



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 1 - Monday 28th April 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We enjoyed a super first week of term and it really feels like summer has started today with the temperatures on the rise - as stated below, please do ensure the children are prepared for very warm & sunny days at school. The dates for Open Classrooms and Parent Celebration workshops are on page 2, please do come and join us if you can - it makes a really positive difference to have parents into school to share in learning and achievements. There is also an opportunity to do this on Friday 9th May after-school, as we are holding a VE Day anniversary exhibition in the hall to share how we have marked this key national event. Wishing everybody a great week in this glorious sunshine,

Simon Croutear

Forest School

Unfortunately due to illness we could not begin our Summer Forest School programme last week, Maple & Beech class will now do their first Forest School on Wednesday of this week (30th April). Please send children in with Forest School clothes to change into on the following dates:

Wed 30th April NEW DATE	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

SENCO role

With Mrs Doggett going on leave later this week, we would like to inform parents that the role of SENCO (special education needs co-ordinator) will be taken on by Mr Croutear until Mrs Doggett returns later this term. Should any parents have SEN-related enquiries, these should be forwarded to Mr Croutear via the school admin office.

London Marathon

We were pleased to hear that Mr Rowney (William's dad) took part in the London Marathon yesterday, running with his daughter to raise money for Mencap. If you would like to help Mr Rowney reach his fundraising target of £5,000, please use this [link](#). Huge congratulations and well done to Mr Rowney!

Arrival of summer?

Pupils returned from the Easter break to find the school field looking very luscious and covered in daisies and dandelions, which provided some great opportunities for nature-play! The week ahead is looking very warm, so please do apply **sunscreen** to children as required and a **hat** for playtime would be useful. It is essential that pupils have **water bottles** in school this term. We will be beginning outside eating at lunchtime from today and look forward to using our new picnic benches.





VE Day 80th Anniversary

This year marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, on Thursday 8th May. We have applied for a letter from a WWII veteran through the 'VE Mail' initiative and on the anniversary we will be holding a whole-school 'big letter write', with all pupils writing back to the veteran. We will send the letters to the veteran and hope that the responses of William Gilpin pupils bring much joy. Our pupil history group, who worked so hard last year in putting together the film and trail for our #Gilpin300 celebrations, will be studying some of the Boldre History Society archives, identifying captivating wartime memories from local Boldre & Pilley residents. The pupils will then record these memories, bringing them to life again in a very poignant manner. We are holding a VE Day anniversary exhibition on **Friday 9th May, in the school hall at 3.30**, to display the letters and to share the recordings by the history group.

Parent Engagement

We will again be offering Open Classroom events and regular Parent Celebration worships this term. Open Classrooms will take place from 2.45pm on these dates:

Wednesday 18th June - Oak
Thursday 19th June - Willow & Maple
Friday 27th June - Beech

Parents/families are welcome to join Celebration Worships on:

Friday 2nd May
Friday 16th May
Friday 13th June
Friday 27th June

The top door will be open from 8.45am for tea/coffee, with worship beginning at 9.05am.

Celebration

Weekly Headteacher Awards last week went to:

Willow - George P

Maple - Red H & Tommy A

Beech - Arthur M

Oak - Kara F, Sophie S & Sean R

House Points

Wilverley House got off to a strong start, winning the cup by just a single point!

Attendance Cup

School attendance was 93.2%, with **Beech Class** taking the cup (95.8%).



Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th April	Beech Class to Buckland Rings
Wednesday 30th April	Maple & Beech Forest School
Friday 2nd May	Parent Celebration Worship
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 7th May	Oak & Willow Forest School
Thursday 8th May	VE Day Anniversary
Friday 9th May	VE Day Exhibition (3.30)
Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 16th May	Parent Celebration Worship
Wednesday 21st May	Willow & Maple Forest School
Friday 23rd May	New Year R pupils Story & Play session (1.30)
Monday 26th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM
Monday 2nd June	Maple Class trip to Tudor House
Tuesday 3rd June	Class photos
Wednesday 4th June	Founders Day
Friday 6th June	The Great Gilpin Bake-Off!
Wednesday 11th June	Maple & Oak Forest School
Thursday 12th June	New Year R parents meeting (2.00)
Friday 13th June	Parent Celebration Worship
Thursday 19th June	Year 6 trip to Winchester Cathedral Willow/Maple Open Classroom (2.45)
Wednesday 18th June	Oak Open Classroom (2.45)
Saturday 21st June	School Fete (11-2)
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th June	Oak Class Calshot residential
Wednesday 25th June	Willow & Beech Forest School
Friday 27th June	Beech Open Classroom (2.45)
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th July	Moving Up days
Wednesday 16th July	Beech & Oak Forest School
Friday 18th July	Final day of term
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd July	INSET Days



After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

I hope you all had a peace filled Easter break, we were certainly blessed with some lovely weather.

This week we have made some unique door hangers and plaques. First we painted the hangers and plaques, let them dry and then used Sharpies and stickers to decorate them. We also made some delicious Easter Biscuits.



The week before Easter we made yummy Chocolate Crispy Cakes and various Easter Crafts such as painted suncatchers, coloured in Easter bat and balls and decorated giant wooden bunnies.



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 two weeks, incorporating both National Space Day on 1st May and the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May:

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| Monday 28 th April – Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels | Monday 5 th May – BANK HOLIDAY (No School) |
| Tuesday 29 th April – Space Craft | Tuesday 6 th May – VE Day Craft |
| Wednesday 30 th - Space Craft | Wednesday 7 th May – VE Day Craft |
| Thursday 1 st May – Rock Cakes | Thursday 8 th May – Fruit Crumble |
| Friday 2 nd May – Film Night with crisps/popcorn | Friday 9 th May – 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*

History Society

We have very much enjoyed working with the Boldre History Society in recent times with last year's Gilpin 300th anniversary celebrations and this year's VE Day anniversary. The society are always keen to encourage young people to take an active interest in local history and all under-16s are welcome to attend the Archive Day on 3rd May free of charge.

**BOLDRE PARISH
HISTORY SOCIETY**

**ARCHIVE
DAY**

SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2025
AFTERNOON & EVENING
11.00a.m - 4.30p.m.

MEMBERS FREE. VISITORS £5

**BOLDRE WAR MEMORIAL
HALL**
BAYHAMMEY



Founders Day

This year we will again mark our 'Founder's Day' (William Gilpin's birthday) with a special event. On **Wednesday 4th June**, the whole-school will be spending the day at New Park in Brockenhurst, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities linked to the wonderful New Forest setting we are blessed with. These will include sessions run by the National Park rangers team. More details about this day will be sent to parents shortly!



Skate

New Forest
Roller Disco
 SATURDAY 3rd MAY 2025
 @ WALHAMPTON SCHOOL
 5-7pm

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1325277293059>

#skateneuforest

Boldre Parish Council

Hamper RAFFLE

In aid of the Play Area

£2 a ticket

Drawn on
 28th April at 18.00

INTERESTED IN YOUTH PROVISION IN BOLDRE?

JOIN US FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW PLAY AREA!

AND MEET THE HANDY TRUST YOUTH TEAM TO FIND OUT MORE!

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MONDAY 28TH APRIL 6PM PILLEY PLAY PARK REFRESHMENTS