



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 5 - Friday 15th November 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Somehow we are already halfway through the month and, with Bonfire Night and Remembrance now behind us, focus inevitably turns to Christmas. Willow and Maple have already made their Christmas craft items for the parent market (12th December) and the juniors will soon be doing so over the next two weeks. Nativity rehearsals are underway and we have been practising our chosen songs and carols for the church service. Today we raised £103.51 for Children in Need - a brilliant total! Thank you as ever for your continued support and I wish everyone a relaxing weekend.

Simon Croutear

William Gilpin loves....water!

As part of our school's ongoing commitment to sustainability and care for the environment, we are focusing on a particular 'eco-area' each month over the course of the academic year. This month, we are thinking about water conservation and the importance of keeping our rivers and oceans clean. Frowgs are helping to raise money to buy a clear roof for the pergola in the Green BEE garden, with some gutters and a downpipe and a water butt, so that we can collect rainwater. All profits from hot-chocolate sales this month will contribute!



Remembrance 2024

At William Gilpin we are always keen to mark Remembrance and ensure our pupils understand its significance. As usual, Oak Class pupils represented the school admirably at the community service at Boldre War Memorial Hall, reading the names of the local fallen soldiers during a poignant morning. Mrs Nicholls led Remembrance worship for the rest of the school, whilst Mr Croutear laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the St John's service last Sunday. We also have our very own striking Remembrance soldier silhouette standing proudly at the flag pole - many thanks to Mrs Hoogenboom.





Subject in the spotlight.....MATHS

Mr Dye, who joined us as Oak Class teacher in September, is also our new Maths Lead and has been busy this term looking at Maths learning at William Gilpin, identifying strengths and next steps. He has devised the vision statement below which encapsulates what maths learning at our school is all about:

William Gilpin C.E. Primary School Mathematics Vision Statement

Mathematics is a crucial part of everyday life, providing a means of making sense of the world. It is vital that children recognise the importance of mathematics beyond the classroom and can apply the knowledge, skills and understanding they acquire.

Providing a firm foundation in Maths is essential for subsequent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) learning and everyday life in general.

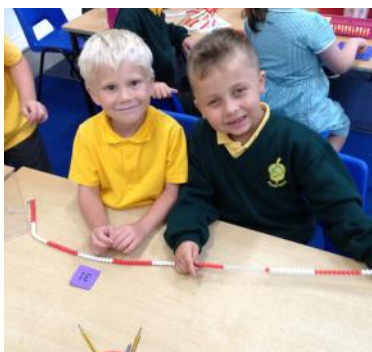
At William Gilpin C.E. Primary School, we have embraced a mastery approach to teaching and learning mathematics. Mastery goes beyond simply memorizing key facts and answering test questions quickly; it involves a deep understanding of how and why mathematical concepts work. Our school motto is '*Start small, think big...*'. By focusing on foundational steps in Maths, we can build upon children's learning, helping them calculate accurately, reason effectively, and solve problems. Our vision is for our pupils to excel in mathematics and all areas of school life. We approach Mathematics with the courage to tackle new challenges and embrace future opportunities. We demonstrate compassion in our support and nurturing of those who need extra help while broadening and deepening the understanding of learners who can advance further.

Key features of our Maths curriculum:

- High expectations for every child
- Developing confidence in our learners
- Place value and number sense come before everything else
- Use of practical resources (concrete manipulatives)
- Developing children's internal representations with pictorial models
- Use of precise language to support learning
- Calculation with confidence through understanding why it works
- Problem solving as a central focus



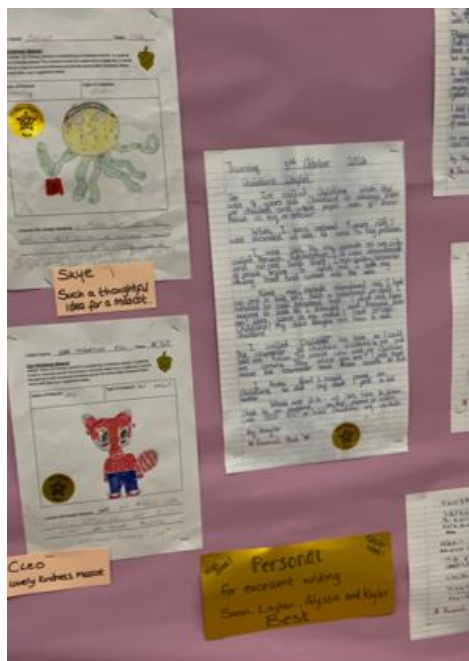
In the EYFS children's progress in mathematics is continuous and assessed against the Early Learning Goals. We provide a variety of meaningful, real-world opportunities to help them develop their mathematical understanding. Children are encouraged to engage with, discuss, and explore mathematics in a supportive and positive environment.





PERSONAL BEST!

In Celebration Worship this morning, we congratulated all of the pupils who achieved a 'PB' during the first half of the autumn term and were featured on our Personal Best board. There were 21 children in total, each of whom received one of our very special new gold PB pencils! The board has already started filling up again over the past two weeks and we look forward to celebrating lots more PBs!



After School Club

Greetings from After School Club,

As you can see from the photo's below we have been busy this past fortnight. On Bonfire night we did an impromptu cooking session and made Bonfire Apples; apples dipped in chocolate and decorated with sprinkles, marshmallows and Rainbow Drops. They were delicious! We also made felt poppies in honour of Remembrance Day.



Apple Cakes



Bonfire Apples



Felt Poppies



Jam Tarts



Air Dry Clay Creations

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

Next week we will be starting our Christmas activities. Over the next fortnight we will be making:

Monday 18th November – Sultana Flapjack

Monday 25th November – Mincemeat Cakes

Tuesday 19th November – Felt Christmas Decorations

Tuesday 26th November – Christmas Decorations

Wednesday 20th November – Felt Christmas Decorations

Wednesday 27th November – Christmas Decorations

Thursday 21st November - Mincemeat Cakes

Thursday 28th November – Gingerbread

Friday 22nd November – Film night with Crisps

Friday 29th November – 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.

Hope you all have a peace-filled rest of November.

With blessings Mrs Harding



FROWGS!

CHRISTMAS DASH



Please come along and watch us complete our annual Christmas Dash from 2:30pm on the school field, on December 12th.

Sponsor us at:
peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/WGdash24

CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
4:15 TIL 6:30, IN SWAY

TICKETS £6 FOR TICKETS, VISIT:
INCLUDES GIFT FROM SANTA FOR THE KIDS www.williamgilpin.org.uk/parents/parents24

ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF WILLIAM GILPIN SCHOOL WITH THE FRIENDS OF TIPTOE SCHOOL

Rainbow Raffle

Willow Maple Beech Oak

christmas Mini Market

December 12th | After School | Selling crafts made by the kids



Atom Learning

We have recently launched Atom Learning in Beech and Oak Class, an online learning platform which is being used to set weekly homework. Atom learning provides instant feedback to pupils and the challenge-level is adapted intuitively. We are offering 'Atom Club' at school every Friday lunchtime, for pupils who want/need to complete their homework at school.

Be Bright, Be Seen Day

Following their recent training, our 2024-25 Junior Road Safety Officers, Jett & Axel, have been planning activities to help promote road safety. We are pleased to announce that the popular JRSO shop will be returning from next week, and we will be having a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' day on **Friday 29th November** (pupils are invited to dress in brightly-coloured clothing). Our JRSOs will be leading assembly on Tuesday to tell the school all about these planned activities.

Christmas lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 12th December 2024. Menu Choices are: Turkey with Chipolata sausage or Vegetable Wellington. Both main courses will be served with Roast Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Garden Peas, Baton Carrots and Gravy. Please order [here](#) by 20th Nov.

Celebration

Headteacher awards went to:

Willow - Eric H-C & George P

Maple - Archie M & Harry C

Beech - Ava D

Oak - Archie D, Cromarty H & Kayler M



House Points

Another great week for **Wilverley** house, with 301 house points to secure another victory!

Top Table

KS1 - Aggie, Isla & Isabelle

KS2 - Milan, Jack & Rosie

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was **96.3%**, and **Willow Class** took the cup with a **97.5%**.

Beech Bake Sale

Our next class bake sale is next week, on **Friday 22nd November**, and this time it is the turn of Beech Class. Please send in cakes on that morning!

New school website!

Have you seen our new school [website](#) yet? It has recently 'gone live' and we are very pleased with it. Please do have a look!

School photos

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 19th November** to take individual / sibling photos. If you want to bring older/younger siblings please come along at around 8.30 to the car park entrance

School catering

We are looking forward to our new school cook, Claire Dunn, joining us next week. Another local school, Brockenhurst Primary, are currently advertising for a Catering Unit Manager. The advert can be found [here](#).

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th November	School photos
Friday 22nd November	Beech Class Bake Sale
Thursday 28th November	OPEN MORNING (9.30)
Friday 29th November	Parent Celebration Worship (9.05) 'Be Bright, Be Seen' (non-uniform)
Wednesday 11th December	Beech Class trip to Tudor House
Thursday 12th December	Christmas lunch, jumper, Santa Dash & Market day
Friday 13th December	Christingle Service
Monday 16th December	Nativity performances
Tuesday 17th December	M&M Productions pantomime
Friday 20th December	End-of-term Church Service (9.05am)