



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Spring Term - Number 2 - Friday 24th January 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

A windy and wet end to the week but thankfully we've not had the stormy weather as bad as some parts of the country. We've been celebrating some great tag rugby achievements in KS2 over the last two weeks (see below) and it was nice to have the term's first 'open classroom' event for parents yesterday as Oak Class shared their learning. We are currently carrying out 'The Big William Gilpin Pupil Survey' across the school to get feedback from pupils on a range of topics, such as church school, learning, playtimes, clubs, safety and aspirations. We will share the results in February and at the March parents evenings, parents will be asked to give their views. Do remember the Frowgs DISCO on Tuesday - tickets available in Classlist. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Simon Croutear

Worship focus

We have continued thinking about 'community', one of our core school values, in worships this week. Vicar Terence taught us a new song, 'Moses, I know you're the man' on Tuesday, and on Wednesday we considered what life would be like if we lived alone. The Church-School Vision Group led worship yesterday, sharing their fantastic artwork for the 'Creative for Climate Justice' Christian Aid campaign. Mel announced the exciting news that one of the CSV group, Sophie from Year 6, has been chosen to attend a special exhibition in London in March to share the work with MPs and other guests!



Tag Rugby

Our KS2 tag rugby teams have achieved success at Priestlands sports recently. Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams both won bronze medals last week, and this week our KS2 girls team brought home silver!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th January, 3.30 - 5.00pm	Frowgs GLOW DISCO
Thursday 30th January, 3.30pm	Calshot residential parent meeting (Oak Class)
Friday 31st January, 9.05am	Parent Celebration Worship
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February	Children's Mental Health Week (Friday - wear your scarf day)
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th Feb	Assessment Week
Wednesday 12th February, 2.30pm	Willow & Maple Open Classrooms
Friday 14th February	INSET Day
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Half-Term
Friday 28th February, 9.05am	Parent Celebration Worship
Monday 3rd March, 3.30 - 6.00pm	PARENTS EVENING
Wednesday 5th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	PARENTS EVENING
Friday 14th March, 9.05am	Parent Celebration Worship
Friday 21st March, 2.30pm	Beech Open Classroom
Friday 28th March, 9.05am	Parent Celebration Worship
Friday 4th April, 9.05am	Easter Church Service FINAL DAY OF TERM (normal closing)

Remaining INSET days for 2024/25:

Monday 21st July 2025 & Tuesday 22nd July 2025



Open Classrooms

This term all classes are holding 'open classroom' events for parents to come in and share their child's learning with them. Yesterday, Oak parents were treated to a modern rendition of 'Jerusalem' by the class, saw some fantastic report writing and got to try out some Matisse artwork!



OPEN CLASSROOMS



Please come along and celebrate your child's learning at our Spring Term **OPEN CLASSROOM** events:

- Thursday 23rd January - OAK CLASS
 - Wednesday 12th February - WILLOW & MAPLE
 - Friday 21st March - BEECH CLASS
- 2.30pm

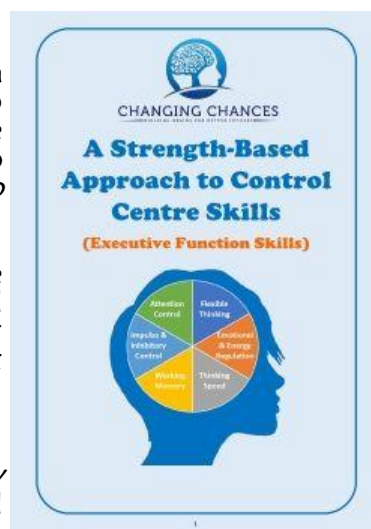
An opportunity to see your child's books, projects, classroom displays and chat to staff!

Please also remember our parent Celebration Workshops, taking place on 17th January, 31st January, 28th February, 14th March & 28th March. Tea & coffee served from 8.45am!

Children's Mental Health Week

The week beginning Monday 5th of February is **Children's Mental Health Week**. We'll be doing some special activities during this week to help children keep mentally well, using resources provided to us by Coram Life Education SCARF and Changing Chances, and on **Friday 9th of February**, to mark the end of this week, we'll be holding a special *Wear Your Scarf to School Day*.

SCARF is a big part of our health and wellbeing/PSHE curriculum where we learn about all the things we can do to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy. We will also be highlighting the different strengths that we have as individuals, recognising what we are good at and what executive function skills we need to improve.



Wear Your Scarf to School Day

Friday 9th February

On *Wear Your SCARF to School Day* children are invited to wear a special or favourite scarf all day in school. We'll be doing some special activities to help us remember and celebrate SCARF's important values of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship.

Beech & Oak classes will also be taking part in the next phase of the 'mini-forest' tree planting at New Park during this week, and Oak Class will be visiting the Tile Barn Centre on the Tuesday morning (more details next week).





Drop Zone, Pilley Hill & school carpark

Once again can we please ask parents to be using the drop-zone as intended (not to leave parked cars there) and a reminder that the school carpark / driveway should not be used for school drop-off/pick-up.

In addition, we have observed some parents turning their cars around on Pilley Hill (often using the driveways of houses opposite the school). Please can we ask parents not to do this - **Pilley Hill is not safe for cars to be turned.**

Thank you for your understanding.

Parents Evenings

Our Spring Term Parents Evenings take place on **Monday 3rd & Thursday 6th March (3.30 - 6.30).**

As we have changed the school website, the booking system is new and you will today have received an email from **Juniper Education** inviting you create a user account. Once you have done this, you can access the booking page [here](#).

Please do contact the school office if you need any assistance.

GLOW DISCO!

'DJ Muggs' returns to the decks next week at Frowgs' **GLOW DISCO** - ready with some awesome tunes, bright lights and a neon-glow theme. Pupils can bring their disco clothes and dancing shoes with them to school on the day to get changed into. There will be neon face paint and glow tattoos, a quieter chill-out & colour room for those who need it, free squash & water and a tuckshop selling sweets & crisps. Tickets available on Classlist! **Tuesday 28th January, 3.30 - 5.00pm.**



Celebration

Weekly Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Noah E-C & Nerin M

Maple - Ottilie T & Cordelia B

Beech - Leo R

Oak - Hamer S & Lucy P



House Points

Congratulations to **Wilverley House** who won the cup this week, which makes it all square between the three houses this term!

Top Table

KS1 - Zoryan B, Ottilie T & Alfred Y

KS2 - Cleo B, Hamer S & Bertie B

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance was 93.2% this week and the winning class was **Beech**, with an impressive 97.9%.

Donation

We are hugely grateful to R&M Electrical Group for their donation of wooden cable drums! We will be putting these to good use enhancing outdoor learning areas, including Forest School and the Willow garden.





After School Club

Greetings from After School Club,

We have had a lot of fun in After School Club this past fortnight. On Monday and Thursday nights we bake and since I last wrote we have made Confetti cakes, Chocolate Rock Cakes and Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels. We even adapted the recipe to make Marmite and cheese pinwheels for a marmite fan, I must admit they were very tasty!

On Tuesday's and Wednesday's we craft. The children made some lovely creations during our recycling evenings. They made robots, football goals and balls and a Bowling Alley! The children loved trying out the bowling especially. This week we have been beading. The children made lots of bead chains to decorate their bags, some of the beads glowed in the dark!

On Friday's we watch films and enjoy crisps and popcorn. Occasionally if we are lucky we have hot chocolate too courtesy of FROWGS. Recently we have watched 'Harold and the Purple Crayon', 'Cats at the Museum' and this week we are watching 'The Wild Robot' which was only released this Monday!

One of the childrens favourite activities is Lego. They are amazing at making all sorts of vehicles, houses, animals and people etc. Below are photos of two of the most recent makes.



Chocolate Rock Cakes



Recycling Creations



Bead Keychains



Lego Creations

Polite reminder
Please can parents return any After School Club cooking containers so that we can reuse them.
Many thanks

This is what we are planning to do over the next fortnight:

Monday 27th January – Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels Monday 3rd February – Vegetable Spring Rolls

Tuesday 28th January – Chinese New Year Craft Tuesday 4th February - Origami

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year Craft Wednesday 5th February – Origami

Thursday 30th January – Vegetable Spring Rolls Thursday 6th February – Shortbread Style Biscuits

Friday 31st January – Film night with Crisps/popcorn Friday 7th February – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

After school club is open Monday to Friday 3.10 to 6pm. We offer two session choices: Option1 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*