



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 24th April 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

What a fantastic and vibrant week it has been. We were treated to inspirational and fun-filled worships led by Stephen Bennett on Tuesday and Mel Osborne on Thursday. It was a joy to sing *Lighthouse*, with Stephen accompanying on electric guitar and Miss Andy leading the actions.

We are also incredibly proud of our 99% punctuality this week, which has meant that each day has started calmly, with children settled and ready to learn. Alongside this, high attendance across all classes has maximised learning time and supported children to fully engage in their lessons. Thank you for your continued support with this.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the coffee and chat drop-in. Please do join me again next Thursday if you can. I always value these opportunities to connect.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly and for being part of the wonderful explosion of colour at this afternoon's Colour Run. We were certainly lucky with the beautiful sunshine. I do hope the children return to their usual colours by Monday but didn't they embrace the spirit and fun of the event so well?

We are seeing so many small but important achievements each week as every child continues to make progress. Please keep reading with your child at home, aiming for five reads each week, and remember to record this in their reading diary so they can earn house points.

Finally, congratulations to Setley for winning the house cup for the second week in a row. Well done! A positive week filled with moments like these remind me what a truly special community we are part of.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Ellie

Maple - Felix, Sasha

Rowan - Tommy, Milan

Oak - Biagio, Axel



Attendance Cup

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

Picnic Lunches

Our new Picnic Lunch menu will start on Monday 27th April. Please see full details on Page 3!

PE Kit

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



William Gilpin CE Primary School

Junior Cricket Training at Beaulieu Cricket Club

Cricket isn't just relaxing with a cold drink by the river, enjoying the smell of fresh-cut, sunshine-warmed grass and the sound of leather on willow!

Beaulieu Cricket Club is thrilled to invite your child to join our **Junior Cricket Training** - sign up, sit back, and watch your children thrive.

From **Thursday 7th May, 5–6pm.**

Cricket is a lovely and fun way to:

- Increase gross motor skills
- Build both confidence and resilience
- Form friendships and feel belonging to a team
- Burn off energy in the fresh air and generally improve mental wellbeing

Details:

Start: **7th May, 5–6pm**

Cost: **£25 for 10 sessions**

Committed coaching staff, travelling in to Beaulieu

Fun, welcoming, and suitable for all abilities

If your child might enjoy being part of this, we'd love to have them.

To sign up, please fill in the attached form and send it to:

Brian Malone, Club Development Officer
07443 650601

briamalone2@gmail.com

Gymnastics Club

We are very pleased to announce that the booking link for this club has been fixed, please ensure that you book for each session that you need in the term (not just the first week).

[gymnastics club booking link](#)

We are really looking forward to this club running again as the children enjoy it so much. We do need at least 15 participants for the club to run, so please do book as soon as you can to ensure we have the minimum number.

Diary Dates

APRIL

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

Thurs 4th Founders Day

Fri 5th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome

Willow Class Forest School - PM

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

Tues 9th Class Photographs (and individual
portraits for those absent in Nov)

Wed 17th Choir to Summer Concert at
Winchester Cathedral



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Summer Lunch Options

Starting Monday 27th April

The sun is shining brightly;
 the shade of a tree.
 Just right for a picnic,
 I think you'll agree



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Picnic	Cheese Baguette	Ham Baguette	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Spread & Cucumber Pitta
Jacket Potato/ Pasta	Jacket Potato with Beans and/or Cheese	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato with Tuna or Beans and/or Cheese	Tomato Pasta

Picnics will be served with Vegetable & Salad Sticks, Fresh Fruit & Dessert



And every Friday we will continue to offer Fish and Chips!

Please note this menu replaces the existing 3 week menu until further notice

	Friday
Red	Fish and Chips with Beans or Peas
Green	Quorn or Veggie Fingers and Chips with Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato/ Pasta	Jacket Potato with Beans and/or Cheese



Lifeboats

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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

**Join the fun at
Beaulieu Cricket Club!**



**Beaulieu
Cricket Club**

**Junior Cricket Training at
Beaulieu Cricket Ground
Thursdays 5-6pm**

- ✓ Boys & girls welcome
- ✓ All abilities | Five till six pm
- ✓ Give cricket a go
- ✓ Have fun | Make friends | Learn new skills

contact Brian Malone, Club Development Officer, to sign up.
07443650601; briamalone2@gmail.com

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>12.30 - 1pm Recorder Club with Mrs Mudge</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 Kidzsupersportz*) 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 style="color: red;">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/951952</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

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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.

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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

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