



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 5 - Friday 27th June 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

June has continued to be a month full of summer activities, with the Fete last weekend another great success! Our Year 6 pupils visited Winchester Cathedral last week, and this week they enjoyed a terrific three days at Calshot Activities Centre, along with their Year 5 classmates. Next week, we are looking forward to our Sports Day (the forecast looks hot...) and our annual art week, which this year has a beach theme. We will be celebrating our artwork with an exhibition in the hall next Friday after school, please do come and see it. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine,

Simon Croutear

Sports Day - Monday 30th June

Sports Day takes place on Monday afternoon, with the weather forecast set to be very hot. We will be putting up gazebos for the children by the track and seats for spectators will be positioned in the shade under the oak tree. Please arrive from **1pm at the field gate, ready for a 1.15pm start**. We have our usual programme of exciting races planned! Pupils should wear their P.E. kit to school on Monday (house colour top please) with a water bottle essential and a sun hat & cream strongly advised. Pupils can leave school with parents as soon as the event finishes (3.00pm approximately).

*****We are aware of the current amber weather warning for heat on Monday and will make a decision in the morning about whether the event will take place.*****

Gilpin Oak tree

Sadly we lost a huge branch of our iconic oak tree earlier this week, meaning that much of the field has had to be closed until it can be cleared and the tree checked. Pupils have had extra summer play equipment out and have continued to enjoy their smaller playtime space. The tree surgeons were in today and children enjoyed watching them at work!

Art Week

Next week, classes will be getting creative with our annual art week - again led by our wonderful volunteer Mrs Clapcott. Her video tutorials will guide pupils each day to create a range of beach-inspired art which will be on display in our exhibition after-school on Friday.

Diary Dates

Monday 30th June	Sports Day (1.00)
Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July	Art Week
Friday 4th July	Art Week Exhibition & Oak Open Classroom (2.45)
Tue 8th & Wed 9th July	Moving Up days
Tuesday 8th July	Meet the Teacher open classrooms for parents (3.30)
Friday 11th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 16th July	Beech & Oak Forest School
Friday 18th July	Final day of term Leavers Service at St. John's (1.30)
Wednesday 3rd September	INSET Day
Thursday 4th September	First day of term
Sunday 14th September	Frowgs Food Festival
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half-term
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 18th November	School photos
Friday 19th December	Final day of term
Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	Christmas holidays



Oak Class Calshot residential

Oak Class enjoyed three days at Calshot Activity Centre this week on their residential. The pupils were very resilient and supportive of one another as they tried out a range of physical challenges, including kayaking, rock-climbing, skiing, archery and aero-trak! Well done to our Year 5 & 6 pupils and a big thank-you to Miss Andy and Mrs van der Hoven, who accompanied the children on the trip.



Frowgs Summer Fete

Thank you to all who came and supported our Summer Fete last weekend - the weather was (just about) fine and it was an enjoyable event with lots of stalls, games, food, music, pony-rides, maypole dancing and water-fun! We are very grateful to the team of people who organised our Frowgs fete.



Winchester Cathedral

Last week, our Year 6 pupils visited Winchester Cathedral for their Leavers Service. They spent the morning exploring the cathedral and were treated to a fascinating guided tour of the crypt! The afternoon service, led by the Bishop of Southampton, took place alongside hundreds of other Year 6 pupils. Our children contributed their fantastic sea-horse artwork to a huge installation at the cathedral, as part of the Tri-Wonder project led by the diocese.

