



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 3 - Friday 23rd May 2025

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The first half of the Summer Term has passed by in a flash and I cannot remember such a prolonged period of warm sunshine and blue skies. It was somewhat disappointing that the first rain for weeks on Wednesday meant the Y5/6 cricket tournament at Priestlands was postponed, and also meant a rather wet Forest School for Willow & Maple - but it was still great fun (see photos on p2). Since the last newsletter, our Year 6 pupils have completed their SATs and I was so proud of their efforts - they faced the challenge with determination and confidence. Please do see information about the Great Gilpin Bake -Off competition which is happening on 6th June! I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing half-term.

*Simon Croutear*

### 2025/26 INSET Days

The five INSET days for next academic year have now been set and will take place on:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025  
Monday 3rd November 2025  
Monday 23rd February 2026  
Friday 27th March 2026  
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

The 2025/26 academic year will begin on Thursday 4th September for pupils, and will end on Tuesday 21st July 2026.

### Office communication

Please can we remind parents that important information (such as a medical update or different collection arrangements) must be communicated **directly to the school office**, even if you have told a member of staff on the gate. This can be in person, via phone or by email. For example, the office must be told if a child has had Calpol before coming to school.

### Celebration

Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Aaliyah M  
Maple - Harry C  
Beech - Biagio R  
Oak - Ashwin D & Kayla M



### House Points

**Setley** finally secured their first victory of the term!

### Attendance Cup

School attendance was 94.9%, with **Maple Class** taking the cup (97.1%).

### Diary Dates

Monday 2nd June	<b>Maple Class trip to Tudor House</b>
Tuesday 3rd June	<b>Class photos</b>
Wednesday 4th June	<b>Founders Day at New Park</b>
Friday 6th June	<b>The Great Gilpin Bake-Off!</b>
Wednesday 11th June	<b>Maple &amp; Oak Forest School</b>
Thursday 12th June	<b>New Year R parents meeting (2.00)</b>
Friday 13th June	<b>Parent Celebration Worship</b>
Thursday 19th June	<b>Year 6 trip to Winchester Cathedral</b> <b>Willow/Maple Open Classroom (2.45)</b>
Saturday 21st June	<b>School Fete (11-2)</b>
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th June	<b>Oak Class Calshot residential</b>
Wednesday 25th June	<b>Willow &amp; Beech Forest School</b>
Friday 27th June	<b>Beech Open Classroom (2.45)</b>
Tue 8th & Wed 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>





## Forest School

It was the turn of Willow & Maple at Forest School this week and it was a rather wet one (especially for Willow Class, who were grateful for the new shelter during a deluge of rain). Once again, pupils enjoyed engaging with a range of new activities on offer from Mrs Hemsley and the 'popping' popcorn on the camp fire was a real hit!



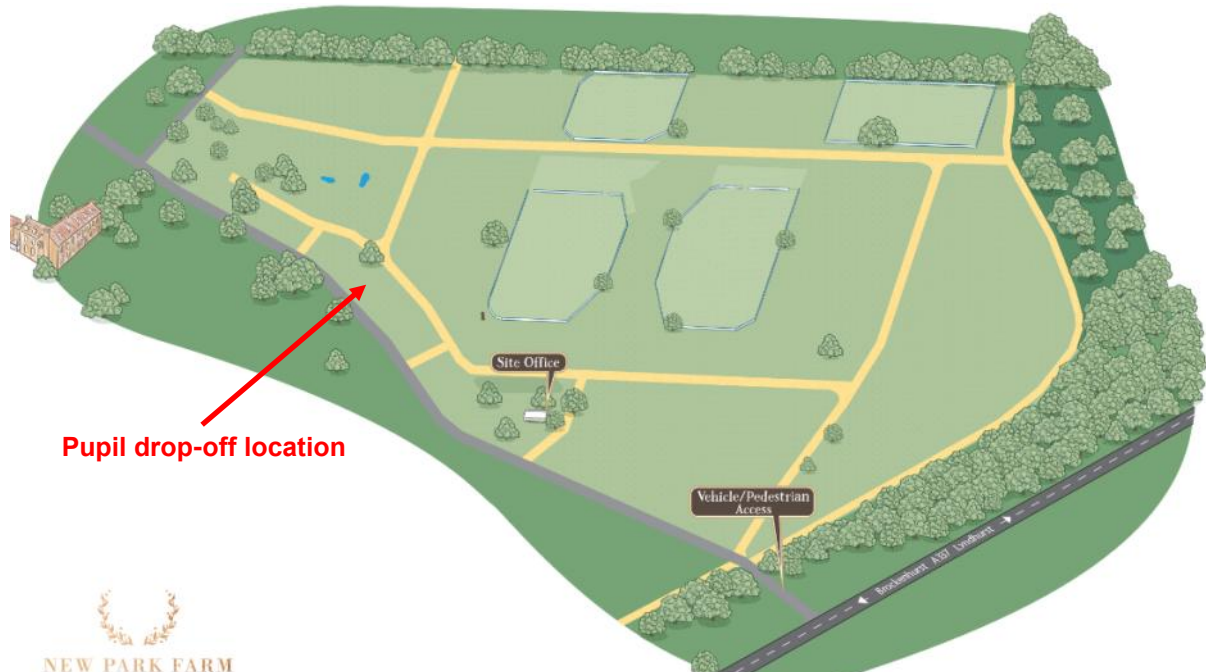
## KS1 Athletics victory!

A huge congratulations to our KS1 athletics team who won the PSP athletics competition at Priestlands last week! There were 7 schools competing and, after a series of events, it was the William Gilpin pupils who brought back the gold medals! Thanks as ever to Mrs Granger, who runs our PSP programme and drives pupils to Priestlands every week.



## Founders Day at New Park

We are really looking forward to our whole-school day at New Park on **Wednesday 4th June**, to mark our Founders Day. Please drop your child directly to New Park from 8.40am on this date, in Forest School clothes and with a packed lunch, water bottle and bag. Parents are invited to join us at 2.45pm and pupils should be collected by 3.10pm. The map below shows the planned drop-off area and there will be parking available for parents in the afternoon (use the same entrance to New Park and staff will direct).





## The Great Gilpin Bake-Off 2025!

We are excited to announce the return of the Great Gilpin Bake-Off competition! This will take place on **Friday 6th June** (the first Friday after half-term), with entries welcome in any of the following four categories: cupcakes, biscuits, show-stoppers (whole cakes), vegan.

Each entry costs £1.00 (you can enter as many categories as you wish). Entry forms will be sent home during the week commencing 2nd June, these should be filled in and sent in with your cakes (and entry fee) on the morning of 6th June, and placed in the Wellness Hub. Judging will take place during the day and rosettes awarded in each category. As usual, a grand bake sale will then be held at home time as we sell off the entries! All proceeds will be in support of Frowgs. Happy baking!



# BOLDRE FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday 28th May 2025

2:30 - 4:30 PM

**Pilley Play Park  
Boldre**

Come along and bring the whole family to meet your local youth workers and join in the **FREE** fun!

We would love to hear what youth provision you would like in your local area and discuss how we can support that!

*Fun, Games, Craft & Snack*



## After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

After School Club this week have made some very tasty Cranberry and Sultana Rock Cakes. We even shared some with the Governors! We also made some planters out of recycled milk cartons, which we decorated with sharpies and then planted with either Teddy Bear Sunflowers, Petite Pois or Radish.



Cranberry and Sultana Rock Cakes



Recycled Milk Bottle Planters



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

Last week we had great fun with a favourite activity, Hama beads. I am always impressed by the beautiful creative designs that the children come up with. We sat creating our designs with mindful music playing in the background and children happily helping each other find the colours they needed and sharing interesting colours and shiny glittery Hama Beads with each other. We also enjoyed baking Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels and Apple Crumbles.



Hama Bead Creations



Cheese and Tomato pinwheels



Apple Crumble

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Chocolate Cakes

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Vegetable Tarts

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Jewellery Making

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Craft

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Jewellery Making

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Craft

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Vegetable Tart

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Chocolate Cakes

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

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.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term.

With blessings **Mrs Harding**



# The Great Gilpin Bake-Off!

**FRIDAY 6th JUNE**

**Enter the 'Great Gilpin Bake-Off'!**

**Just £1.00 to enter your delicious baking  
in any of the categories below:**

**CUPCAKES**

**BISCUITS**

**'SHOWSTOPPER'  
(whole cake)**

All profits  
raised for  
Frowgs

**VEGAN**

Entries will be judged on appearance and taste by our expert judging panel.

Rosettes for all category winners, followed by a celebratory bake-sale at home time!



# Springtime Crafts for Children

Join us this half term and create your own  
springtime crafts to take home

£5 per child

Tickets available through TicketSource

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-heritage-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-heritage-centre)

**11am-Midday**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Or Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Or Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

[newforestheritage.org.uk](http://newforestheritage.org.uk)

# VICTORY DAY

Join us to celebrate the 80th  
anniversary of VE Day

Saturday 24th May - Sunday 1st June  
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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# May Half Term



**ST BARBE**  
MUSEUM+ART GALLERY  
LYMINGTON



Every day, included in entry fee

Embark on a fun spotter trail as part of the 'Shrapnel Boys: Life on the Home Front' Museum Trail, organised by Kids in Museums and Usborne

Mon 26 May

## **St Barbe Out and About - Pennington**

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 exhibition. Find us at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ

Tues 27 + Wed 28 May

## **Home Front Hands On**

Ages 3+ | Drop-in | 11am-1pm | @ St Barbe, included in entry fee

An opportunity to get up close with our WW2 collection, try on helmets and get hands on with real objects from the home front

Wed 28 May

## **St Barbe Out and About - Sway**

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

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

Thurs 29 May

## **Standing Stones Crowns**

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

Come and create a paper crown inspired by the ancient site photographs in our exhibition.

## **The HERDS Puppet Making Workshops**

St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery presents five FREE puppet making workshops inspired by the international public art and climate action project THE HERDS, supported by Art Fund.

Ages 8+ | Limited places | Adult supervision required for under 13 years

### **Book your FREE place via website**

Tues 27 May – Puppet Making Workshop 'Oyster Catchers' at St Barbe.

Fri 30 May – Puppet Making Workshop 'Nightjar' at spudWORKS, with African Activities

**St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery, New Street, Lymington SO41 9BH**

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