



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 2 - Friday 27th September 2024

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we near the end of September, it has been great to see all classes up and running with their new routines and, with a focus on 'personal bests' this year, we have already seen some impressive learning in books. There are lots of opportunities for parents to come into school next week, with Willow/Maple shared storytime on Monday, the Harvest Festival on Wednesday and our Open Classrooms for Kindness Week on Friday! Have a lovely weekend,

*Simon Croutear*

### Food Festival

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Frowgs Food Festival, which was another well-attended community event, raising over £700. It is always lovely to see both WC families and also families not connected with the school seeing our fantastic grounds and buildings. Another big well done to our P.T.A. for putting this event together.

### Choir Club

Our new Choir Club is into its swing but there is still a chance to join! Mr Woodgates runs the club every Thursday after school, until 4pm and it is open to pupils from Year 2 - Year 6. Please let the office know if your child would like to take part.

### Kindness Week - open classes

Next week is our William Gilpin Kindness Week, which will promote the importance of kindness, tolerance and respect of one another. Teachers will be carrying out a range of learning activities throughout the week linked to this theme, including the 'Kindness Challenge'. This will culminate in our **Open Classroom event on Friday 4th October, with the gates opening at 2.45pm** for parents to join us in classrooms to celebrate the work done during the week. We hope you can join us!

### Staff news

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Freeman, who is leaving her role as ELSA and TA after four years. We wish Mrs Freeman all the best and thank her for her contribution to William Gilpin.



We are pleased to announce that Mrs Totczyk is to undertake training to become our new ELSA and next week we hope to recruit a new member to our TA team.

### Forest School

We are pleased to be able to confirm Forest School dates for the term. In a change to our usual organisation, Forest School will take place on **Tuesdays**, with every class participating on the same day:

	9.15 - 10.30	10.30 - 11.45	12.30 - 1.45	1.45 - 3.00
Tue 1st October	Maple	Willow	Beech	Oak
Tue 15th October	Maple	Willow	Beech	Oak
Tue 22nd October	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow
Tue 5th November	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow

For next week's Forest School, we would like **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.



# OPEN MORNINGS

## William Gilpin Primary School



A small, caring & enriching school, serving the children and families of Boldre, Pilley, Lymington & beyond. A school with heart & soul which inspires pupils to achieve their potential.



### START SMALL, THINK BIG...

Come and see what we can offer:

**TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER, 9.30am**  
**WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER, 9.30am**  
**THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER, 9.30am**



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*"The school is a breath of fresh air where children's welfare, learning & development are at the heart of all they do" (Parent)*

### After School Club

We have had lots of fun in After School Club this past fortnight. We have made some fantastic junk models using recycling (photo of Sol's amazing Robot below) and some lovely forest animals this week. We also experimented and made Chocolate Rock Cakes after a child said they didn't like dried fruit in rock cakes...they certainly smelt delicious including the dairy and gluten free ones we made!



Over the next fortnight we are going to make:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September –Chocolate Rock Cakes

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Vanilla Cupcakes with 100's &1000's

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Beads (bracelets/Keyrings)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Pom Pom animals

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Beads (Bracelets/Keyrings)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Pom Pom animals

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Vanilla Cupcakes with 100's &1000's

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Apple Pastry Slices

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Film night with Crisps

Friday 21<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





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



## 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=DGS9RVz2AuFnSwjQdnlAmK4psgTOh.1>

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

## Harvest Festival

Next week is our Harvest Festival, which will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 2nd October at 2.30pm**.

Parents and families are very welcome to join us. As usual we would request that pupils bring into school on this day donations for the New Forest Basics Bank.

Items urgently needed:

- Tinned hot meat / Cold meat Tinned tuna or other fish
- Cereals (preferably not oats)
- Washing up liquid
- Clothes washing detergent
- Shampoo / Toothpaste
- Instant coffee / Tea bags
- Jam / Marmalade
- Tinned soup / Tinned pasta
- Baked beans / Tinned pulses
- Cordial / Long life juice
- Bags for life / Cloth bags



Providing food and other essentials for people in need across the New Forest.

## Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor - details were sent out today with the newsletter. The deadline to apply is **Friday 18th October**.



## School social media

Alongside our existing Instagram page, we now have a William Gilpin facebook page to help us share more about school with parents:

william\_gilpin\_primary\_school

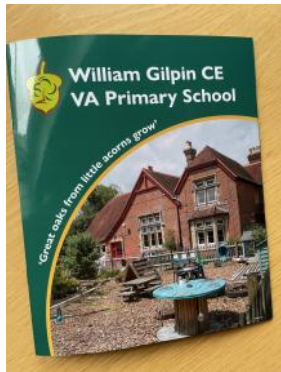


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## New school prospectus

Our new prospectus is here and we hope will be a key part of our marketing campaign for the school - if any parents can assist us in getting copies of it around the local community, please do let the office know (we have lots of copies printed!).



## Celebration

Headteacher awards went to:

Willow - Mekayler

Maple - Otti

Beech - Jack

Oak - Poppy



### House Points

It has been an excellent start for **Wilverley House**, who took the trophy for the second week running - an amazing **410** house points!

### Top Table

KS1 - Kit S, Noah E-C, Mekayler M

KS2 - Oscar H, Layton D, Sean R

### Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was **97.6%**, with **Beech Class** taking the cup with a fantastic **98%**.

## Willow/Maple storytime

Willow & Maple parents are invited to join their child's class at **2.45pm on Monday 30th September** for shared storytime with the teacher.

## Diary Dates

Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October	<b>Kindness Week (Open Classrooms 2.45 on Friday 4th)</b>
Wednesday 2nd October	<b>Flu immunisations Harvest Festival (2.30)</b>
Wednesday 9th October	<b>OPEN MORNING (9.30)</b>
Thursday 10th October	<b>Maple Class Parents Evening (2.30 - 6.30)</b>
Friday 11th October	<b>Parent Celebration Worship (9.05)</b>
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>
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) Parent Celebration Worship (9.05)</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>
Thursday 12th December	<b>Christmas lunch &amp; jumper day</b>
Monday 16th December	<b>Nativity performances</b>