



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 3 - Friday 10th October 2024

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Last week was such an enjoyable experience as we spread kindness and compassion throughout the school - thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came to our open classrooms to share our Kindness Week activities. It was especially nice to hear about the extra acts of kindness shown by children at home and we loved hearing about these! As classes have returned to more of a normal curriculum this week, I have very much valued spending a whole morning in each key stage to monitor classroom teaching, look at books and interview pupils about their learning. There has been much progress to celebrate in the early weeks of the term and teachers look forward to sharing this with you at our parents evenings next week. Have a lovely weekend,

*Simon Croutear*

### Church administrator vacancy

The Parish Churches of Boldre and South Baddesley are seeking an Administrator to run the parish office in Pilley, Boldre for up to 9 hours per week spread over 3 days. They need a person with good organisational and IT skills to act as first-line support to our team vicar, Terence Handley MacMath, coupled with a heart for the concerns of the churches and people of the area. Responsibilities include diary management, wedding, funeral and baptism arrangement, maintaining legal paperwork and basic financial admin. Candidates should be comfortable working independently and will be supported by our office volunteers and churchwardens. They offer an excellent and flexible working environment, £15 an hour. The annual full-time-equivalent holiday entitlement is 20 days plus statutory holidays, given pro rata based on hours worked. For more information, a Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: Pat Mennie, Churchwarden and Treasurer via [p.mennie@zen.co.uk](mailto:p.mennie@zen.co.uk) or 07776 216580 Applications by 31st October. Interviews in early November.

### Staff news

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Bull as a new Teaching Assistant. Of course, Maria is well known to us all at William Gilpin as our cook and we are delighted to be welcoming her into our learning support team. Mrs Bull (as the children will need to get used to), will begin her new role after half-term.



### Car Safety for children

The Hampshire Road Safety team have asked us to share with parents this [In-car safety information](#) resource. It provides a useful explanation of the best type of seat for your child, how to ensure they are fitted correctly and what the law says about car safety for children.

### Forest School

We are pleased to have resumed Forest School, which will continue until early-November on **Tuesdays**. For next week's sessions, we again ask that **Willow and Maple pupils to come to school in their Forest School clothes** (they will then change in school for P.E. in the afternoon). **Beech and Oak pupils should wear uniform to school as normal and bring in their Forest School clothes** to change at school. We would welcome any parent helpers for Forest School - please let the office know if you can join us.

	9.15 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.45	12.30 - 1.45	1.45 - 3.00
<b>Tue 15th October</b>	Maple	Willow	Beech	Oak
<b>Tue 22nd October</b>	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow
<b>Tue 5th November</b>	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow



We are having an after school

# MONSTER MOVIE NIGHT

Weds 16th October, 3:30-5:30pm

GRAB YOUR TICKETS ON CLASSLIST FOR  
JUST £5.00 - INCLUDING HOT DOG,  
POPCORN AND SQUASH!

SWEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT  
FOR £1 PER CONE

AFTER SCHOOL, CHILDREN CAN HEAD  
STRAIGHT TO THE HALL TO ENJOY THE SHOW

## After School Club

Greetings from After School Club,

Over the past fortnight we have been busy during our craft sessions making bead bracelets and keyrings and pom poms. Below is a picture of Sol's pumpkin and Isabelle's dog. In our cooking sessions we have made vanilla cupcakes with icing and sprinkles and Apple Puff Pastry Slices, both were delicious.



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

Over the next fortnight we are going to make:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Apple Pastry Slices

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Cheese & Chive Scones

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Button Pictures

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Pom Pom Spiders/cats

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Button Pictures

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Pom Pom Spiders/Cats

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Cheese & Chive Scones

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Apple Cakes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Film night with Crisps

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Film Night with crisps

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





## Kindness Week

We were delighted by the impact of Kindness Week, both in school and the feedback from parents about the impact at home! We will continue to refer to the need to show compassion to ourselves, others and our environment throughout the school year.



## Frowgs Social & A.G.M.

We're excited to invite you to an evening of connection, conversation, and community at our upcoming FroWGS Social Evening and Annual General Meeting (AGM) - **Tuesday 22nd October from 5.30pm**. It's the perfect opportunity to meet other parents, share ideas, and play a role in shaping the future of our school.

Here's what you can expect:

- ✓ Socialise – Get to know other parents in a relaxed setting
- ✓ Interactive discussions – Chat to current FroWGS members and learn how we help support the school
- ✓ Have a say – Voice your ideas and vote on key PTA matters at the AGM

Whether you're a long-standing member or new to the school, your voice matters. Together, we can create a positive impact for our children and school community! We'll provide snacks and soft drinks (feel free to bring your own beverages if you'd prefer something stronger), and we've got the kids covered with a movie and something hot to eat. Please remember to reserve the kids tickets so we can plan accordingly for numbers, etc.

We hope to see you there! If you can't attend in person, join us on Zoom at 6 PM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925969121?pwd=DGS9RVz2AuFnSwjQdnltAmK4p5gTOh.1>

You can also join the FroWGS volunteers WhatsApp group here:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/>

## Oakhaven 'Wear It Green'

We will again be supporting the Oakhaven Hospice 'Oaktober' fundraising initiative by inviting everybody to 'wear it green' on **Friday 25th October**, with donations of **£1.00** (or more) gratefully received. This could be as simple as the WG uniform, or as extravagant as green clothes, wigs, nails or face paint!



Join us this **Oaktober**

Help us fundraise during October for Oakhaven Hospice!

## Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor - please contact the office if you are interested. The deadline to apply is **Friday 18th October**.



## History Society Exhibition

This takes place in the Memorial Hall over the weekend, and will feature the fantastic film - 'Gilpin's Boldre' - made by our pupil history group last summer as part of the anniversary celebrations.

**BOLDRE PARISH  
HISTORY SOCIETY**

**OCTOBER**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
**12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**EXHIBITION**  
10.00am - 4.00pm

**BOLDRE WAR MEMORIAL  
HALL**  
**REFRESHMENTS**

**FREE ADMISSION**

## Autumnal weather

We are trying to use the field as much as possible as the weather turns more autumnal - it is always helpful if pupils have **wellie boots** in school to change into for play time. Please also ensure that pupils have **suitable coats** as the weather is certainly feeling chillier.

## Diary Dates

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th October	<b>PARENTS EVENINGS (3.30 - 6.30)</b>
Wednesday 16th October	<b>Frowgs Film Night (3.30 - 5.30)</b>
Friday 18th October	<b>Oak Class Bake Sale</b>
Tuesday 22nd October	<b>Frowgs A.G.M.</b>
Friday 25th October	<b>Parent Celebration Worship (9.05)</b> <b>'Wear It Green' for Oakhaven</b>
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	<b>HALF-TERM</b>
Friday 8th November	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 11th November	<b>Willow/Maple shared story time (2.45)</b>
Friday 15th November	<b>Children in Need (non-uniform)</b> <b>Parent Celebration Worship (9.05)</b>
Tuesday 19th November	<b>School photos</b>
Friday 22nd November	<b>Beech Class Bake Sale</b>
Thursday 28th November	<b>OPEN MORNING (9.30)</b>
Friday 29th November	<b>Parent Celebration Worship (9.05)</b>
Wednesday 11th December	<b>Beech Class trip to Tudor House</b>
Thursday 12th December	<b>Christmas lunch &amp; jumper day</b>
Friday 13th December	<b>Christingle Service</b>
Monday 16th December	<b>Nativity performances</b>
Tuesday 17th December	<b>M&amp;M Productions pantomime</b>
Friday 20th December	<b>End-of-term Church Service (9.05am)</b>

## Celebration

Headteacher awards went to:

Willow - Nerin M

Maple - Suzie S

Beech - Megan H

Oak - Layton D, Ashwin D & Cromarty H



### House Points

A super week for **Setley** House, who took the trophy with 405 house points. They are now one behind Wilverley with two victories this term.

### Top Table

KS1 - Lou G, Isabelle W, Sophia M

KS2 - Sam R, Hamer S, Bertie B

### Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was **94.6%**, with **Willow Class** taking the cup with a fantastic **99%**.