

William Murdoch Primary School

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

Holidays

Half-Term

Thursday 23 October 2025

Return to School

Monday 3 November 2025

End of Term

Friday 19 December 2025

Return to School

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Key Events

Staff Training Days

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2
September 2025

Friday 24 October 2025
Monday 5 January 2026

School Photographs

Wednesday 1 October 2025

Parents' Evening

Monday 6 October 2025

Festival Assemblies

Year 4 - Diwali

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

Reception Good Work Assembly

Friday 14 November 2025 at 9.00am

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

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

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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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