household has 1 or more of the symptoms below (including if they just have a temperature), please do not send your child into school and book a test or seek medical advice if unsure by calling 111 or your GP. Thank you for your co-operation.

Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

 [Get a test to check if you have coronavirus on GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

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Nursery Poppy and Daisy Classes

Last week in Nursery we learnt all about the festival 'Diwali'. We had lots of fun learning how the festival is celebrated. We made our own Rangoli patterns, fire work pictures and playdough Diya lamps! In PE we learnt a traditional Diwali Stick Dance. We listened carefully to the music and enjoyed making lots of different movements. A huge well done to all of the children for getting 'Spotty and Sporty' to help raise money for Children In Need. The children looked fabulous and had lots of fun making spotty biscuits and joined in with Joe Wick's Children in Need workout!

Finally, this week we have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week. Our favourite rhymes this week have been 'Miss Polly had a Dolly', 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'! We hope the children have been sharing these with you at home! Don't forget to share any special moments or new learning on your child's interactive learning diary!



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YR Sunflower & Bellflower Classes

Wow! What a fabulous and busy first few weeks back for Bellflower and Sunflower Class! We have learnt about firework night, making our own fireworks and learning our amazing sound! We have learnt about Diwali and people who help us. We were able to join in with a fire safety zoom call where we learnt what to do in an emergency and Friday we had a wonderful visit from the local PCSO. Both classes spent the day learning about Children in Need, where we join in with a Joe Wicks workout and did lots of activities in the class. We have been learning about size, weight and ordering numbers in maths and have begun using our writing books for literacy, by labelling and writing captions about owls.

Thank you for sharing and using the reading books at home, please remember to upload a picture of your child's reading record so we can see how many times they have read at home. Please continue read with your child at home and remember if you run out of reading books, you can also use the online login and find more books online.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we will see you on Monday!

Miss Cooke and Miss Bailey

Reminders for next week:

- Please remember to bring in reading books and book bags on a Monday, these will be sent home again on the Friday
- Please ensure that all new school uniform/PE has names in before bringing it into school.
- Remember to bring in a named water bottle each day so your child can have a drink throughout the day.





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Year 1 Tulip Class

Year 1 have had a brilliant start to Term 2! We have welcomed new children and a new teacher (Miss Morgan) to our class over the last few weeks, who have all made a fantastic start. All of the children have settled into their new routines and have done some excellent learning too. We enjoyed Odd Socks Day and Children in Need over the last few weeks where we learned about Anti-Bullying and how we can support others through charitable work.

The children have loved their new topic 'Frozen Planet'. Rescuing a penguin that was frozen in ice and sipping hot chocolate whilst learning about the penguins of the Antarctic have been their highlights so far! We have learned lots about the equator and how the Earth is hot and cold in different places. The children are now able to identify where these places are on a globe and a world map.

In English, we have been learning about the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. We are currently writing our own innovated stories using the book to help us do this. The penguin that has lost its way has been changed into a different animal in each of the stories that the children are writing. In Maths, we have started looking at numbers up to 30 and the children have been able to count, compare and order these numbers. We've also started to look at a few different shapes. So far, we've identified rectangles by looking at their properties and this week we've identified a very special rectangle called ... a square!

Thank you for reading at home and posting pictures of reading records on ILD so we can see what you have been learning about, it is appreciated. Please ensure that your book is returned on a Monday each week so that we can send out a new book on a Friday. The children are trying extremely hard with their learning and are impressing us with their attitude towards their work. Really well-done Tulip Class!



School Diary

November

19th Governors meeting
24th Nov Flu vaccinations for Reception and Year 1

December

4th Reception 2021 zoom tour
11th Christmas Jumper Day
Week 14th Nativities
17th Christmas lunch & Class parties
18th 3pm Break up for holidays
231st Dec—5th January 2020 Christmas holiday



January

4th Teacher Development Day—school closed to children
5th Teacher Development Day—school closed to children
6th Children back to school

New dates added in red

Reminder of future Teacher Training Days when the school is closed for the children:

- ↳ Monday 2nd November 2020
- ↳ Monday 4th January 2021
- ↳ **Tuesday 5th January 2021**
- ↳ Thursday 1st April 2021
- ↳ Monday 5th July 2021