



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Spring Term - Friday 27th March 2026

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

#### **Courage, Compassion and Community**

##### So much to celebrate

The staff in school have done so much to help children learn more and more this term. There's a renewed focus on high quality planning, a deepened focus on modelling learning to children and on providing the scaffolding that children need to support them to succeed. Additionally, children are now receiving more verbal feedback which is helping them to address misconceptions before the end of the lesson.

Because of the staff's hard work and determination to ensure that children's learning does not suffer during this year of having multiple changes within the school's leadership, there has been a marked improvement in the standard of children's learning this term.

Focusing on the statutory assessments that take place in YR, Y1, Y4 and Y6, there is so much to celebrate:

- The percentage of children on track to achieve a 'Good Level of Development' at the end of Year R has risen from 50% to 75%. This would be above the national average.
- The percentage of children on track to achieve the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Test has risen from 50% to 83%. This would be slightly above the national average.
- The children's average score in preparation for the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check has risen from 16 to 18.5 out of 25. The national average last summer was a score of 21/25. They can do it!
- The children in Year 6 are making so much progress. For example, in Reading, every single child in school in Year 6 is now projected to achieve 100+ in SATs - wow!

The children have shown themselves to be so capable of responding to great teaching.

I know that Mrs Cox has a tremendous plan to build on this work. As we said during the Easter Service, every school is getting better or getting worse and we can celebrate that this is an improving school where children are getting a better deal week by week.

Thank you to every member of staff. Your commitment and resolve has strengthened school this term and established strong foundations for Mrs Cox's ambitious plans to restore William Gilpin as the school of choice: a unique place of nurture and academic success that is more than worth the drive.

##### Music Concert

Simply, wow. The children wowed us all this week as they presented their final pieces during this week's Music Concert. So much focus. So much skill. So much dedication. And so much entertainment. Children, you blew us away.

An enormous thank you to Mr Ivin and Mr and Mrs Thomas who have contributed so much to the children's personal development.

##### Easter Service

Another huge thank you must go to Mel, Reverend Stephen and Timothy for contributing to such a wonderful Easter Service on Thursday. The children's singing was marvellous (thanks to Miss Coxon) and the Church Vision Group did a splendid job of telling the Easter story and leading us in prayer.

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### Winter is Over

Families, let's not dress it up: you have weathered a tough year where you will have had four Headteachers and experienced the natural consequences of that turbulence. However, you have done it and you are through the worst of it. The ship is stabilised and the staff are poised and waiting to follow Mrs Cox's direction as she takes over permanent position as the Headteacher of this remarkable school and unleashes her vision for the future.

In another life, Mrs Cox and I have said we would have made great colleagues. Our aspirations, high standards and passion for children's learning have aligned so easily as we have spent time together doing joined up thinking and planning for smooth transition. As it is, we have met under the circumstances where I have stewarded and prepared what was always to be hers for her takeover. This community values history. It values courage. And it values legacy. On the surface, it may appear that this school is struggling. However, the Winter is over. Spring is here. And this is an historic moment where your next Headteacher brings restoration and new life. The best is yet to come. Long live William Gilpin!

Kind regards,

Dan Genn  
Interim Headteacher

## Recorder Club

A recorder club will be starting on Monday lunchtimes after Easter, from 20<sup>th</sup> April, run by Mrs Mudge. It will be open to children in years 2-6 and will run from 12.30 - 1pm. The club is for beginners, and those who have played before—please email the office if your child would like to join.

## Preloved uniform

You will have seen the yellow boxes near reception which are full of preloved uniform. Please do help yourselves when you need larger sizes as your children grow. We would appreciate the help of one or two parents who could spare 30 minutes a week to sort the newly donated uniform and ensure that items are suitable for onward donation. Please contact the office if you can help.

## PE Kit

It would really help us if any loaned PE Kit used for tournaments could be washed and returned to school promptly

## Lunch Menu

We will be starting back on week 3 of the menu rotation after Easter. The menu is the same but a copy with the new dates on can be found further down the newsletter.



## Diary Dates

### APRIL

Monday 13th First day of Summer Term—  
Welcome Mrs Cox

Sunday 26th Frowgs Colour Run

### JUNE

Saturday 6th School Fete! Save the date  
and don't miss it!



## William Gilpin CE Primary School

### HAPPY EASTER FROM FROWGS

As we head into the Easter Holidays, we wanted to take a moment to look back at everything we've achieved together since January.

It's been a whirlwind of creativity, treats, and community spirit, and we are so proud of what our school family has accomplished.

We kicked off the term with a bang (literally!) thanks to Kulcha and their African drumming workshops. The school was alive with rhythm!

We've also seen some incredible talent during our Crafternoons, Candle Painting sessions, and the structural masterpieces created at Kapla Club.



From the cozy vibes of our Movie Night to the literary dress-up fun of World Book Day, we've loved seeing the kids dive into different worlds and stories.

Our community's baking game is stronger than ever! With 4 Class Bake Sales under our belts and LOADS of hot chocolates served to warm those chilly afternoons, we've certainly kept everyone energized.

We've wrapped up the term with the chaos and comedy of Break the Rules Day!!

The fun doesn't stop here. We are so excited to be working under the leadership of our new Headteacher, Mrs Cox, as we look forward to a jam-packed summer term. Get these dates in your diary, you won't want to miss

The Summer Fete

The FroWGS Camp Out

Our Food Festival

...and plenty more surprises!

**A Massive Thank You!**

Whether you donated a cake, helped supervise a movie, or simply cheered us on, thank you. It's been a busy term, and none of this would be possible without your incredible energy and support. You lot have been amazing!

Wishing you all a restful and happy Easter break. The FroWGS Team



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# AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS



## FOOTBALL

THURSDAY 3.15-4.15PM Year 1-6 £5 per session

16<sup>th</sup> April - 16<sup>th</sup> July

Join our After-School Football Club for fun, fitness, and teamwork! Open to all abilities, the club focuses on developing football skills through games, drills, and friendly matches in a supportive and energetic environment. It's a great way to stay active, build confidence, and make new friends after the school day ends.



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# EASTER MULTI-ACTIVITY FUN DAYS

Catering for all sports  
enthusiasts aged 5 – 14 years  
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# **EASTER MULTI-ACTIVITY FUN DAYS**

**NERF WARS BASKETBALL  
TENNIS FOOTBALL ARCHERY  
DODGEBALL ARTS & CRAFTS  
AXE THROWING & MANY MORE!**



**8.30 AM - 3:30 PM**



**Week 1: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Week 2: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**



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**Sibling Discount & Multi-Day Booking Discounts**



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STEP BACK IN TIME THIS EASTER WITH OUR

“THEN AND NOW”

LIFE AT THE CASTLE

TRAIL



FROM

**Friday 3rd April - Sunday 12th April**

**10.00am - 5.30pm**

INCLUDED IN YOUR CASTLE ADMISSION, ENJOY:

**Then & Now Trail and Art & Craft Activities**

Ferry available from Keyhaven from 10am & then approx. every 30 mins



HURST CASTLE

[hurstcastle.co.uk](http://hurstcastle.co.uk)

01590 642500 | [info@hurstcastle.co.uk](mailto:info@hurstcastle.co.uk)

Hurst Castle | Keyhaven | Hampshire | SO41 0TP

Image credit: St Harbe Museum + Art Gallery courtesy of the Arthur Lloyd Collection

This Easter holiday, we are celebrating the rich history of Hurst Castle with our “Then and Now” trail. Families are invited to explore the castle and surrounding area, following clues and answering questions to discover how life at Hurst Castle has changed over time.

**Suitcase Stories**

# Nightjar

<b>Tuesday 31st March</b>	11am	Andover Library
<b>Tuesday 31st March</b>	2pm	Chandler's Ford Library
<b>Tuesday 7th April</b>	11am	Hythe Library
<b>Tuesday 7th April</b>	2pm	Totton Library
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b>	2pm	Ringwood Library
<b>Thursday 9th April</b>	2pm	Romsey Library
<b>Friday 10th April</b>	11am	New Milton Library
<b>Friday 10th April</b>	2pm	Lymington Library



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Good afternoon,

We have the fabulous Suitcase Stories with us again this year – you may recall Jack and the Beanstalk from last year.

A Storyteller arrives at the library, carrying everything she needs to tell the story, of a girl called Abena who has to leave Ghana with her family.

They travel on a boat to England and come to live in Southampton. Abena goes to school and learns how to fit in, however she misses her home in Ghana. The Nightjar bird shows her the New Forest and helps her understand that she can have two homes in her heart.

This is a **free** event for children and there is no need to book, but we do expect this event to be popular, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

(There has been a mistake on the Ringwood date, it should read Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April.)

Hopefully we shall see lots of you at the event.

# EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**Hands on History:  
Off With Their Heads (6+)**

Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am, 1pm |  
Tudor House | £8

**Art School Plus:  
Mind-blowing Mixed Media,  
inspired by artist Emma  
Richardson (11 - 16 years)**

 Drop off your young people

Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am - 3.30pm  
Art Gallery | £26

**Art for All: Perfect Peter Rabbit  
Puppets (4+)**

Tue 31 Mar | 10.30am, 12.30pm  
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Fabric Print an Egg  
Hunt Bag (5+)**

Wed 1 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or  
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Hands on History:  
WW2 Ciphers and Spies (7+)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am |  
Tudor House | £8

**Tour for All: Southampton and  
the Second World War**

Thu 2 Apr | 2pm | Tudor House |  
£10 (accompanying  
children free)



**Art For All: Wonderful  
Wooden Eggs (6+)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or  
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**NEW FOR 2026**

**Toddler Time:  
Beautiful Butterflies (under 4s  
and friends)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am |  
SeaCity | £6

**Art for All: Paintsperimentation  
Workshop (6+)**

Tue 7 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or  
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Spring Decopatch  
Plant Pots (4+)**

Wed 8 Apr | 10.15am, 11.30am or  
1.15pm | Tudor House | £6

**Art for All: Clay Axolotls (5+)**

Wed 8 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm  
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Tour for All:  
Titanic Walking Tour**

Thu 9 Apr | 11am |  
Tudor House | £10  
(accompanying children free)


**Art for All: MARVELlous Clay  
Superheroes (6+)**

Thu 9 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm  
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Hands on  
History: Titanic Science! (7+)**

Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am, 1pm |  
SeaCity | £8


**Junior Art School: Paint, Paint,  
Paint inspired by artist Emma  
Richardson (7 - 13 years)**

 Drop off your young people

Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am - 3.30pm  
Art Gallery | £26

## CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS

(Age 6½ - 12 years)

 Drop off your young people

Three days per week | 9am-4pm  
(drop off from 8.45)

SeaCity | £35 per day or £90 for  
all three days

Get creative, explore our  
collections and learn new stuff  
while making really cool things at  
our themed activity days.

**Week 1: Spring Has Sprung**

Mon 30 Mar, Tues 31 Mar, Wed 1 Apr

**Week 2: Planet Earth**

Tues 7 Apr, Wed 8 Apr, Thur 9 Apr

See venue websites for further details on events and to book  
[seacitymuseum.co.uk](http://seacitymuseum.co.uk) | [tudorhouseandgarden.com](http://tudorhouseandgarden.com) | [southamptoncityartgallery.com](http://southamptoncityartgallery.com)



# Easter Holidays at St Barbe



**ST BARBE**  
MUSEUM - ART GALLERY  
LYMINGTON



Mon 30 March & Wed 1 April

## **St Barbe Out and About - half term family activities**

**Ages 3+ | Drop-in 11-12:30 | Free |**

We are out and about bringing you some family fun activities inspired by our Witch/Craft exhibition.

Find us on **Monday** at St Mark's Community Hall, Pennington SO41 8EJ

Find us on **Wednesday** at Sway Village Hall SO41 6BB

Tue 31 March

## **Potion Making Workshop**

**Ages 8+ | 10am-12noon | £8 | Limited places |  
Adult supervision required for under 13 years**

Experiment with potion making and take home your very own potion.

Thurs 2 April

## **Hoppy Easter**

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30  
and 1:30-3:30pm | Free**

Fun family activities with  
an Easter/Spring theme.



Thurs 9 April

## **Folklore Fun**

**Ages 3+ | 2 sessions: Drop-in 10:30-12:30 and 1:30-3:30pm | Free**

Fun family activities inspired by our  
Witch/Craft exhibition.



[www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk](http://www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk)

Registered charity no 1018779

# Join in the fun at Lymington Library!

## Upcoming events for your diary:

**The Escape Room is back!**  
Join us for this PIRATE THEMED activity  
Saturday 28 & Monday 30 March  
between 10am-3.30pm

**Fun Day and Easter Card Making**  
Thursday 2 April, between 10am-4pm

**Fun Day**  
Games & stem activities throughout the  
library  
Thursday 9 April, between 10am-4pm

**NEW-** Story and rhyme time event, on  
Saturdays from 10-10.30, starting on the  
11 April

No need to book. Check out Lymington Library  
Facebook for more details

## Hampshire Libraries are proud to support:

## The National Year of Reading.

Children come alive when they're exploring  
things they are passionate about!

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dinosaurs. Bring reading to life, and spark  
children's interests by connecting with their  
passions and build a lifelong love of reading.

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## Lymington Library- top 10 favourite children's authors for 2025

Dav Pilkey  
Kes Gray  
Daisy Meadows  
Pamela Butchart  
Rachel Renee Russell  
Jamie Smart  
Harriet Muncaster  
Michael Morpurgo  
Linda Capman  
John Green





**HIGHCLIFFE**  
CASTLE

# Easter

## OUTDOOR TRAIL

Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm

- Participating children £3.50
- Adults Free

## EASTER ADMISSION

Friday 3 - Monday 6 April 10am-3pm

- Adult standard admission
- Children Free

## INDOOR CRAFTS

Woodland animal themed crafts available  
10am-3pm on:

- Tuesday 31 March, 7 April
- Thursday 2, 9 April

*Included in Castle admission, free for members*

## Become a Highcliffe Castle Member

- Entry to the Castle for a year\*
- 10% discount in the Castle Shop
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- School Holiday activities
- Discount on selected events
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Up to two adults &  
three under 15s

For more information, please visit: [highcliffecastle.co.uk](http://highcliffecastle.co.uk)



# Easter Crafts for Children

Join us for Easter crafts for children

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**£1 per child** (pay at our Gift Shop or by cash at our craft tables)

**Drop in, no need to book – find us at the Craft table in the museum**

**OR**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 11am-12**

**Easter Craft Workshop – Make an Easter Egg jigsaw, an Easter Card and an Easter chick decoration**

**£5 per child**

For more details and to book, please visit:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-heritage-centre>

[newforestheritage.org.uk](http://newforestheritage.org.uk)





# Spring Crafts for Children

Join us for crafts for children

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**And**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10:30am-12:30pm**

**£1 per child** (pay at our Gift Shop or by cash at our craft tables)

**Drop in, no need to book – find us at the Craft tables  
in the museum**

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# SEND SURVEY 2026



**PLEASE SHARE YOUR  
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**1**  
**£150**

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**£100**

**3**  
**£50**

★ **WE NEED YOUR VOICE! HPCN'S ANNUAL SEND SURVEY IS HERE, AND YOUR FEEDBACK IS CRUCIAL TO SHAPING BETTER SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND YOUNG PEOPLE. PLUS, BY FILLING IT OUT, YOU'RE ENTERED INTO OUR PRIZE DRAW! 🎉**

**IF YOU'RE A PROFESSIONAL PLEASE DO FILL IT OUT ON BEHALF OF A YOUNG PERSON, OR PROFESSIONALLY.**



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# MYSTERY VISITS



Visit leisure centers & culture providers,  
report back in secret, to help improve send  
accessibility.

We will cover the cost of the visit!\*

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email: [takepart@hpcn.org.uk](mailto:takepart@hpcn.org.uk)

# What if you could explore your SEND Local Offer in person, on one day?



Join us at an event near you to find out about your local special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support.

Our Discovery Days offer a welcoming space for families to explore the wide range of local services and support available. They provide the chance to speak directly with the teams who work with children and young people with SEND, helping families access timely information, early support, and meaningful connections within their community.

## Families can expect

- Opportunities to meet professionals from key SEND services
- Information stands from charities, providers, and community organisations
- General support and advice for children and young people aged 0 to 25
- Signposting to early help, assessment pathways, and inclusive activities
- A welcoming, relaxed environment where families can explore at their own pace



[connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer)



<b>Farnborough Library</b> , Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough GU14 7JZ	Tuesday 14 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Hampshire County Council HQ</b> , Elizabeth II Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Monday 20 April	1pm to 5pm
<b>Xperience Youth Centre</b> , 70 Trinity St, Fareham PO16 7SJ	Tuesday 28 April	12pm to 4pm
<b>Gosport Discovery Centre</b> , High St, Gosport PO12 1BT	Thursday 30 April	2.30pm to 6pm
<b>Alton Maltings Centre</b> , 2 Maltings Close, Alton GU34 1DT	Thursday 7 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Basingstoke Discovery Centre</b> , Potters Walk, Basingstoke RG21 7LS	Tuesday 12 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Pavilion on the Park</b> , 1 Kingfisher Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9LH	Friday 15 May	2pm to 6pm
<b>Petersfield Festival Hall</b> , Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4DZ	Monday 18 May	2pm to 6pm

To find more details on these events, or for further information on the Hampshire Local Offer, visit [connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer](https://connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/localoffer) or scan the QR code.





# SEND reform White Paper Workshops

## Join us at the **SEND Local Offer Discovery Days**

These workshops give parents and carers the chance to learn about the proposals, ask questions, and share their views. They are designed to help families understand the consultation and ensure that parent voices help shape our response and next steps.

### Times and dates of HPCN workshop

- 21 March, 10:30am – Havant
- 26 March, 4:30pm – Andover
- 14 April, 2:00pm – Farnborough
- 20 April, 2:00pm – Winchester
- 30 April, 5:00pm – Gosport
- 7 May, 5:00pm – Alton
- 12 May, 2:30pm – Basingstoke
- 15 May, 5:00pm – Eastleigh
- 18 May, 2:30pm – Petersfield

# April 2026

## Get Together



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**14th April, 10 -12pm: Havant Get Together-** Horizon Havant ,  
PO9 2AY

**15th April , 10-12pm :** Basingstoke Get Together - The Viables  
Craft Centre, 19 The Harrow Way RG22 4BJ

**16th April 8-pm: online Evening Get Together-** Zoom Meeting  
ID: 890 6612 2644 Passcode: GT \*\*SENDIASS Attending \*\*

**21st April 10-12pm: Eastleigh Get Together -** The Point, 14  
Leigh Rd, Eastleigh SO50 9DE

**24th April 10-12pm: Alresford Get Together -** The Swan Hotel,  
Alresford, SO24 9AD

- Connect with other parent carers
- Relax over a cuppa
- Share experiences & local issues
- Give feedback on services supporting your children & young people

This month  
Hampshire SENDIASS will be attending the **Online Evening** GT.  
They will be available to offer 1:1 time to discuss your personal journey and will offer in the moment guidance to help your young person 0-25.

Hampshire  
SENDIASS

For more information please contact: [participation@hpcn.org.uk](mailto:participation@hpcn.org.uk)



**Lifeboats**

Lifeboats **START** Lifeboats  
**LYMINGTON 10K**

**SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2026**

# LYMINGTON RNLI 10K & Children's Fun Runs

10k Entry £19.25. Min age 15 ✓

Fun Run Entry £5. Ages 5-15 ✓

Free Participation Event (up to age 5) ✓

Race start 10am ✓

At Woodside Park, Lymington, SO41 8FP ✓

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## **MORE INFO**

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*All money raised will directly benefit the Lymington RNLI Lifeboat Station*