

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

End of Term

Friday 19 December 2025

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Tuesday 6 January 2026

Key Events

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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.

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.

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.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

Aware of my own feelings.

Know actions and words can hurt others' feelings.

Value praise.

Express my own preferences and interests.

Confident to talk to other children when playing.

Communicate freely about my own home and community.

RE

Theme: Special People

Religions: Christianity & Judaism

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'.

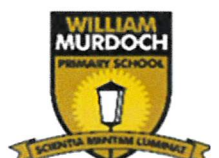
PHSE

Being Me in My World

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KNOWLEDGE LIGHTS UP THE MIND

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Reception Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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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Maths

Recognising numerals

Counting sets of objects

Matching objects next to numerals

Naming & describing 2D shapes

English

Name writing

Set 1 Phonic sounds

Hearing initial sounds in words

Reading & writing CVC words

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.

Communication and Language

Listening to and understanding the rules and routines of school.

Listening to stories and joining in with the songs and rhymes.

Speak in clear sentences and ask questions.

Understanding the World

Know people who help us at home and school.

Similarities and differences between us and others.

Expressive Art and Design

Mixing colours.

Exploring changes in materials.

Experimenting with the sounds of different instruments.

PHSE

Being Me in My World

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.

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



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Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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

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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

English

Supertato	Zog
Superworm	Beegu
Cops & Robbers	Father Christmas

Science

Topic: The Human Body
Topic: Animals and their Needs

History

Topic: Discovering History
Family trees
Sources
Archaeologists and artefacts
Local history

Geography

Topic: Spatial Sense
Aerial views
Maps
Location
Compass points
Understand aerial views / drawings
Interpret & draw maps
Explore direction through compasses

Art

Topic: Colour
Primary & secondary colours
Cool & warm colours
Tints & shades

Topic: Lines
Different lines
Shapes created using lines

Trips

Think Tank
Thursday 27th November 2025

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

English, Maths and Spelling Homework will continue to be given on Fridays and is to be returned to school by Wednesday.

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

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Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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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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

English

Texts:

Gorilla

Willy the Wizard

Willy the Wimp

Jack & the Beanstalk

The Human Body- expository write

Guided Reading - Treetops (VIPERS)

Science

The Human Body

Living Things and their Environment

History

Romans in Britain

Geography

Spatial Sense

Art

Colour & Shape

Colour, Shape & Texture

Computing

Computing Systems & Networks

Creating Media - digital photography

Music

Hands, Feet and Heart - Christmas

RE

Topic: Christianity

Kindness

The birth of Jesus

PHSE

Being Me

Celebrating Differences

PE

Gymnastics

Dance

Y2.1 - Tuesday and Friday

Y2.2 - Monday and Wednesday

Y2.3 - Tuesday and Friday

Project Topic for this Term

The Royal Family

Homework

English, Maths and Spelling Homework will continue to be given on Fridays and is to be returned to school by Tuesday.

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

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Trips

The Birmingham Rep

Friday 12th December 2025



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Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

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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School Photographs

Tuesday 30 September 2025

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Festival Assemblies

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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.

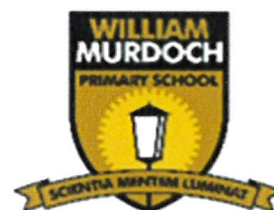
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Trips

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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Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Year 4 Staff

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Y4.2 - Miss R Begum
Y4.3 - Mr J Cooke

Year 4 Support Staff

Mr R Harris
Mrs S Gaddu

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Year 4 Good Work Assemblies

Friday 3 October 2025 at 9.00am
Friday 28 November 2025 at 9.00am

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Maths

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

English

Revising simple and compound sentences.

Writing compound sentences with a semi-colon.

Writing sentences with subordinating conjunctions (before, after, even though, because, when, although).

Understanding differences between main and subordinate clauses.

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

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

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