



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 6 - Monday 15th July 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The final week of the school term always brings a mixture of feelings - disbelief that it has come around again, anticipation of upcoming holidays and precious time with loved ones, reflection on the year gone by and thoughts ahead to September. This will be the final newsletter of the year, before we gather together at St. John's on Friday afternoon for the end-of-term service, at which we say farewell to our departing Year 6 pupils. In a year which has seen much change at William Gilpin, may I take this opportunity to thank parents for your support and belief in what we do at this special and unique school - in September we begin a new chapter and I look forward to continuing to work with you to give your children the memorable primary school experience they deserve.

Simon Croutear

September changes

Thank you to the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. We hope that you feel well-informed about plans for the new school year.

One of the key changes which was communicated and which all parents need to be aware of, is a move back to **all pupils wearing full uniform to school every day**. Pupils will change into their P.E. kits at school (which need to be in on a Monday and taken home each Friday for washing). We are also asking pupils to bring in Forest School clothes on their days to change into at school. There will, of course, be the occasional non-uniform day in aid of our various fundraising, but otherwise we are looking forward to seeing smartly-dressed pupils every day, to reinforce expectations and pride in themselves.

Frogs Movie Night!

It may be the final week of term, but the Frogs fun doesn't stop yet - with a final Movie Night taking place on Tuesday! This runs straight after-school until 5.15pm, please sign up via Classlist.

Parent events

We are holding the end-of-term church service in the afternoon on Friday, with a 1.30pm start. As usual, we require parents to transport children to St. John's - the gates will open at **1.00pm for collection**. The service will last approximately an hour and pupils can go home straight from church.

There is also the termly **music concert on Friday morning (9.05)**, for the parents/families of pupils who learn an instrument.

School Meals

Please note that, from September, there will **no longer be a picnic lunch option**.

In addition, the price of school meals for KS2 pupils **will increase to £3.20**.

Children in Year R, 1 & 2 will continue to have school meals offered free of charge.

Year 6 Paultons Park trip!

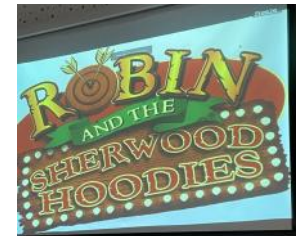
Oak Class had a terrific day at Paultons Park last Thursday! The traditional end-of-year reward trip was thoroughly-enjoyed by all, and our departing pupils represented the school very positively, with excellent behaviour and support of one another. Huge thanks to Mr Ciorteanu who supported us. Many WG families are also looking forward to the Frogs Paultons day on 23rd July!





KS2 Production - Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies!

The William Gilpin KS2 Summer production is always an eagerly-anticipated event and this year our retelling of the classic tale of Robin Hood was a real show-stopper! We are immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils, ably supported by the Year 4/5 choir, who thoroughly entertained their audience. Putting on a full-scale production is no mean feat for our small school and we would like to thank everybody involved - and really appreciate the kind feedback received.





School sign 'opening'

Whilst our impressive new school sign on Pilley Hill has been in place for several weeks, last week it was officially 'opened' in a short ceremony attended by Mayor of Lymington Jack Davies, Mr Croutear, pupils, school governors and members of the local community. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Howard and Mr Tolkien, whose generosity made our new sign possible. Mr Tolkien, a direct descendent of Professor Tolkien, author of Lord of the Rings, made Arthur's day when he signed his copy of the classic book!



KS1 End-of-year Picnic!

There were enticing aromas floating around school last Monday when the KS1 pupils cooked tomato pasta and baked biscuits for their end-of-year picnic! The unsettled weather meant the celebration had to take place inside, but it was an enjoyable afternoon and a lovely way for the Year R and Year 1 pupils to say goodbye to their friends in Year 2, who are making the move up to the juniors in September.



2023/24 Academic results

We are very proud of our pupil's efforts and progress this year, which were reported individually to parents in the reports sent out last week.

Across the school, we are once again celebrating outstanding results in Early Years, with 88% of pupils reaching the Early Learning Goals, and in Year 1, with 90% of pupils passing the phonics screening check.

In Year 4, 75% of our pupils scored 20+ marks (out of 25) in their multiplication tables check.

Our Year 6 pupils put everything into their SATs, with 70% achieving expectations in their reading test and 61% in the Maths test - with a few not quite getting across the line on the day.

Free online parent courses

Please see this [link](#) for information about a range of free online courses for parents, parents-to-be, carers, grandparents and teens living in Hampshire, offering advice and practical tips to boost your confidence as a parent, help you navigate family life and strengthen your relationships.



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Bananas

Due to a pupil leaving the school, we are able to lift our 'no banana' policy at William Gilpin. Bananas can now be brought in as healthy snacks or as part of packed lunches. Please note, our 'no nuts' policy remains in place.



Can we also please remind parents that grapes, cherry tomatoes (and similar foods) should be chopped up for pupil's packed lunches, so as to avoid the risk of choking.

Ava's fundraising

Ava from Beech Class is currently fundraising for Type 1 Diabetes UK and is going to have her hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust, so that a little girl can have the Rapunzel hair she deserves. At William Gilpin we are all so proud of the way Ava manages her own diabetes and know she would be very grateful for any donations to her appeal. The link is [here](#). (If the link doesn't work go to Just Giving website and search Victoria Dibden



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Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Eric HC

KS1 - Benji B, Josh LM, Annie F

Beech - Oliver H

Pine - Evita B

Oak - Cai M



Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was 95.7%, up from the previous week. The class trophy went to **Willow Class**, with an excellent 98.1% attendance.

House Points

A huge congratulations to **Wilverley House**, who took the final weekly award and therefore won the House Point competition overall for the year. They will enjoy a treat with their house captains later this week!

Diary Dates

Monday 15th July	Willow/Maple trip to Longdown
Tuesday 16th July	Frowgs Movie Night, 3.30 - 5.15pm
Friday 19th July	Music concert (9.05) Church Service (1.30pm) (Final day of term)
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days
Tuesday 23rd July	Frowgs Paultons Park visit
Monday 2nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd September	First day of Autumn Term
Monday 9th September	New Year R pupils start
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Sunday 15th September	Frowgs Food Festival