



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Spring Term - Number 4 - Friday 28th February 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We've enjoyed some lovely spring sunshine towards the end of the week which looks set to last as we head into March and the beginning of Lent. Celebration worship this morning was especially nice as we presented a huge number of 'Personal Best' pencils and also congratulated Year 6 pupils for their brilliant effort in their 'practice-SATs' week. There are two more Parent Celebration Workshops this term (14th & 28th March), please do join us if you can (grandparents / other family members are also very welcome!). Pupils are looking forward to the annual teacher-pancake contest next week on Shrove Tuesday, this year's lucky participants are Mrs Nicholls & Miss Andy! World Book Day is upon us once more, we are celebrating this on Wednesday (more details below). We are also looking forward to welcoming everyone for Parents Evenings on Monday and Thursday. Have a lovely weekend,

Simon Croutear

Worship focus

The story of Moses continued this week in Vicar Terence's worship, complete with props and costumes! We also turned our attention to animals (which is our World Book Day theme) and learnt about the incredible qualities of elephants and how they show our school values of courage, compassion and community.



World Book Day!

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We are celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday** of next week and our theme this year is animals. Pupils are invited to dress-up with an animal theme or wear pyjamas (please ensure these are suitable for a school day). Frowgs are running the usual Book Swap and have arranged an exciting storytelling workshop for each class, followed by art activities.

Diary Dates

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| Monday 3rd March, 3.30 - 6.00pm | PARENTS EVENING |
| Wednesday 5th March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 6th March, 3.30 - 6.00pm | 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 |
| Wednesday 2nd April, 9.05am | Spring Music Concert |
| Friday 4th April, 9.05am | Easter Church Service FINAL DAY OF TERM (normal closing) |
| Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| Tuesday 22nd April | Summer Term begins |
| Monday 5th May | Bank Holiday |
| Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May | Year 6 SATs week |
| Monday 26th - Friday 29th May | Half-Term |

Remaining INSET days for 2024/25:
Monday 21st July 2025 & Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Parenting Support

Please do see the useful attachments sent with today's newsletter if you are interested in accessing parenting support.



Beech Class reward

Beech Class enjoyed a reward afternoon yesterday for achieving a full jar of marbles, a target they have been working towards since the beginning of the term! Pupils were able to select from a variety of reward activities, including cookery, computers and art. Well done Beech Class!



Priestlands netball

Sadly the Year 3/4 netball tournament at Priestlands was rained off on Wednesday but Beech Class enjoyed an afternoon of table-tennis instead. The weather is looking more promising for the Year 5/6 competition next week and today the squad were busy training with Mrs Linsley and Mrs Granger!



Celebration

Weekly Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Aggy B

Maple - Sophia M

Beech - Arthur M

Oak - Cleo B, Sam R & Lucy P



House Points

Wilverley House took the trophy this week to extend their lead.

Attendance Cup

Beech Class retained the cup with an impressive 97.2%, with whole-school attendance at 93.4%.



After School Club

Welcome back, I hope you all had a restful half-term.

In After School Club we have started this term with a week of Pokémon fun. We tried Pokémon Origami, worked on a Pokémon sticker book, tried Pokéball Sudoku, Pokémon Wordsearches and colouring. On Thursday we made Pokémon biscuits. I didn't realise that there were so many different Pokémon, it seems there are hundreds of them, all with different characteristics! I was amazed by the children's knowledge on all things Pokémon! I did impress some of the children though with my only memorable joke! How do you get Pikachu on a bus? Answer: You Poke-him-on! (Pokémon).



Pokémon Origami



Pokéball Sudoku



Pokémon Sticker Book



Pokémon Biscuits

In the week before half-term we made Chocolate Chip Shortbread biscuits and for Valentines Day we crafted Valentine Lollipop Butterflies and baked yummy Valentines Cupcakes!



Chocolate Chip Shortbread



Valentine Lollipop Butterflies



Valentines Cupcakes



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 3rd March – Tiffin

Monday 10th March – Cheese & Chive Scone Bread

Tuesday 4th March – Pencil Pots

Tuesday 11th March – Hama Beads

Wednesday 5th March – Pencil Pots

Wednesday 12th March – Hama Beads

Thursday 6th March – Cheese & Chive Scone Bread

Thursday 13th March – Tiffin

Friday 7th March – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Friday 14th March – 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*