



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Spring Term - Number 6 - Friday 28th March 2025

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Today's 'Break the Rules' day has been great fun and marks the end to a week that has seen lots of visitors to school and left me feeling very proud of pupils and staff. On Tuesday, our School Improvement Advisor from the local authority joined me in reviewing writing standards across the school and was impressed with the progress pupils are making. Yesterday was 'Governor's Day', with governors spending the day in school visiting classes, talking with pupils and joining them on the field at playtime. One governor's quote resonated - 'I had no idea teachers worked so hard' - very true, but as ever it is a privilege to work with our wonderful WG children. Have a great weekend,

*Simon Croutear*

### Forest School returns!

We are very pleased to announce the return of Forest School next term. As previously announced, we are training Mrs Hoogenboom as a Level 3 Forest School Leader and she will be involved in all William Gilpin Forest School sessions next term. Until her training is complete, we are welcoming Vicky Helmsley of 'Forest Friends' as our Forest School teacher and she is looking forward to using our revamped and improved outdoor learning area. Forest School sessions will be on **Wednesday afternoons** on the following dates. We ask that pupils wear uniform and bring Forest School clothes to change into at school on these dates. As this is a different provider to our previous, new permission forms will need to be completed by parents (these will be sent by the office).

Wed 23rd April	Maple & Beech
Wed 7th May	Oak & Willow
Wed 21st May	Willow & Maple
Wed 11th June	Maple & Oak
Wed 25th June	Willow & Beech
Wed 16th July	Beech & Oak

### P.E. kit change - IMPORTANT

A reminder that, from the beginning of the summer term, pupils are asked to **wear P.E. kit into school on their P.E. days**, which are below:

Willow Class - Tuesdays & Fridays  
 Maple Class - Tuesdays & Fridays  
 Beech Class - Mondays & Wednesdays  
 Oak Class - Mondays & Thursdays

It is very important that the correct P.E. kit is worn, to ensure that pupils look smart and presentable for school every day. Thank you for your support.

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd April, 9.05am	<b>Spring Music Concert</b>
Friday 4th April, 9.05am	<b>Easter Church Service</b> <b>FINAL DAY OF TERM</b> <b>(normal closing)</b>
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tuesday 22nd April	<b>Summer Term begins</b>
Wednesday 23rd April	<b>Maple &amp; Beech Forest School</b>
Monday 5th May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Wednesday 7th May	<b>Oak &amp; Willow Forest School</b>
Thursday 8th May	<b>VE Day Anniversary</b>
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May	<b>Year 6 SATs week</b>
Wednesday 21st May	<b>Willow &amp; Maple Forest School</b>
Monday 26th - Friday 29th May	<b>Half-Term</b>
Tuesday 3rd June	<b>Class photos</b>
Wednesday 4th June	<b>Founders Day</b>
Wednesday 11th June	<b>Maple &amp; Oak Forest School</b>
Thursday 19th June	<b>Year 6 trip to Winchester Cathedral</b>
Saturday 21st June	<b>School Fete</b>
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th June	<b>Oak Class Calshot residential</b>
Wednesday 25th June	<b>Willow &amp; Beech Forest School</b>
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July	<b>Moving Up days</b>
Wednesday 16th July	<b>Beech &amp; Oak Forest School</b>
Friday 18th July	<b>Final day of term</b>



## New Milton Music Festival success



A big well done to Sean, Arthur, Lucy & Karenza who took part in the recent New Milton Music Festival, playing guitar. Arthur won a gold medal in his category. We look forward to watching them perform, along with our brass and keyboard players, at our Spring Music Concert next week.



## Beech Open Classroom

The final Spring Term Open Classroom took place last week, with Beech Class welcoming parents to share their learning, including lots of great learning linked to their Africa topic (visitors were also offered herbal teas, inspired by this project!). Many thanks for supporting our Open Classroom events this term - look out for Summer dates soon!



## Maypole Club!

The William Gilpin maypole is returning this summer, with performances of maypole dancing planned for the School Fete (15th June) and the Church Fete (5th July).

Vicar Terence has kindly offered to run a **Maypole Club on Tuesdays after-school (3.30 - 4.15)** for any **KS2 pupils** who would like to join. Commitment to perform at the fetes would be expected!

Maypole Club will run on:

- Tuesday 22nd April
- Tuesday 29th April
- Tuesday 10th June
- Tuesday 24th June
- Tuesday 1st July

If you would like your child to join, please email the school office before the first session.

## Celebration

Weekly Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Jimmy C & Zoryan B

Maple - Gwen K

Beech - Oliver H

Oak - Sean R, Axel H & Cromarty H



### House Points

**Wilverley House** took the trophy again with 320 points.

### Attendance Cup

School attendance was 94.7%, with **Willow Class** taking the cup (97.5%).

## End of term service

Next Friday (**4th April**) our end-of-term Easter Service takes place at St. John's church. As usual, we ask that pupils are transported directly to church where they will be met by their teacher. Teachers will be at the church to register pupils from 8.40am, with **the service beginning at 9.05am**. The service will last approximately an hour and we ask that parents take pupils back to school, which will finish at the usual time. Please note that the Easter Service is a whole-school event which all pupils are expected to attend.





## After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

Last week to celebrate Comic Relief's Red Nose Day we made Red Nose Pom Poms, Bunting and decorated Fairy cakes with red noses.



Red Nose Pom Pom's



Red Nose Cakes



Red Nose Bunting

### Polite reminder

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

This week we have made lots of things for our Mum's or those we care about. We have made Fairy cakes, our own chocolates and a basket to put them in, 3D Mother's Day cards and Mini Victoria Sandwiches.



Fairy Cakes



Homemade Chocolates in baskets



3D Mother's Day cards



Mini Victoria Sandwiches

This is what we are planning to do next week and our first week back after Easter:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – **INSET TWILIGHT TRAINING**  
(No After School Club)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – **EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
(No After School Club)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Craft

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Door Hangers

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April -Easter Craft

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Door Hangers

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Biscuits

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 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.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

With blessings Mrs Harding

**\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB IS NOT AVAILABLE ON MONDAY 31st MARCH\*\*\***

# Great Easter Activities at St Barbe

Sat 5 – Mon 21 April - Easter Holidays! Explore the Exhibition

**Families | Available all day | Included in entry price**

Self-led family fun activities around our Open 2025 exhibition. Dress up as an artist and have a go at creating your own masterpiece, plus find the golden egg in our Easter trail and win a prize.

Tue 8 April - Clay Mini Worlds Workshop

**Ages 8+ | 10am-12noon | £6 | Adult supervision required for under 13 years | Book via website**

Be inspired by the land, city and seascapes in the Open 2025 exhibition. Sketch them and then have some fun learning how to use clay to create your own miniature world to take home.

Wed 9 April - St Barbe Out and About

**Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | SWAY**

We've popped over to Sway to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Open 2025 exhibition. **Find us at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB**

Thurs 10 April - Discover Your Inner Artist

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free**

Be inspired by our Open 2025 exhibition and create your own artwork using the variety of art material available.

Mon 14 April - St Barbe Out and About

**Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free | PENNINGTON**

We've popped over to Pennington to bring you some family fun activities inspired by our Open 2025 exhibition. **Find us at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ**

Wed 16 April - A Spring in Your Step

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm**

Come and create some bouncy Spring inspired characters. Easter themed craft activities for all the family. **Free**



**More information on [www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk](http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk)**



**ST BARBE**  
MUSEUM - ART GALLERY  
LYMINGTON

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1018779



# Easter Holidays Multisports

## Venue:

Gang Warily Recreation Centre SO45 IGA

## Date:

Week 1: Mon 7th April - Friday 11th April

Week 2 Mon 14th April - Thursday 17th April

## Ages:

5 - 11

## Time:

8:30am - 5:00pm

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

on Fri

**NERF**

on Weds

**Kidz  
Super  
Sportz**

## Early Bird: (Early bird ends 31st March)

All week (1st week) - £100.00 | Day Price £25.00

All week (2nd week) - £90.00 | Day Price £25.00

## Normal Price

All week (1st week) - £110.00 | Day Price £27.50

All week (2nd week) - £100.00 | Day Price £27.50

Email: [kidzsupersportz@aol.co.uk](mailto:kidzsupersportz@aol.co.uk)  
[www.kidzsupersportz.co.uk](http://www.kidzsupersportz.co.uk)

Turn over  
for the  
sports we  
cover!





# Easter Holidays Multisports

## SPORTS TO INCLUDE:

Dodgeball | Capture The Flag | Soft Archery  
Razor Carts | Athletics | Benchball | Football  
Kwik Cricket | Tennis | Basketball | Uni-hoc  
Ultimate Frisbee | Nerf Wars | Badminton

## Plus Many Other Fun Games!

Payment - Bank transfer, payments made to:

*Kidz Supersportz, Lloyds Bank*

*ACC Numb 02467994 S/C 30-98-73 Ref: your child*

**For details of all our courses and activities  
please contact us**

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# What's On At Lymington Library



Spring is here and the library is buzzing with activities. We have the fantastic **Game On** EVERY Saturday, where you can make friends and join in with a host of games, Lego and jigsaws to enjoy with a drink and a biscuit.

In the April holidays, **THE ESCAPE ROOM** is back, with clues to crack and codes to break.

Check out Lymington Library Facebook for dates and times of these events.

## Graphic Novels

Look at these GREAT graphic novels to get kids reading! From Bunny Vs Monkey to Dog Man and lots more!

Perfect for children who like shorter text and engaging illustrations.



## Spring into fun

School holiday activity days

Lymington Library

Thursday 10 April

Monday 14 April

Thursday 17 April

Have fun at our activity days. Games, building, dressing up, fun trails, books and craft activities.

Craft activities £2 per family. No need to book just turn up. Parent/Carers must stay with children under 9.



## New Baby Rhymetime

Monday 11-11.30

For babies aged 12-18 months. Come along for toe tapping, hand clapping, knee jogging, rhymes that get your little one moving!





# VE80

## ANNIVERSARY



Lions Club  
of New Milton & District  
CIO No. 1177005

# VE80 GET-TOGETHER

SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025  
New Milton Recreation Ground • 11.00am to 4.00pm

**FREE  
ENTRY**

- Part of the National Commemorative Events
- Beacon Lighting
- Military Themed Event
- Arena Activities
- WWII Displays
- Military Vehicle Display
- Stalls of all Types
- Variety of Street Food, Bar & Refreshments



NEW MILTON  
TOWN COUNCIL



For more details contact  
Alan Watson on 07771 754025  
[newmiltonlions.org.uk](http://newmiltonlions.org.uk)



# VICTORY DAY

Join us to celebrate the 80th  
anniversary of VE Day

Saturday 5th – Monday 21st April  
10am – 5.30pm

Complete our VE castle trail and themed arts and crafts.

All activities are included in your castle admission.

First ferry 10am from Keyhaven then every 20-30 minutes.



**HURST CASTLE**

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