



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 2 - Friday 9th May 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I have been immensely proud of how well our pupils responded to the VE Day Anniversary this week, and their wonderful contributions to our exhibition. The letters they have written to Bombardier Tom are very moving and I hope something that will be a lasting memory. I found it especially fascinating how many of our pupils told Bombardier Tom about relatives of theirs who were involved in WW2, and strongly believe in the importance of ensuring younger generations know about (and learn from) the experiences of war, as world wars thankfully fade further into the distant memory. Next week our Year 6 pupils have their KS2 SATs and we wish them the best of luck. Have a lovely weekend,

Simon Croutear

Founders Day at New Park

Last year we enjoyed marking the 300th anniversary of William Gilpin's birth, and established 4th June as our 'Founder's Day'. This year, to mark the date again, we have arranged a **whole-school day out at New Park in Brockenhurst**.

Further details of this day will be sent separately via letter next week, but we will be asking parents to drop (and collect) children directly to New Park on this day. They will be taking part in a range of outdoor activities (including sessions run by the New Forest Rangers) which celebrate our wonderful forest setting.

Reminder

Please can we request that **uniforms are named** - especially jumpers/cardigans, which are often being taken off at the moment in this warm weather.

Frogs Movie Night

Our next Movie Night takes place on **Tuesday 20th May** and this time will be separate events for EYFS/KS1 and KS2:

Willow & Maple: 3.15 - 4.15
Beech & Oak: 4.30 - 6.15

Tickets (available via Classlist) are £5 and include a hotdog, popcorn and squash! Pupils can vote for their preferred film via the flyers being sent home next week - please return these to the office by 19th May. There will also be sweets available to buy on the day. Profits from this Movie Night will be used to subsidise the Founders Day event at New Park and keep the cost to parents lower.

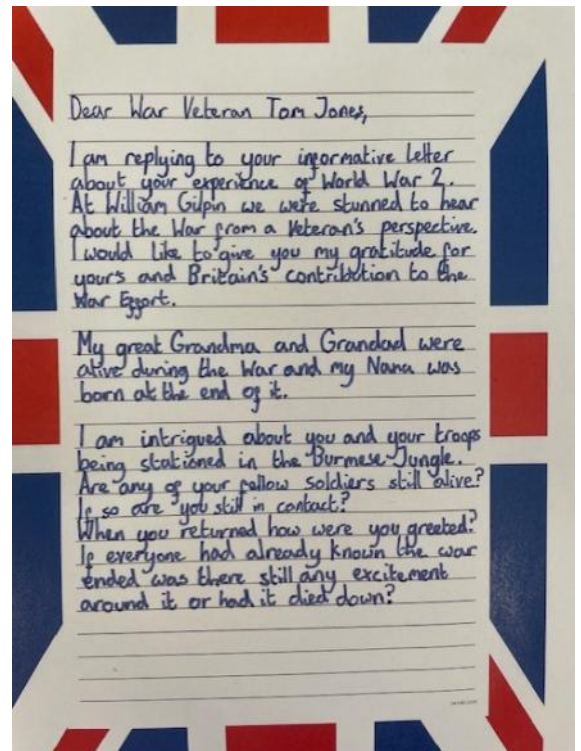
Diary Dates

Mon 12th - Thu 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)
Mon 26th - Fri 29th May	HALF-TERM
Monday 2nd June	Maple Class trip to Tudor House
Tuesday 3rd June	Class photos
Wednesday 4th June	Founders Day at New Park
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
Wednesday 18th June	Oak Open Classroom (2.45)
Thursday 19th June	Year 6 trip to Winchester Cathedral Willow/Maple 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)
Tue 8th & Wed 9th July	Moving Up days
Wednesday 16th July	Beech & Oak Forest School
Friday 18th July	Final day of term
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd July	INSET Days



VE Day 80th Anniversary

We marked this special anniversary with an assembly yesterday, during which the pupils were read a letter from Bombardier Tom Jones, a 103-year old war veteran, about his experiences in the Burmese jungle. Every pupil then wrote a letter in reply, which were shared at our exhibition today. Next week they will be sent to Bombardier Tom and we hope he enjoys reading them! We also enjoyed VE Day cakes at playtime (many thanks to Mrs Linsley for organising this treat). Whilst recognising that VE Day was very much a national celebration, we also reflected on the huge losses suffered during WW2 and pupils observed a minute of silence impeccably. Well done also to our William Gilpin History Group, who recorded some of the wartime memories of Boldre & Pilley residents. Our exhibition is staying up in the hall until Monday, so if anybody you know would like to visit, they can do so from 3.30 on this day.





Forest School

All classes have now had their first Forest School sessions of the term and have enjoyed a range of enriching activities provided by Mrs Hemsley, our new Forest School teacher. Below are some photos of Willow Class learning in the great outdoors!



Gym Club

Two of our House Captains, Evita & Poppy, have recently started a KS1 & KS2 lunchtime gymnastics club, which is proving very popular!



Wishing our Year 6 pupils the best of luck in their SATs next week!



After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

After School Club have made some amazing Spitfires and attempted to make Lancaster Bombers (but sadly failed) this week in honour of VE Day and Union Jack Windmills. We also made a wartime recipe for Fruit Crumble, which was actually very tasty.



Spitfire and Windmill



Apple Crumble



One of our many Lego Creations

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

Last week we celebrated National Space Day (1st May). We made Space themed hangers and Star Constellation Light Boxes. We made these by taking a lidded, cellophane topped box, which we added small LED lights too. Then we drew different star constellations on to black card and punched holes in the card to show the stars. They looked very effective, although it wasn't dark enough in school to truly get the full effect. We enjoyed baking Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels and Cranberry and Sultana Rock Cakes too.



Spaced Themed Hangers



Constellations Light Boxes



Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels



Rock Cakes

This is what we are planning to do over the next two weeks:

Monday 12th May – Fruit Crumble

Monday 19th May – Rock Cakes

Tuesday 13th May – Hama Beads

Tuesday 20th May – Making Planters and seed planting

Wednesday 14th May - Hama Beads

Wednesday 21st May – Making Planters and seed planting

Thursday 15th May – Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels

Thursday 22nd May – **TWILIGHT INSET TRAINING – NO ASC**

Friday 16th May – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Friday 23rd 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*

Celebration

Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Cairo K & Noah E-C

Maple - Suzie S

Beech - Glenn K

Oak - Cromarty H & Evita B



House Points

Wilverley House took the cup for their second win.

Attendance Cup

School attendance was 93.8%, with Willow Class taking the cup (97.6%).

Non-Uniform Day

With our Frowgs Summer Fete fast-approaching (Saturday 21st June), we will as usual be holding a non-uniform day in advance and ask pupils to bring in items for the tombola. Further details of the tombola requests will be shared by Frowgs, with the non-uniform day taking place on Friday 13th June.





Hampshire
County Council

Library Service

Crafty Wreath Making

At Lymington Library

Thursday 29th May

10am-4pm

£2 per family

Come along and create a beautiful wreath to decorate your home.



Parents/carers
must stay with
children under 9





Hampshire
County Council

Library Service

Lymington Library

Camping Adventure

Tuesday 3 June 2.30pm - 4.30pm



Join us for a Bluey inspired afternoon
with crafts and a fun trail
plus a story time at 3.30pm

Parent/Carers must stay with children under 9
Donations are welcomed for this activity / No need to book just turn up.

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hants.gov.uk/library

WHAT'S ON CLUBS AND CLASSES



See venue websites for further details on events and to book*
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com

SATURDAY ART CLUBS



Mini Monets Art Club (Under 7s)

Saturdays 31 May, 28 June, 26 July
/ 10.30am - 11.30am / Art Gallery /
£7.50 or £20 for three

Join artist **Debra Marsh** to experiment with different art styles and materials in a fun and accessible way.



The Young Ones Art Club (7-13 yrs)

Saturdays 10 May, 14 June, 12 July
/ 10.30am - 12.30pm / Art Gallery /
£12.50 or £30 for all three

Join us to experiment with different art materials and ideas and have some fun! Each monthly session is led by a local artist, who will take their inspiration from the artwork on display. Adults are welcome to drop their child (7+) off or to stay.



All Day Holiday Art Classes and Activities for 6 - 16 year olds

Drop your young people off for the day at one of our artist or historian led full day sessions!



Junior Art School (7 - 13 yrs)

Fridays 10.30am - 3.30pm /
Art Gallery / £26 per day

Fri 30 May: Discover Art in Nature

Fri 25 July: Discover Clay Sculpture

Fri 01 Aug: Discover Printmaking

Fri 08 Aug: Discover Surrealism

Fri 15 Aug: Discover Impressionism

Fri 22 Aug: Discover Pop Art

Fri 29 Aug: Discover Abstract Art

Art School Plus (11-16 yrs)

Mondays 10.30am - 3.30pm /
Art Gallery / £26 per day

Mon 28 July:
Develop Linocut Printmaking

Mon 04 Aug:
Develop Drawing Skills

Mon 11 Aug: Develop Painting with Watercolour

Mon 18 Aug:
Develop Painting with Acrylic

Southampton Culture Club for Kids (Age 6½-12 yrs)

Three days per week 9am - 4pm
(drop off from 8.45am) / SeaCity
Museum / £35 per day /
£90 for all three days

Tues 27, Wed 28, Thurs 29 May:
Theme - Adventure

Mon 28, Tues 29, Wed 30 July
Theme - Imagine

Mon 4, Tues 5, Wed 6 Aug:
Theme - Time Travel

Mon 11, Tues 12, Wed 13 Aug:
Theme - Myths, Legends and Magic

Mon 18, Tues 19, Wed 20 Aug:
Theme - To Infinity and Beyond



Please bring a packed lunch and a water bottle to these day-long workshops.

For full details visit our websites or email us at museums@southampton.gov.uk

*Advance booking is recommended

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Hands On History: Stand & Deliver! (6+)

Tues 27 May /
10.30am, 1pm /
Tudor House / £8



Art for All:

Green Man Clay Plaques (5+)

Tues 27 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Hands On History: Southampton Through Time (6+)

Wed 28 May /
10.30am /
Tudor House / £8



Tour For All: Old Town Walking Tour

Wed 28 May /
2pm / Tudor House /
£8 or £24 for families



Art for All: Clay Dogs (4+)

Wed 28 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Art for All:

Regency Fashion Paper Dolls (6+)

Thurs 29 May /
10.15am, 11.30am, 1.15pm /
Tudor House / £6



Art for All: Draw (and paint!) from Nature (5+)

Thurs 29 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm /
Art Gallery / £8



Hands On History: Discover Titanic (6+)

Fri 30 May /
10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm /
SeaCity / £8



A loyalty reward card for families who love getting 'hands-on' at Southampton museums and art gallery.

Buy six family activities and get the seventh FREE with our Culture Club for Families scheme. Pick up your holiday loyalty card from SeaCity Museum, Southampton City Art Gallery or Tudor House and Garden.

Full details and T&C's:
www.southampton.gov.uk/cultureclub



COME PARTY WITH US!

If you've got a Titanic enthusiast, a history fan or a child who loves to get creative, why not throw them a birthday to remember at one of our unique venues?

Create a special day for your child full of hands-on activities tailored to their interests.

Email museums.education@southampton.gov.uk



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