



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 17th April 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

I am delighted to share that I have now completed my first week at William Gilpin. I was promised a warm, community feel and I can honestly say it has been felt in abundance. The positivity from children, staff, and parents has made a wonderful first impression.

It has been a joy to see happy children engaged in their learning and embracing our newly revitalised curriculum. There have already been some fantastic examples across the school. Rowan Class has been exploring *All About Jazz*, while Oak Class has been inspired by starting to learn about creative *Street Art*.

Maple Class has taken a wonderfully collaborative approach by revamping their garden area and even creating their own ice-cream shop. This project has provided valuable opportunities for teamwork, alongside practical learning such as creating money and developing price lists. Willow Class have wowed us with their phonics this week and received a whole class certificate in Celebration Assembly this morning.

I would also like to highlight how excellent attendance and punctuality have been this week. This is so important in supporting children's learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support, and please keep it up.

I am really looking forward to joining you at the colour run after school next Friday and do hope to see many of you there. Thank you Friends of William Gilpin School (FROWGS).

It has been a truly positive start, and I am very much looking forward to the weeks ahead.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Hector
Maple - Viktoriia, Eric
Rowan - Isla, Alyssa
Oak - Ava, Bertie



Attendance Cup

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

Recorder Club

A recorder club will be starting on Monday lunchtimes from 20th 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 as there are still a few places available!





William Gilpin CE Primary School

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION @Williamgilpin

If you have cause for concern about any child you should report it immediately to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

Mrs Elizabeth Cox – Headteacher

and in her absence:

Mrs Louise Nicholls or Mrs Susannah Roberts

You can also contact Children's Services directly at any time to report concerns using the following numbers:

Hampshire Children's Services - 0300 555 1384

**Hampshire Children's Services out of hours -
0300 555 1373**

If you have cause for concern about the headteacher you should contact the Chair of Governors by email

CoG@williamgilpin.hants.sch.uk

Gymnastics Club

We are aware that there has been an issue with booking the Gymnastics Club, this is due to a technical hitch which will be resolved shortly but rest assured that the club will start next Wednesday.

PE Kit

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

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.

Diary Dates

APRIL

Tues 21st 9.00am Meet Mrs Cox
Fri 24th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

1.30pm Forest School for
Parents

Frowgs Colour Run - After
school

Tues 28th Oak Class Swimming starts

Thur 30th 2.30 Meet Mrs Cox

MAY

Fri 1st 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

Oak Class Forest School - PM

Fri 8th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

Rowan Class Forest School - PM

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th KS2 SATs

Fri 15th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

Maple Class Forest School - PM

Tues 19th 3.30-6.00pm Parent evening
consultations - booking details to
follow

Wed 20th 3.30-6.00pm Parent evening
consultations - booking details to
follow

Fri 22nd 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

Oak Class Forest School - PM

Mon 25th - Fri 29th May Half Term

JUNE

Mon 1st Return to school

Tues 2nd Class Photographs (and individual
portraits for those absent in Nov)

Thurs 4th Founders Day

Fri 5th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

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

Willi-Gilli's Colour Run 2026

After School
April 24th, 2026

Family & Friends are
welcome to participate

tickets

£5



**REGISTER NOW
ON CLASSLIST**

WILLIAM GILPIN SCHOOL - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SUMMER HALF TERM 1 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>12.30 - 1pm Recorder Club with Mrs <u>Mudge</u></p> <hr/> <p>3.15 - 4.15pm <u>Kidzsupersports</u> <u>Y R-6 Multisports</u> £4.50 per session (booked and paid directly to <u>Kidzsupersportz*</u>) Pick up from car park gate</p> <p>13/4/26 - 18/5/26 (Not 4th May 26 which is a bank holiday (5 weeks - £22.50)</p> <p>Please pay directly to Ben by 20TH APRIL</p>		<p>Starting 22nd April</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Premier Education 3.15-4.15pm YR - 6</p> <p>Please book online: https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/950119</p>	<p>3.15 - 4.15pm Superstar Sports</p> <p>Football Club Starting 16th April</p> <p>Please sign up with Superstar sports online: https://bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk/</p>	

*For Kidzsupersportz - please contact Ben directly regarding booking & payments: kidzsupersportz@aol.co.uk

Account Name: Kidzsupersportz Account Number 02467994 Sort Code: 30 98 73 Payment must be made by the 20TH April

BOOK NOW

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

FOOTBALL
THURSDAY 3.15-4.15PM Year 1-6 £5 per session
16th April - 16th 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.

023 8212 7331
www.superstarsportsuk.com



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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!*

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON OUR
MAILING LIST TO BE PART OF
THIS PROGRAMME!**

email: 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



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



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 ✓

REGISTER NOW



MORE INFO

Visit frsystems.co.uk/lymington-10k

Email lymington10k@frsystems.co.uk

All money raised will directly benefit the Lymington RNLI Lifeboat Station