



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term - Friday 21st November 2025

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear families

It has been an exciting and wonderful first few weeks of this half term. Our children created a fantastic display of poppies which were displayed beautifully in St John's church as well as in school. We hope you managed to see them. We were incredibly proud of our year 5 and 6 children who read at the Boldre War Memorial hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November as part of the memorial service. Our children demonstrated our school values brilliantly and it was lovely for our school to be part of our community remembrance. Children in other year groups took part in a remembrance held at school facilitated by Mrs Linsley where, once again, we were incredibly proud of everyone's contributions. This half term we have continued to attend many sporting events at Priestlands. We have been incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and behaviour of all the children involved. As a school, we have also been fostering a 'Love of Reading' culture this half term and are excited to hear about the children's favourite books. We cannot wait to see their art work and recommendations begin to be displayed in the school library.

Mrs Williams

### Remembrance at William Gilpin

Pupils from years 5 & 6 attended a Service of Remembrance at St Nicholas Chapel, Pilley, led by Chris Knox from St John's Church. Major Johnny Morris from Southampton University OTC told the children a story about some elephants in WW2, one of whom would not



leave the task they were given even though in danger, until the bridge was secure and the villagers could escape. The bridge was then subsequently blown. The children

read out the names of those who died in WW1 and WW2 from the parish and Ashwin laid a wreath in commemoration of their sacrifice.

### Parking Request

Please could we remind parents to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. There have been some occasions recently that the gate access at the side of the Fleur pub has been blocked and 24/7 access is required for Farriers and emergency Vets. Thank you.

### Celebration



Headteacher Awards since the last newsletter have gone to:

Willow - Flo, Aggie, Enid, Asher, Danu and Lou

Rowan - Harry G, Cordelia, Zoryan, Harry H and Harry C

Oak - Cleo, Emily, Annie, Megan, Milan, Oscar, Bertie, Harry M, Oliver and Axel

#### Attendance Cup

School attendance was won by **Willow Class** who took the cup this week.

### Gymnastics

Six pupils from years 1 & 2 took part in a gymnastics coaching session at Priestlands. They practiced lots of different gymnastics moves and even tried trampolining!





## After School Sports Clubs

Our new after school sports clubs are going very well. If your child would still like to sign up, use the link below. The clubs are:

Tuesdays until 4.15—years 1-6 gymnastics

Thursdays until 4.15—year 1-6 football

Sessions will cost £5— please book for the half term when booking.

You can book online using the following link:

<https://bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk/>

## Cross Country Champions of Courage



The weather was bitter, with Northerly winds blowing, freezing temperatures chilling and all hoods up; but nothing could hold back the William Gilpin Runners!

First the Year 1s and 2s won silver, then Year 3s and 4s bronze; with great personal bests from the 4s and outstanding first runs in a cross-country competition from 3s. Finally, the 5s and 6s. Courage took over in true William Gilpin style, and all the 3/4 girls ran again so that we had a full squad to collect points. The boys were fabulous with a commendable third first place from Ashwin!

## First Class 2025

This week the First Class pictures of our super Year R children have been published in the New Milton Advertiser and Lymington Times. You can pick up your copy with the **First Class 2025 picture special** from your local newsagent or supermarket.



## Love of Reading



We are ready to launch our next project and this time the focus is in reading. To kick start the project we are focusing on reading at home and for pleasure or homework. The photo above is of Miss Linsley (Zara) aged 16 with her cat Bèa. Although this photo includes a laptop,

please only send tablet/device photos if the activity is reading. Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Linsley Ys1&2, Miss Coxon Ys 3&4 and Miss Andrassy Ys 5&6 will display the pictures in your child's English teaching classroom.

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

Monday 24th Flu immunisation for all years

Friday 28th 9.05 Parent Celebration worship

### DECEMBER

Monday 1st Open morning for parents of new starters in Sep 26

Tuesday 9th School closed due to power cut

Weds 10th Nativity performances to parents (pm and eve)

Friday 12th 2.30pm Christingle Service

Monday 15th 9.05am Christmas music concert for those learning instruments

Tuesday 16th Y6 Height & Weight measurements

Weds 17th Christmas jumper day  
Christmas lunch, santa dash and Frowgs Christmas market

Friday 19th 9.00am School Christmas end of term service at St John's Church

# LYMINGTON HIGH STREET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Friday 28th November  
4pm - 8pm

Meet Santa  
Late night shopping  
Entertainment  
Christmas gift ideas  
Fairground  
St Thomas Church  
Christmas Tree  
Festival  
Food & Drink

Free parking in NFPC car parks

[www.lymingtonandpennington-tc.gov.uk](http://www.lymingtonandpennington-tc.gov.uk)



## Team Haywards Christmas Ride for Cancer Research UK



Team Haywards are doing a Xmas ride or drive (horses not cars), walkers or cyclists also welcome.

We will be meeting at Pilley allotments/pound at 11am, all we ask is a bit of festive dressing up and a donation for our chosen charity which this year will be Cancer research.

We look forward to seeing you all there to support this much needed charity and to spread a bit of Xmas cheer.



# FESTIVE PAPER CUTTING

NOVEMBER  
28<sup>TH</sup>



STARTS AT  
7 PM

LEARN TO PAPER CUT AND CREATE 4 FESTIVE CARDS  
WITH HOT DRINKS AND FESTIVE TREATS, AND A KIT TO TAKE HOME

TICKETS ARE £20 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT:  
[TINYURL.COM/XMASPAPERCUT](http://TINYURL.COM/XMASPAPERCUT)

AT ST LUKES CHURCH ROOMS, SWAY, SO41 6AD

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& THE FRIENDS OF WILLIAM GILPIN SCHOOL

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AND FRIENDS OF TIPTOE SCHOOL PRESENT

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Get ready for a festive and fun-filled Family Bingo Night!  
Gather your friends and family for an evening of laughter, joy,  
and exciting bingo games with a holiday twist!

Bring your own teatime treats or order from the pizza list when booking

Tickets are £6 each, with childrens tickets including a gift from Santa

**GREAT PRIZES AND FUN FOR ALL**

Sunday  
7 December 2025  
4:15 til 6:30

Boldre War  
Memorial Hall



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH,  
BOLDRE, SO41 5PG**

**14 December 2025 - 4pm**  
Supporting William Gilpin School

**Christmas Music**  
with  
all the trimmings  
and  
Magical Father Christmas

Programme includes:  
'Phantom of the Opera' medley  
by One Way Ticket  
&  
Peter Roper-Curzon

Tickets available from  
Boldre Village Shop or online

Adults : £15  
U18 : £7  
U5 : free





Lions Club of New Milton & District  
CIO No. 1177005



# CHRISTMAS

## FESTIVAL & PARADE

**Saturday 29th November**  
11.30am to 5.00pm New Milton Town Centre

- ★ Wide Range of Commercial & Community Stalls
- ★ Live Entertainment throughout the day
- ★ Large Variety of Street Food & other refreshments
- ★ Children's Funfair & other amusements
- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Best Shop Window Display & Presentation
- ★ Lions Club Parade at 4.00pm
- ★ Christmas Lights Switch-on at 5.00pm

For more details contact  
Alan Watson at  
nmlionsalan@gmail.com  
or call 07771 754025




<https://www.newmiltonions.org.uk/events/xmasfestival.html>  
You can also find the Lions Club of New Milton on Facebook




**LIONS CLUB of NEW MILTON & DISTRICT**  
CIO Registration : 1177005

## Christmas Festival, Parade & Lights Switch-On

**New Milton Town Centre**  
**29th November, 2025**

### Stage Musical Programme

11:30	<b>Welcome</b>
11:35 to 12:30	<b>Total Voice Choir</b>
12:45 to 13:30	<b>Lea Martin</b>
13:45 to 14:30	<b>Barton Academy</b>
14:30 to 14:45	<b>Window Dressing Competition Winners Presentations</b>
15:00 onwards	<b>'We Are Robot'</b>
16:00 to 17:00	<b>LIONS FESTIVAL PARADE</b>
17:00	<b>Lights Switch-On</b>



\*Please note, times & performances may change.

Check out Lions Club of New Milton & District on Facebook  
Web: [www.newmiltonions.org.uk](http://www.newmiltonions.org.uk) Enquiries: [nmlionsalan@gmail.com](mailto:nmlionsalan@gmail.com)