



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Spring Term - Friday 9th January 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I am delighted to be able to celebrate the success that this week has been at William Gilpin.

Maple Class

First of all, we can celebrate that Miss B has had such a terrific impact in Maple Class - we are fortunate to have been able to find her so quickly and we are delighted to be able to welcome her as part of our team school moving forward.

PE Days

Thank you for your patience while you waited to hear the confirmed days that each class will be doing PE. More great news: Miss B is a PE specialist and so, as well as delivering PE to Maple Class, she will also share her expertise with Rowan Class on their day.

Christmas Run

I was delighted to hear that Christmas has not yet concluded at William Gilpin! I look forward to enjoying the FROWGS event with you on Monday afternoon. Regarding photos, we have discussed that photos should only be taken of children by their own family. To help with this while maintaining the sense of joy, the plan is to stage a couple of obstacles where 'still frame action shots' can be taken after the event.

Celebration Worship

What a joy to celebrate the children's learning during Celebration Worship this morning. The children have started some exciting, focused learning journeys in each class and spirits were high as we celebrated children who have courageously engaged with their learning this week.

I look forward to celebrating more successes with you next week.

Dan Genn



PE Days

Willow— Tuesday and Friday
Maple— Wednesday and Thursday
Rowan— Monday and
Wednesday
Oak— Monday and Friday

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE uniform. Thank you.



Celebration

Headteacher Awards since the last newsletter have gone to:

Willow - Danu S
Maple— Eric HC, Nerin M
Rowan—Hugo M, Harry M
Oak - Archie B



Parking Request



Please could we remind parents to park considerately and legally when dropping off or collecting children and not to block driveways. Also please find somewhere safe to turn round and we ask that you don't turn in the entrance to the school driveway or Gilpin Close. Thank you.

Attendance Cup



School attendance was won by **Willow Class** who, with a fantastic 100%, took the cup this week.



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Lunch menu

Please find attached a new menu for this term as the previous one had a couple of errors in (apologies—cheese is not a complete meal!) Val



Wellies in school

Please could children have a pair of wellies in school so that they can use the field for breaks even when it is a bit wet.



Dropzone

The use of the school dropzone is to facilitate parents who are able to drop off or pick up children without getting out of their car themselves. Parents are requested not to leave their car when stopped in the dropzone—this enables more people to use it as a facility.

Year R 2026 applications

Please remember that the deadline for applying for a Year R place for September 2026 is **15th January**. Please do spread the word if you know anybody who has a child due to start school and ask them to contact the school to arrange a tour.



School clothing

If your child has come home in borrowed school clothing, please could you return it as soon as it is washed. We are missing a few pairs of joggers (smaller sizes). Many thanks.



Diary Dates



JANUARY

Monday 12th New Year Santa Dash—arents are welcome to join us on the f field from 2:15, with the dash starting at 2:30

Friday 23rd Drumming Workshop day courtesy of FROWGS

Friday 30th 9.05am Parent Worship

FEBRUARY

Monday 16th– Friday 20th HALF TERM

Monday 23rd INSET DAY

Friday 27th 9.05am Parent Worship

MARCH

Thursday 26th 9.00am School Easter end of term service at St John's Church

Friday 27th INSET DAY



Monday 30th March — Friday 10th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

After School Clubs

Clubs running 3.14—4.15pm this term are:

Mondays (from 12 Jan) **multi sports** with Ben (Kidzsupersports)

Thursdays (from 8 Jan) - **football** with Superstar Sports

Wednesdays (after half term) -

gymnastics with

Superstar Sports

Please sign up with Superstar sports online at

<https://www.superstarsportsuk.com/page/?title=After+School+Clubs&pid=1037>

