

# William Murdoch Primary School

## Nursery Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

### Nursery Staff

Mrs K Kullar (Team Leader)  
Mrs J Cunningham  
Mrs R Daniel

### Holidays

#### **Half-Term**

Thursday 23 October 2025

#### **Return to School**

Monday 3 November 2025

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Friday 19 December 2025

#### **Return to School**

Tuesday 6 January 2026

### Key Events

#### **Staff Training Days**

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2  
September 2025

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#### **School Photographs**

Wednesday 1 October 2025

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### Festival Assemblies

#### **Year 4 - Diwali**

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#### **Nursery - Nativity**

Tuesday 9 December 2025  
Nursery AM at 9.00am  
Nursery PM at 2.15pm

### Welcome

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### Maths

Select a small number of objects from a group when asked, e.g. 'please give me one/two'.  
Recite some number names in sequence.  
Counting objects, counting steps, claps & jumps.  
Categorise objects according to shape or size.

### Understanding the World

Lives of people who are familiar to me.  
My own immediate family & relations.  
Pretend play, imitate everyday actions & events.  
Remember my own experiences.  
My familiar world, where I live, the natural world.

### English

Sing some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems and jingles.  
Look at books independently.  
Recognise familiar words and signs such as my own name and advertising logos.  
Know to read from left to right and top to bottom.  
Distinguish between the marks I make.

### Expressive Art and Design

Manipulate materials using tools for purpose.  
Join in singing favourite songs, dancing & ring games.

### Physical Development

Move freely with confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, stomping, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping.  
Show control in holding & using jugs to pour, hammers, books and mark-making tools.  
Run safely, skilfully & negotiate space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles.

### RE

Theme: Special People  
Religions: Christianity & Judaism

### PHSE

Being Me in My World

### Communication and Language

Listen to stories and recall events.  
I can listen with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories.  
Sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts.  
Use simple sentences (e.g. 'Teddy feels sad').  
Understand more complex sentences, e.g. 'Do a jump and then a roll'.



# William Murdoch Primary School

## Reception Staff

R.1 - Miss R Francis  
R.2 - Mrs I Rafiq (Team Leader)  
R.3 - Miss G Kaur

## Support Staff

Mrs S Shazad  
Mrs S Wassi  
Mrs R Patel

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## Reception Good Work Assembly

Friday 14 November 2025 at 9.00am

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## Reception Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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### Maths

Recognising numerals  
Counting sets of objects  
Matching objects next to numerals  
Naming & describing 2D shapes

### RE

Theme: Special People  
Religions: Christianity & Judaism

### Physical Development

Hold pencils correctly.  
Use one handed tools such as scissors.  
Form letters of their name correctly.  
Show confidence when moving and navigating around the outdoor area.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Becoming confident to speak in our new environment.  
Making new relationships.  
Learning to be a good friend.  
Begin to accept the need of others.

### PE Days

R.1 - Tuesday  
R.2 - Wednesday  
R.3 - Wednesday

### Homework

Please hear your child read every day for 20 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 with your child.

### Trips

Hatton Adventure World  
Thursday 4 December 2025

### Expressive Art and Design

Mixing colours.  
Exploring changes in materials.  
Experimenting with the sounds of different instruments.

### PHSE

Being Me in My World



**KNOWLEDGE LIGHTS UP THE MIND**

# William Murdoch Primary School

## Year 1 Staff

Y1.1 - Mrs K Begum/Mrs J Khera

Y1.2 - Miss S Majid

Y1.3 - Miss S Ashley (Team Leader)

## Year 1 Support Staff

Mrs M Kauser

Mrs N Rhal

Mrs S Salmon-Foster

## Holidays

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## Year 1 Good Work Assembly

Friday 10 October 2025 at 2.50pm

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## Maths

Counting & sorting objects

Counting forwards to & backwards from 10

One more/one less

Comparing numbers

## Computing

Digital Writing

Programming Animations

## RE

Topic: Christianity

Key Question: Does God want

Christians to look after the world?

Study a range of Bible stories

## PHSE

Belonging

Celebrating Differences

## PE

Topic: attack, defend, shoot  
throwing techniques, catching,  
striking, defensive positioning,  
cooperative play, communication

Y1.1 - Monday & Wednesday

Y1.2 - Monday & Friday

Y1.3 - Wednesday & Friday

## Project Topic for this Term

People That Help Us

## Homework

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Homework related to Knowledge Organisers will be posted on Class Dojo on Fridays.

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## Trips

Think Tank

Thursday 27th November 2025



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# William Murdoch Primary School

## Year 2 Staff

Y2.1 - Miss K Kaur (Team Leader)  
Y2.2 - Miss U Shohid  
Y2.3 - Mrs K Sihota/Mrs R Kaur

## Year 2 Support Staff

Miss M Smith  
Miss M Abdi

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Tuesday 9 December 2025

Nursery AM at 9.00am

Nursery PM at 2.15pm

## Year 2 Good Work Assemblies

Friday 17 October 2025 at 9.00am

Friday 5 December 2025 at 9.00am

## Year 2 Class Assemblies

Y2.1 - Road Safety

Friday 12 December 2025 at 9.00am

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### Maths

Numbers to 100  
Addition & Subtraction (1)  
Addition & Subtraction (2)  
Properties of Shapes

### RE

Topic: Christianity  
Kindness  
The birth of Jesus

### English

Texts:  
Gorilla  
Willy the Wizard  
Willy the Wimp  
Jack & the Beanstalk  
The Human Body – expository write  
Guided Reading - Treetops (VIPERS)

### PHSE

Being Me  
Celebrating Differences

### PE

Gymnastics  
Dance

Y2.1 - Tuesday and Friday  
Y2.2 - Monday and Wednesday  
Y2.3 - Tuesday and Friday

### Science

The Human Body  
Living Things and their Environment

### Project Topic for this Term

The Royal Family

### History

Romans in Britain

### Homework

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### Geography

Spatial Sense

### Art

Colour & Shape  
Colour, Shape & Texture

### Computing

Computing Systems & Networks  
Creating Media - digital photography

### Music

Hands, Feet and Heart - Christmas

### Trips

The Birmingham Rep  
Friday 12th December 2025

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# William Murdoch Primary School

## Year 3 Staff

Y3.1 - Mr J Hallam  
Y3.2 - Miss S Mignott (Team Leader)  
Y3.3 - Mrs R Najran / Mrs S Hall

## Year 3 Support Staff

Mrs R Jacobs  
Mrs H Dhesi

## Holidays

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September 2025

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Tuesday 30 September 2025  
Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 8 October 2025

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Thursday 23 October 2025

### Year 2 - Guru Nanak's Birthday

Friday 7 November 2025

### Year 3 - Christmas

Friday 19 December 2025

### Nursery - Nativity

Tuesday 9 December 2025  
Nursery AM at 9.00am  
Nursery PM at 2.15pm

## Year 3 Good Work Assemblies

Friday 26 September 2025 at 2.50pm  
Friday 12 December 2025 at 2.50pm

## Year 3 Class Assemblies

Y3.1 - Harvest

Friday 3 October 2025 at 2.50pm

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### Maths

Number- place value within 1000  
Subtraction, Division & Multiplication

### English

Sentence structure: using exclamations and dialogue, constructing compound sentences applying conjunctions, prepositions of movement and direction.

### Science

The Human Body  
Cycles in Nature

### Geography

Spatial Sense

### History

Stone Age to Iron Age  
Ancient Egypt

### Art

Lines  
Still Life & Form

### Computing

Debugging  
Coding  
Programming Skills  
Internet Safety  
Digital Citizenship

### RE

Hinduism  
Christianity

### PHSE

Belonging  
Celebrating Differences

### Modern Foreign Language

Latin

### PE

Gymnastics

Dance (Please ensure your child has appropriate sportswear)

Y3.1 - Wednesday

Y3.2 - Monday

Y3.3 - Wednesday

### Project Topic for this Term

The Tudors

### Homework

English, Spellings, Maths and Science homework will be given out between Monday and Thursday depending on the class timetable.

Homework related to Knowledge  
Organisers will be posted on Class Dojo on Fridays.

Children should be reading 20 minutes daily to an adult. Comments should then be left in their reading journals.

### Trips

Birmingham City Centre

Wednesday 15 October 2025 (Y3.3 and half of Y3.2)

Thursday 16 October 2025 (Y3.1 and half Y3.2)

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# William Murdoch Primary School

## Year 4 Staff

Y4.1 - Mr R Panichi (Team Leader)  
Y4.2 - Miss R Begum  
Y4.3 - Mr J Cooke

## Year 4 Support Staff

Mr R Harris  
Mrs S Gaddu

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Tuesday 9 December 2025

Nursery AM at 9.00am

Nursery PM at 2.15pm

### Year 4 Good Work Assemblies

Friday 3 October 2025 at 9.00am

Friday 28 November 2025 at 9.00am

## Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

### Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year 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

Place Value - 4-digit numbers  
Addition & Subtraction  
Multiplication & Division  
Measures - area

### PHSE

Being Me in My World  
Celebrating Difference

### RE

Buddhism

### PE

Tag Rugby  
Volleyball (Please ensure your child has appropriate sportswear)  
Y4.1 - Wednesday and Thursday  
Y4.2 - Thursday and Friday  
Y4.3 - Thursday and Friday

### Computing

Debugging  
Coding  
Programming Skills  
Internet Safety

### Project Topic for this Term

Ancient Egypt

### Homework

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### Science

The Human Body  
Classification of Plants & Animals

### Geography

Spatial Sense  
Mediterranean Europe

### History

Life in Ancient Rome  
The Roman Empire

### Art

Light  
Space

### Modern Foreign Language

Latin

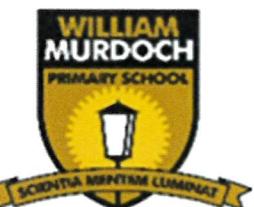
### Trips

Buddhist Temple  
TBC

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