



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 2 - Friday 10th May

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

What a gloriously warm and sunny week it has been - we have certainly been making the most of the weather. In this week's newsletter you can read all about our enjoyable Cash for Kids efforts last week (our fundraising page is still [open](#)) and see details of the forthcoming celebrations of William Gilpin, as we mark his 300th birthday. Next week our Year 6 pupils will sit their end of KS2 assessments (SATs) and we wish them the best of luck! The diary dates on page 3 have been updated to include all key events this term (including sports day and the KS2 production). Have a lovely weekend,

*Simon Croutear*

### Staff news

As shared with Pine Class parents last week, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Hartwell at half-term, as she leaves her teaching post to pursue an exciting new opportunity working with vulnerable children. Mrs Hartwell has been teaching at William Gilpin for nine years and will be very much missed. However, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jonathan Dye as a new teacher who joins us in September and will be teaching Oak Class. Mr Dye, a very experienced primary school teacher, is relocating to the area from London and is very excited about joining the William Gilpin team.

### Worship update

Earlier this week we considered 'gentleness' in worship, recognising that we treat objects in different ways depending on what they are; for example a nail needs to be hit very hard by a hammer to do its job, as does a football when trying to score a goal. Yet a glass vase needs to be handled far more gently. We then thought about how the words we use towards others can either be gentle or harsh - and the impact they can have. Finally, we read a quote from Indian poet Sanobar Khan, which reminded us to be gentle with ourselves, because we are all so important to the people who love us.



Yesterday, vicar Terence led worship on Ascension Day, on which Christians mark the end of the Easter period and Christ's 'ascension' into heaven is celebrated. David taught us a new hymn 'Hail the day that sees him rise', which Terence said was very much a tradition and that many of our grandparents' generation would have likely sung this and then finished school

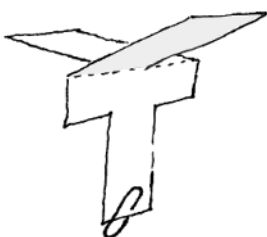


early for the day! Terence also shared the story of David Balme, a twenty year old soldier who worshipped at St. John's and, in 1941, heroically boarded a German U-boat in the mid-

Atlantic, capturing an Enigma coding machine. His courage played a significant part in turning the battle of the Atlantic in the Allies favour and shortened the second world war.

### Pine Class science

Pine Class have been learning about forces in their science lessons and this week enjoyed testing out their aeroplanes and helicopters as they considered the effects of gravity and air resistance. The Oak balcony always comes in handy for such investigations!





## #Gilpin300

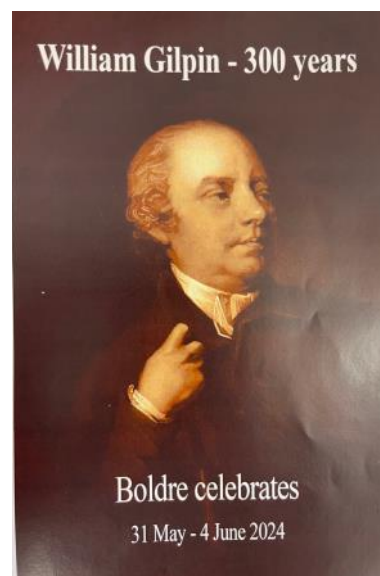
Preparations are well underway for marking the 300th anniversary of the birth of our school's founder, William Gilpin. The pupil group leading the history project have enjoyed three workshops at St. Barbe's museum, learning how to use the research room to find out more about Mr Gilpin and his life in late-18th century Boldre. The group have devised a 'history trail' around the village which will be published before half-term, so that people can trace Gilpin's steps around the village he would have known in his time, taking in locations such as his original school, the workhouse (now our school), the Fleur-de-Lys and several historical cottages. The pupils are also filming a video tour of these locations which will be shared as part of the celebrations (see calendar below).

There is lots going on as part of the #Gilpin300 celebrations, both here at school and in the local community. Pupils have taken home flyers today with all of this information, which is also summarised below:



The pupil history group at Gilpin's Cottage (the site of the original school)

William Gilpin 300th Anniversary Celebration		
What?	When?	Where?
Exhibition of pupil art-work, history trail & film 'Gilpin's Boldre'	Friday 31st - Sunday 2nd June (10-6, 1-4 Sunday)	School Hall
William Gilpin exhibition (his life, his work, his art) - with refreshments both days and live music on Sunday	Saturday 1st June (10-6), Sunday 2nd June (10-4)	Boldre War Memorial Hall
Matins with an original Gilpin sermon & 18th century West Gallery music	Sunday 2nd June (10.30)	St. John's Church
Gilpin's birthday – short service at church	Tuesday 4th June	St John's Church
Celebration events at school	Church service 10.00 School event for parents 2.00	School field



## Priestlands sport

A team of infants attended the Priestlands Sports athletics this week with Mrs Granger & Mrs Hoogenboom. We were very proud of our young team, many of whom were visiting Priestlands for the first time!





## Cash for Kids!

We supported the fantastic 'Cash for Kids' appeal for the fourth year in a row last week, which culminated in our usual 'Popstars Day' on Friday. It was great to welcome so many parents and families at our morning concert and we hope you enjoyed the performances from each class! The previous day, two lucky pupils got the opportunity to visit the Greatest Hits radio studios with Mr Croutear, our school having received a special invitation to a VIP breakfast event as a thank you for our fundraising efforts. We met lots of other supporters of Cash for Kids, as well as people representing organisations which benefit from the money raised. Other highlights were definitely the 'retro breakfast' and the studio tour with DJ Rick Jackson!

A huge thank you to everybody who has donated to our appeal - we have beaten last year's total of £500 and are on the way to reaching our target of £1,000. The fundraising page will stay open until half-term and can be found [here](#) - please do share!





## After School Club

See below for the exciting ASC programme for the next fortnight - please do support this provision if you can, it is so vital for many parents but has to be financially viable for the school.

### After School Club

In After School Club this week, we made some yummy Stain Glass window biscuits. I thought I would share a couple of pictures of them with you. We do try to cover special dietary requirements when we cook on Monday's and Thursday's such as dairy and gluten free. The biscuits below are dairy free and one tray is gluten free too, and both tasted yummy!



This is what we have planned for the next two weeks in After School Club.

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Scones                  | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Jam Tarts                           |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May – Grass Caterpillars     | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Make a bee hotel                   |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – Pea/Lettuce Planters | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Make a butterfly feeding station |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Jam Tarts             | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Scones                            |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Film night with Crisps  | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May – 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.

With blessings Mrs. Harding

## Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Katelyn S

KS1 - Suzie A

Beech - Leon H

Pine - Belle G

Oak - Elliot C



### Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was 94.72% (unfortunately down from last week), with the class cup finally being awarded to **Pine Class**, who achieved an impressive 98.3%!

### House Points

**Setley** won the House trophy with 285 points - a much needed victory as they close the gap to Ipley & Wilverley for the year.

### Top Table

We will soon be moving outside to enjoy lunch in the summer sun, but there will be another top table next week - well done to Olly K, Archie M & Hugo M (KS1) and Cleo B, Evie S & Owen H (KS2).

## Diary Dates

Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
Thursday 16th May	<b>Pine/Oak forest school</b>
Monday 20th - Friday 24th May	<b>ARTS WEEK</b>
Thursday 23rd May	<b>Beech/Maple forest school</b>
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	<b>HALF-TERM</b>
Friday 24th May	<b>Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05</b>
Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June	<b>OPEN HALL (#Gilpin300 celebrations), 10-6 (Sunday 10-4)</b>
Tuesday 4th June	<b>William Gilpin 300th Anniversary celebration day (parents welcome 2pm)</b>
Thursday 6th June	<b>Willow/Pine forest school</b>
Thursday 13th June	<b>Oak/Maple forest school</b>
Friday 14th June	<b>Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05</b>
Saturday 15th June	<b>FROWGS Summer Fete</b>
Thursday 20th June	<b>Year 6 Winchester Cathedral visit</b> <b>Willow/Beech forest school</b>
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June	<b>ASSESSMENT WEEK (Y1-5)</b>
Monday 24th June	<b>SPORTS DAY (1.00)</b>
Thursday 27th June	<b>Pine/Oak forest school</b>
Friday 28th June	<b>Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05</b>
Thursday 4th July	<b>Maple/Beech forest school</b>
Tuesday 9th July	<b>Year 6 Priestlands Intake Day</b>
Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	<b>'Moving Up' days</b> <b>KS2 Production (6.30)</b>
Friday 12th July	<b>Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05</b> <b>End of year reports home</b>
Friday 19th July	<b>Music concert (9.05)</b> <b>Church Service (1.30pm) (Final day of term)</b>
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	<b>INSET Days</b>