



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 5 - Friday 28th June 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Needless to say, we've been enjoying the warm and sunny days at school this week, and feeling grateful for the shade on the field. Sports day was an enjoyable way to begin the week (more below), and there have been many more 'summery' activities going on, with Cindy's Relax Kids under the oak tree, fresh lemonade-making at Forest School and 'splash rounders' for Year 6! Thank you for ensuring your child has a full water bottle, sunhat and sun cream on these especially hot days. Despite there being only three weeks of the school year left, there is still much to look forward - the KS2 summer production performances, KS1 trip to Longdown, Year 6 trip to Paultons Park, the 'moving-up' days and the end-of-term church service. Summer term assessments have been carried out this week, with reports being sent home two weeks today. Have a lovely weekend,

Simon Croutear

Sports Day

It was a hot afternoon and the pupils did incredibly well on our annual sports day, with parents and families enjoying a feast of competitive races, including the 'novelty' (this year featuring beach balls), the relay, sprints and finally the long-distance. Baton handovers in the relay were particularly impressive - with a focus on this in P.E. lessons by coaches Hardy and Ben clearly paying off! Our team of Year 6 house-captains and Sports Leaders did a great job with scoring and race-setup and it was lovely to see such support and cheering for children who found running a little challenging. It was a close contest, with Wilverley House taking the trophy by just 10 points. They enjoyed their lap of honour, then pupils were treated to ice-creams and lollies from Frowgs and many stayed for the 'Mad4Animals' display and fete games. Mrs Totczyk showed great 'risk-taking' when facing her fear of spiders - but she had no problem with the snake!



Worship focus

In Tuesday's worship, we marked the birthday of John the Baptist (24th June) by learning more about this man - whom Boldre Church is named after. John was a contemporary of Jesus, and his work helped to prepare people for the work of Christ - leading to his baptism by John and the descent of the Holy Spirit. We reflected on things in our own lives that we needed to 'get ready' for.



Thank-a-teacher day

Staff were really touched by the efforts made to say thank you on National Thank-a-teacher Day last week. Pupils arrived with handfuls of stickers to give out, and we really appreciated our staffroom treats from Hoxton Bakehouse. Thank you so much, it means a great deal to know how much our work with your children is valued.





SCARF Workshops

Last Wednesday we welcomed Lucy who carried out a mental health & wellbeing SCARF workshop with each class. A particular highlight was the giant inflatable 'Life Space' classroom which appeared in the hall, within which the sessions were held! Pupils enjoyed seeing Harold the giraffe again and Lucy was very impressed with how well WG children know their SCARF values.



Year 6 Winchester Cathedral visit

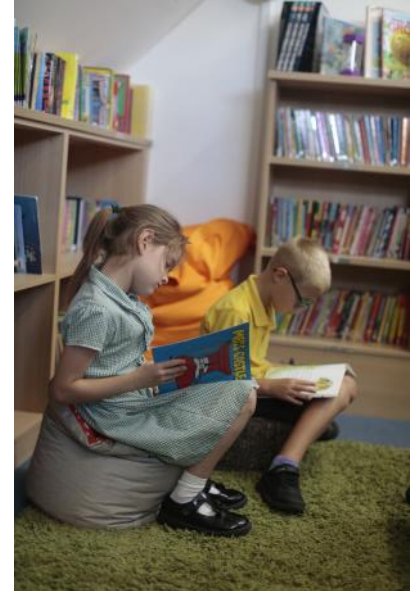
Last Thursday, Oak Class travelled via train to Winchester Cathedral for the diocesan Year 6 Leaver's Service. With over 500 children in attendance, the afternoon service was an opportunity for the bishop to wish pupils well as they prepare to move on from their church schools to pastures new. All schools were asked to bring clay statues created in the style of sculptor Antony Gormley (whose statue 'Sound II' stands in the cathedral's crypt). Daisy & Jasper were our banner bearers this year, with Sophie joining Mr Croutear to collect the Leavers candle. This becomes our school worship candle for the following year, and helps us to remember our Year 6 friends after they have left us for their secondary schools.





School photography day

We are currently working on a new school prospectus and had a professional photographer in for the day yesterday. Here are a few of the shots captured!





End-of-term Church Service - Friday 19th July

The final day of term for pupils is **Friday 19th July** (with 22nd & 23rd July INSET days). We are holding the church service in the afternoon on this day, 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.



After School Club

In After School Club we have been busy working on some of the elements needed for our 'Olympics' in a tray entry for the Boldre Produce show on the 13th July. We have made some cyclists and Union Jack flags for our entry so far out of Hama beads. We will continue to work on our entries over the next two weeks.



Hama Bead Cyclists



Hama bead Union Jacks



Rock Cakes

We will also be making:

Monday 1st July – Cookies

Monday 8th July – Chocolate Crispy Cakes*

Tuesday 2nd July – Fabric Pencil cases

Tuesday 9th July – Make an article using a cardboard tube i.e. rocket, animal, train etc*

Wednesday 3rd July – Felt Purses

Wednesday 10th July – As above*

Thursday 4th July – Chocolate Crispy cakes

Thursday 11th July – Cookies*

Friday 5th July – Film night (ends 4.30pm)

Friday 12th July – No After School Club

*= Potential entries for the Boldre Produce Show

After school club is open Monday to Friday 3.10 to 6pm. We offer two session choices: Option 1 from 3.10 to 4.30pm (£6.00) and Option 2 from 3.10 to 6pm (£12.50). After 4.30pm we do activities, such as cooking and craft. Don't forget to book via Scopay or the school office.

With blessings *Mrs Harding*



Meet the Teacher

A reminder to parents that we are holding our 'Meet the teacher' meetings the week after next. Even if you 'know' your child's September teacher, do try to attend if you can, as they will be explaining teaching arrangements, topics and home learning, as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have:

Monday 8th July, 3.30 - 4.00	Willow & Maple (all new Year 1 & 2 pupils)	Miss Thompson & Mrs Doggett
Tuesday 9th July, 3.30 - 4.00	Oak (all new Year 5 & 6 pupils)	Mr Dye
Wednesday 10th July, 3.30 - 4.00	Beech (all new Year 3 & 4 pupils)	Mrs Linsley & Miss Andrassy

We also have one more parent Celebration Worship before the end of term, on **Friday 12th July**. We look forward to welcoming parents to Celebration Worships during 2024/25.

Considerate parking

Can we please remind parents to be considerate to our neighbours when dropping and collecting. In particular, the residents who live opposite the school need access to their driveways **at all times** - please do not block these, or use private driveways for turning. If the dropzone is full and there is limited space over the road, please do park further up in the village - parents have permission to use the memorial hall carpark. Please also remember that the school carpark should not be used for drop-off, collection, unless prior permission from school has been obtained. Thank you for your understanding.

KS2 Production

Rehearsals are progressing well for our Year 4/5/6 production, 'Robin Hood & the Sherwood Hoodies'. This will be performed on **Monday 8th & Wednesday 10th July, 6.30pm**, with tickets available via scopay. The whole school will watch the production during the morning of Monday 8th July.

Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Zoryan

KS1 - Otti and Megan

Beech - Arthur and Biagio

Pine - Kayler M

Oak - Freya



Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was 94.2% and for the first time we had **TWO classes with 100%**! A big well done to **Willow & Beech**, who share the trophy.

House Points

Congratulations to Ipley House, who won the cup this week.

Diary Dates

Thursday 4th July	Maple/Beech forest school
Monday 8th July	Willow/Maple 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30 KS2 Production, 6.30
Tuesday 9th July	'Moving Up' day Oak 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30
Wednesday 10th July	'Moving Up' day Beech 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30 KS2 Production, 6.30
Thursday 11th July	Beech /Pine forest school Oak Class trip to Paultons Park
Friday 12th July	Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05 End of year reports home
Friday 19th July	Music concert (9.05) Church Service (1.30pm) (Final day of term)
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days