

William Murdoch Primary School

Reception Staff

R.1 - Miss R Francis
R.2 - Ms E O'Hara/
Miss S. Rangzeb
R.3 - Miss G Kaur

Reception Support Staff

Mrs S Wassi
Mrs S Shazad

Holidays

Half-Term

Friday 22 May 2026

Return to School

Monday 1 June 2026

End of Term

Friday 17 July 2026

Return to School

Thursday 3 September 2026

Key Events

Staff Training Days

Friday 26 June 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Bank Holiday

Monday 4 May 2026

Cultural Evening

Thursday 25 June 2026

Special Awards Assembly

Upper School

Thursday 16 July 2026

9.00am to 10.00am

Lower School

2.00pm to 3.00pm

Leavers' Assembly

Friday 17 July 2026

9.00am to 9.45am

Health Week

Monday 29 to Friday 3 July 2026

Festival Assemblies

Year 1 - Eid

Friday 1 May 2026 at 9.00am

Reception Good Work

Assembly

Friday 24 April 2026 at 2.50pm

Friday 10 July 2026 at 2.50pm

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Reception Summer Term Newsletter 2026

Welcome

Welcome to another term at William Murdoch Primary School. In order to strengthen the home/school partnership, this Newsletter aims to inform you of the topics being covered by your child this term and of any special events taking place.

Maths

Learning Number Bonds within 10
Doubling & Halving
Subtraction to 10
Verbally Count beyond 20
Even & Odd Numbers

English

Segmenting sounds and blending them together to read words and simple sentences.
Reading & writing tricky words.
Set 1 & 2 Speed Sounds
Sentence writing with capital letters, finger spaces & full stops.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

Becoming confident to speak in larger groups.
Being able to negotiate and solve problems.
Take account of others' ideas.
Be confident to try new activities and show independence.

Understanding the World

Make observations of plants and animals and explain why some changes occur.
Describe the immediate environment.
To show an understanding of the Greeks and how they lived in the past.

Communication and Language

Listen attentively and follow directions.
Follow stories without pictures or props.
Build vocabulary to reflect the breadth of their experiences.

RE

Theme: 'Celebrations'

PHSE

Relationships

Expressive Art and Design

Experiment to create different textures.
Select tools and techniques to assemble and join materials.
Choose particular colours for a purpose.
Learn to explain the process that has been used.

Physical Development

Form all letters of the alphabet correctly.
Experiment with different ways of moving.
Understand good practices with regards to exercise and eating.
To understand personal hygiene.

PE

R.1 - Wednesday

R.2 - Wednesday

R.3 - Wednesday

Homework

Please hear your child read every day for 10 minutes (Monday to Friday). Ensure all reading books are brought into school every day. Reading books will be changed every Friday.
English, Maths and Spelling homework will be given on a Friday to complete over the weekend and return to school by Wednesday.
Boromi Bags will be sent home weekly on a rota basis for you to work through.

Project Topic for this Term

The Seven Wonders of the World

Reception Trip

Dudley Zoo

Thursday 4 June 2026



KNOWLEDGE LIGHTS UP THE MIND