



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 1 - Friday 13th September 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

What a great start to the new school year we've had, the first two weeks have flown by, with pupils settling really well into their classes and a great deal to celebrate already so early in the term. It is always so lovely welcoming our new starters each September and we have been very impressed with how confident and enthusiastic our fourteen Year R pupils have been during their first week at 'big school'. They are already playing on the field with the rest of the children (with the help of their Year 6 buddies)! Classes have been enjoying creating various artwork for communal display boards around the school, we've been electing the School Council and CSV group, as well as Year 6 leadership roles, launching our 'Personal Best' challenge and thinking about creation and new beginnings in collective worship. It was great to see so many parents and families at our Celebration assembly this morning - do check the diary dates for lots more opportunities to come into school this term. Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see many of you at the Food Festival on Sunday!

Simon Croutear

Food Festival

Back for its third year, the Frowgs Food Festival is a brilliant community event and we are really looking forward to this weekend (the weather forecast is looking good!). See you there!



Morning communication

If you need to get a message to class teachers in the morning, you can do this via the member of SLT on the gate or alternatively via the school office. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building at drop-off, please say goodbye to your child at the cloak-room doors. Thank you for your understanding.

Autumn Equinox Festival

On Sunday 22nd September, a community music festival is taking place at Rodlease fields in Boldre and all of our William Gilpin families are invited. A fantastic line-up of music is on the billing, including renowned pianist Peter Roper-Curzon (who has played at royal weddings) and the legendary Dire Straits bassist John Illsley is headlining! The event will also include lots of activities for children to engage with, as well as field sports (including tug-of-war!). The festival has been organised by Simon Parker, who is kindly allowing William Gilpin a significant presence with a display stand to promote our school to a large gathering. If any of our lovely pupils who are coming along would like to help out in their uniforms and talk to people about the school, that would be much appreciated (Mr Croutear will be there for the duration of the day). In addition, if any parents would be willing to help out in the Children's Corner, please let Mrs Rickman know. Tickets for the festival, all in aid of Oakhaven Hospice, can be purchased [here](#) and they will be withdrawn from sale on Monday so be quick!



John Illsley: Money for ~~Nothing~~ Oakhaven

School social media

Alongside our existing Instagram page, we now have a William Gilpin facebook page to help us share more about school with parents:



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My Personal Best

In worship on Tuesday, we launched our 'Personal Best' challenge, which will be a significant focus this year to encourage all of our pupils to aspire to achieve the very best they can in their learning. We used the Olympics & Paralympics to inspire us in considering how athletes are always seeking to improve, to reach a new 'PB' in their pursuit of excellence. We watched the amazing Usain Bolt winning 100m gold at the 2012 London Olympics, and then put three volunteers on a podium and asked others to nominate them for medals. The pupils chosen were celebrated for being a super mathematician, having a great sense of humour and always thinking of others, and awarded a medal. We then realised that a podium was not needed, they were all winners - but could also be even better. Achieving a 'personal best' is not about competing with others - only yourself, and a PB looks different for each person. We watched the inspirational race of Derek Redmond from the 1992 Olympics, whose excruciating injury did not stop him from crossing the finish line. For him on that day, it was a personal best. Our new 'PB' board outside of Beech Class will showcase learning this year from pupils who reach a new 'personal best', whether that be a piece of writing, a spelling test, some artwork - we want to push everyone to be the best they can!



Displays

Various new school displays have been appearing around school - including some lovely artwork from Maple Class and a legacy display of our William Gilpin 300th anniversary celebrations.



Top Table!

We have switched back from our outside eating in the summer term to the school hall, which means the Top Table has returned! Each week, staff record the names of pupils who are being 'ready, respectful & safe' in the lunch hall, for example: leaving the table **READY** for the next person, **t a l k i n g** **RESPECTFULLY** and being **SAFE** with cutlery.



LYMINGTON KIDICAL MASS

SUNDAY 15 SEPT
1.45 GATHER
2PM CYCLE

GATHER AT TOWN HALL CAR PARK
3 X 1 MILE AROUND THE TOWN, ON THE FLAT!



- CHILDREN UNDER 16 NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
- 1PM FREE BIKE SAFETY CHECK + TAGGING
- WE WILL ALL RIDE TOGETHER AS ONE GROUP
- A ROLLING PARADE OF FAMILIES + FRIENDS

This is a free community event. All welcome.
 BYO Bike and Helmet. Ride is marshalled.
 Bike tagging from 1pm. Charity Cake Sale after.



Year 6 Bikeability

Our annual cycling proficiency training for Year 6 took place earlier this week, with key skills being learnt firstly on the playground / field, and then pupils progressing to road cycling. The Bikeability instructors were very impressed with Year 6's efforts and behaviour and we presented Level 1 and Level 2 awards in assembly this morning.



Modeshift Stars Travel Plan award

We were pleased to receive our 'Good' accreditation from Modeshift Stars for the work we achieved in our school travel planning last year. Led by our Junior Road Safety Officers and our staff Travel Champion Miss Thompson, we helped to promote road safety through our 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day, traffic monitoring, JRSO shop, competitions and much more!



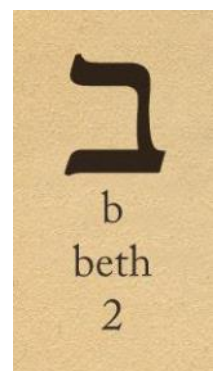
Kindness Week

We are taking part in the NSPCC 'Kindness Challenge' in October, as all classes will be carrying out a variety of activities to spread kindness. The focus will be kindness to ourselves (self-compassion), kindness to others (friendships and anti-bullying) and kindness to the wider community (environmental issues). On **Friday 4th October** we will have **Open Classrooms** at **2.45pm** for parents to come in and share what we have been doing.



Worship Focus

Our focus in Collective Worship this half-term is the Creation story and yesterday Vicar Terence told us about the passage from Genesis 1 which states 'In a beginning, God created the heaven and the earth...'. We looked at the Hebrew word 'Beth', which means 'house', and how this links to Creation. We have been enjoying our Autumn Term Pop Box songs, especially 'Stars' and 'All Over the World', as well as the more traditional 'Colours of Day'.





New Year R starters

Our new starters have had a great beginning to their time at William Gilpin, having been in for mornings this week. We are very proud of both our Year 1 Willow pupils who have been 'showing them the ropes' in class, as well as the Year 6 buddies who have supported them so well at playtimes. Next week they will be in school all day and joining whole-school worship for the first time.



After School Club

Welcome back to school, I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday.

In After School Club we have already made this term, wiggly button caterpillars and some delicious chocolate cakes. Just to let you know we do cover special dietary requirements when we cook, such as dairy and gluten free!



Here is a sneaky peak at our forthcoming activities.

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| Monday 16 th September – Apple Crumble | Monday 23 rd September – Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels |
| Tuesday 17 th September – Junk Modelling | Tuesday 24 th September – Forest Animals |
| Wednesday 18 th September – Junk Modelling | Wednesday 25 th September – Forest Animals |
| Thursday 19 th May – Cheese and Tomato pinwheels | Thursday 26 th September – Chocolate Rock Cakes |
| Friday 20 th September – Film night with Crisps | Friday 27 th September – 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

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that our pupils look smart and ready for learning every day in their uniforms. A reminder about school uniform can be found on the school website [here](#).

Please do remember that second-hand uniform is available in the boxes by the front porch.

Choir club

Our new choir club begins next week, led by Mr Woodgates after school on a Thursday. It is open to any pupils from Year 2 - 6, in the hall until 4.00pm. We are really looking forward to having a school choir once again and this is a great opportunity to have some expert tuition from Mr Woodgates (who plays piano for us in worship) and chance to then perform at future school events. Please contact the office to sign your child up.



OPEN MORNINGS

William Gilpin Primary School



A small, caring & enriching school, serving the children and families of Boldre, Pilley, Lymington & beyond. A school with heart & soul which inspires pupils to achieve their potential.



START SMALL, THINK BIG...

Come and see what we can offer:

TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER, 9.30am
WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER, 9.30am
THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 9.30am



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"The school is a breath of fresh air where children's welfare, learning & development are at the heart of all they do" (Parent)

Pupil leadership roles

We had a busy assembly this morning as pupil leadership roles for 2024/25 were announced:

Church School Vision

Over twenty children put themselves forward for the new CSV group, congratulations to Sophie S, Biagio R, Oliver H, Oscar H, Annie F, Megan H, Corderlia B & George P who were chosen. Mel is looking forward to working with the group.

School Council

Miss Andy will be leading the School Council this year - pupils were elected by their classmates. Well done to Olly K (Willow), Valentina L-S & Tommy C (Maple), and Annie F & Leo R (Beech). The Oak councillors will be elected next week.

Year 6 Leadership

All Year 6 pupils have at least one leadership role and wrote to Mr Croutear to apply for the various positions.

Ipley House Captains: Hamer S & Belle G

Setley House Captains: Jett J & Sophie S

Wilverley House Captains: Evita B & Albie D

Behaviour Ambassadors: Kayler & Lucy

Peer Mentors: Poppy L & Sam R

Librarians: Sophie S & Kayler M

IT Ambassadors: Sean & Layton

Eco Warrior: Sam R

Sports Elite Team: Archie D, Poppy L, Albie D & Evita B

Tutoring

Mrs Hartwell is now offering tutoring in maths, writing and reading - please see below for details and do get in touch with her if you are interested.

NURTURE AND KNOWLEDGE TUTORING

Tutoring sessions for children aged 6-11 delivered by an experienced primary school teacher and Maths Mastery Specialist.

Whether your child needs extra help to catch up, or is looking to explore ideas and subjects further, our sessions can provide a personalised and tailored approach to tutoring that empowers children. Helping them to gain confidence and understanding that exceeds the classroom and promotes a love of learning that will stay with them for years to come.

Limited spaces available for our group and 1:1 sessions for Maths, Writing and Reading tutoring.

For more information or to discuss booking your session please email Shannon at:
shannonhartwell4@gmail.com
or call 07501929692

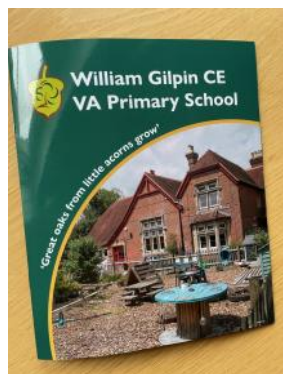


Job vacancy

We are currently advertising for a new Teaching Assistant to join our team - this is a three-day a week role and will involve supporting pupils with additional needs, as well as other general TA duties. Please do pass this opportunity on to anybody who you know that may be interested - previous experience working in education is not necessarily essential as training can be provided. The link to the advert is [here](#).

New school prospectus

Our new prospectus is here and we hope will be a key part of our marketing campaign for the school - if any parents can assist us in getting copies of it around the local community, please do let the office know (we have lots of copies printed!).



Celebration

Along with the leadership badges being awarded, we had our usual Friday celebration this morning:

Headteacher awards went to:

KS1 - Zoryan B & Benji B

Beech - Oliver H

Oak - Kayler M, Sophie S & Hamer S



Top Table

KS1 - Eric, Red & Olly

KS2 - Cromarty, Ashwin, Kayler & Alyssa B

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was 96.5%, with **Maple and Beech Class** sharing the cup with a fantastic **98.9%**.

Diary Dates

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| Sunday 15th September | Frowgs Food Festival (12-3) |
| Tuesday 17th September | Relax Kids resumes (Oak Class) |
| Friday 20th September | School nurse meeting for Year R parents (2.45) |
| Sunday 22nd September | Autumn Equinox Festival (11-6) |
| Tuesday 24th September | OPEN MORNING (9.30) |
| Thursday 26th September | Year 6 visit to Priestlands (am) Year 1/2 visit to St Barbe's (pm) |
| Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October | Kindness Week (Open Classrooms 2.45 on Friday 4th) |
| Wednesday 2nd October | Flu immunisations Harvest Festival (2.30) |
| Wednesday 9th October | OPEN MORNING (9.30) |
| Thursday 10th October | Maple Class Parents Evening (2.30 - 6.30) |
| Friday 11th October | Parent Celebration Worship (9.05) |
| Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th October | PARENTS EVENINGS (3.30 - 6.30) |
| Friday 25th October | Parent Celebration Worship (9.05) |
| Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November | HALF-TERM |
| Friday 8th November | INSET DAY |
| Monday 11th November | Willow/Maple shared story time (2.45) |
| Friday 15th November | Children in Need (non-uniform) Parent Celebration Worship (9.05) |
| Thursday 28th November | OPEN MORNING (9.30) |
| Friday 29th November | Parent Celebration Worship (9.05) |
| Thursday 12th December | Christmas lunch & jumper day |
| Monday 16th December | Nativity performances |