



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 3 - Friday 24th May

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It's been a really enjoyable week in school, with lots of creativity on show with our Arts Week activities, and this afternoon we enjoyed performances from our William Gilpin drama group and something a bit different from the Milford West Gallery Quire, who treated us to a mini-concert! Our visitors were very impressed with the children, commending them for their attentive listening and their enthusiasm joining in with the shanty! It was lovely to welcome many parents and grandparents to Celebration Worship this morning, do join us next half-term if you can. Have a lovely week,

Simon Croutear

From the governors

As we approach the final half term of the academic year, I thought it might be appropriate to share with parents some the work done by the governing body.

The governors are a 10 strong team, supplemented by 2 members of staff, whose job it is to support but also challenge the staff charged with the day to day care and education of all the pupils at William Gilpin. We hold 2 Full Governing Body (FGB) meetings each term and it is the responsibility of the governors to set the strategic aims of the school and ensure that the school follows and achieves the targets set out in the school development plan. It is also the responsibility of the governors to oversee and approve the various policies that are in place to help the school run smoothly and efficiently. These are reviewed on a regular basis and all the required statutory policies are available for parents to view at any time on the school website.

The governors are keen to encourage more parent participation as we know that the parent/teacher/pupil partnership is crucial to your child's happiness and success at school. Celebration worships have been very well attended and, of course, the school will be commemorating the 300th birthday of our founder with a series of events and projects by the children in the school. There are also plans for an all-age choir and monthly service to begin in September, to which parents will be warmly welcomed. We would also like to invite parents to come in to school for talks or presentations in the evening on matters of general or educational interest and would welcome your views, through the school office, on the sort of things that would be of interest. In addition, after the half term break, we will be asking parents to complete a questionnaire that will help us assess what sort of other things might be put in place to further encourage parental involvement.

Tim Skinner, Chair of Governors



INSET Days 2024/25

The five INSET days for the next academic year have been confirmed as:

- **Monday 2nd September 2024** (new school year begins on Tuesday 3rd September)
- **Friday 8th November 2024**
- **Friday 14th February 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025***
- **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**

* Friday 18th July 2025 will be the final day of the school year

Help needed!

The school grounds always look so green and lush at this time of the year but we also find it near-impossible to keep up with the growth of weeds and brambles, especially in the Willow garden. If there are any parents (or grandparents) who would be able to give us a hand with some regular gardening, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you can help.





ART WEEK 2024

We always look forward to our Summer Term Art Week and this year it has taken place a little earlier to coincide with the William Gilpin 300th anniversary celebrations. As usual, Mrs Clapcott produced her fabulous video tutorials to guide pupils in creating their masterpieces, all with a forest / landscape theme to reflect the artistic career of our school's founder.

From landscape watercolours to 3D clay forest scenery and models, the whole school have produced some wonderful work, which has today been curated ready for display at our open exhibition next weekend.





Beech & Pine Viking workshops

Beech & Pine classes have been learning about the Vikings in their history lessons this half-term, and on Wednesday were visited by the Southampton Sea City Museum for workshops to help immerse the pupils in the lives of these fascinating Nordic people. The significance of Southampton as a Saxon port settlement meant that it was a prime target for Viking raids, and pupils got to study intriguing artefacts from the period, as well as experiencing the clothes and weapons used by Vikings.



Drama & music performances

This afternoon we were treated to memorable performances encompassing drama and music, as the #Gilpin300 celebrations really commenced. Firstly, our drama group - who have been working with Hamer's mum Jess in recent weeks, performed their homage to Gilpin with a theatrical piece telling of his travels and adventures.



Following this, we had an wonderful performance from the Milford West Gallery musicians, who told us the story of working agricultural life in the late-18th century through their music and singing. We enjoyed joining in with a shanty! They will also be performing at Boldre War Memorial Hall on **Sunday 2nd June**.



William Gilpin (1724-1804) Tricentenary Celebration

Displays, exhibitions,
a trail, music, a talk,
teas, a creative corner!

WILLIAM GILPIN SCHOOL

Friday 31st May and **Saturday 1st June** 10:00 – 18:00 **Sunday 2nd June** 10:00 – 16:00

Displays of children's Art and History projects exploring the life of William Gilpin

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BOLDRE

Saturday 1st June 10:00 – 12:00 and **Sunday 2nd June** 10:00 – 16:00 open to view displays.

Sunday 2nd June 10:30 Matins, west gallery music, and extracts from an original Gilpin sermon.

Tuesday 4th June 10:00 – a short service (everyone welcome) to commemorate Gilpin's actual birthday and laying of flowers on his grave by children from William Gilpin School.

BOLDRE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Saturday 1st June 10:00 – 18:00 Exhibition to illustrate different aspects of Gilpin's life; a creative corner for anyone wishing to create a piece of work on a small canvas - a response to the landscape.

A small reception at 17:00 to welcome Diana (the originator of the celebration plans) and Andrew Neaum along with Historian Peter Goodchild who will give a short talk on William Gilpin.

Teas and cakes kindly provided by St John's Church along with a sale of produce.

Sunday 2nd June 10:00 – 16:00 Exhibition and creative corner. In the afternoon typical music from the period, kindly performed by the Milford West Gallery group. Teas and cakes kindly provided by the WI,

Fri 31st May - Tues 4th June

FREE ENTRY



After School Club

During the past fortnight In After School Club we have made some lovely things for our gardens. We started off by making grass caterpillars. We mixed grass seed with compost and stuffed old tights to create our caterpillars. When fully grown they will need a trim with a pair of scissors! This week we made Bee Hotels and Butterfly feeding stations, in honour of World Bee Day.



Grass Caterpillars



Bee Hotels and Butterfly feeders

After half term we will be busy making:

Monday 3rd June – Chocolate Cakes

Tuesday 4th June – Chocolate Lollipops

Wednesday 5th June – Chocolate Bark

Thursday 6th June – Abbey Biscuits

Friday 7th June – Film night with Crisps

Monday 10th June – Abbey Biscuits

Tuesday 11th June – Father's Day Gifts

Wednesday 12th June – Father's Day Gifts

Thursday 13th June – Chocolate Cakes

Friday 14th June – Film Night with crisps

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.

Hope you all have a lovely half-term. With blessings *Mrs Harding*

Year R butterflies!

Year R have been learning about the life cycles of butterflies and have enjoyed watching caterpillars change to cocoons. They were very excited to find their first butterfly this week! Pupils have also been using very impressive vocabulary to describe this process, such as 'transform', 'emerging' and 'proboscis'!



KS1 St Barbe's visit

Our Year 1 & 2 pupils enjoyed a visit from St. Barbe's museum last week to learn more about seaside holidays in the past.





BIRTHDAY CAKES NEEDED!

Calling all bakers! We would love to celebrate William Gilpin's birthday with some cakes on **Tuesday 4th June**. We know what amazing baking skills our parents have from previous Great Gilpin Bake-Offs, and, with our annual competition having taken a rest this year, warmly invite donations of cakes (maybe with a William Gilpin theme?) for us all to enjoy at our picnic.

Please do join us at **2pm on the field** on 4th June, bring along a picnic to share with your child, and keep your fingers crossed for the sun to shine!



Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Olly K

KS1 - Gwen K & Hugo M

Beech - Evelyn W

Pine - Evita B

Oak - Ronan T-M



Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was 94.2% (up slightly from last week), with the class cup awarded to **Willow Class** with an excellent 98.8%!

House Points

Wilverley won the House trophy again to extend their lead for the school year. Can Setley or Ipley catch them?

Out of school achievement

We celebrated Sam's amazing 16lb carp catch and Oscar & Oliver's tug-of-war success with Beavers! Do send in news and photos of your child's achievements out of school for us to share on Fridays.

Boldre History Trail

Our pupil history group have devised a trail around the village as part of their #Gilpin300 project. These will be available at our open hall event next week.



Diary Dates

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HALF-TERM
Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June	OPEN HALL (#Gilpin300 celebrations), 10-6 (Sunday 10-4)
Tuesday 4th June	William Gilpin 300th Anniversary celebration day (parents welcome 2pm)
Thursday 6th June	Willow/Pine forest school
Thursday 13th June	Oak/Maple forest school
Friday 14th June	Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05
Saturday 15th June, 11-2	FROWGS Summer Fete
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral visit Willow/Beech forest school
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June	ASSESSMENT WEEK (Y1-5)
Monday 24th June	SPORTS DAY (1.00)
Thursday 27th June	Pine/Oak forest school
Friday 28th June	Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05
Thursday 4th July	Maple/Beech forest school
Monday 8th July	KS2 Production (6.30)
Tuesday 9th July	'Moving Up' day Year 6 Priestlands Intake Day
Wednesday 10th July	'Moving Up' day KS2 Production (6.30)
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