

William Murdoch Primary School

Reception Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Reception Staff

R.2 - Mrs S Hall (Team Leader)
R.3 - Mrs S Shergill

Support Staff

Mrs S Shazad
Mrs S Wassi
Mrs N Rhal

Holidays

Half-Term

Thursday 22 October 2026

Return to School

Monday 2 November 2026

End of Term

Friday 18 December 2026

Return to School

Tuesday 5 January 2027

Key Events

Staff Training Days

Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2
September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026
Monday 4 January 2027

School Photographs

Tuesday 29 September 2026

Parents' Evening

Monday 5 October 2026

Festival Assemblies

Year 4 - Diwali

Friday 6 November 2026

Year 2 - Guru Nanak's Birthday

Friday 27 November 2026

Year 3 - Christmas

Friday 18 December 2026

Nursery - Nativity

Tuesday 8 December 2026
Nursery AM at 9.00am
Nursery PM at 2.15pm

Reception Good Work Assembly

Friday 20 November 2026 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.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

Local area bus experience
Monday 23 November 2026

Hatton Adventure World
Thursday 10 December 2026



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