



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 1st May 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Attendance remains a key priority for our school, as every minute of learning truly counts. We have noticed a slight dip in attendance this week and would like to remind families how important it is for children to be in school unless they are definitely too unwell to attend. We also kindly ask that holidays are not booked during term time, as both the beginnings and ends of terms are just as important for learning and settling.

Thank you to the parents who joined me over the past two weeks for a cup of tea and a chance to meet as I begin my role as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you and to hear your ideas about how we can continue to move the school forward. Working in partnership with parents is extremely important to me, and I always welcome your feedback and value your perspective on school life.

One suggestion raised was that some parents are unsure who all staff members are, so this newsletter includes a photo guide to our teaching team for the summer term. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Davies, who will be teaching Rowan Class on Thursdays and Fridays, with Miss Coxon continuing to take the helm on Monday to Wednesday.

We were fortunate to receive a very strong field of applicants for teaching posts starting in September, and I will write to you after the May half term with a full staffing update.

Our first Forest School session of the summer term was a great success; many thanks to Mrs Hoogenboom for her hard work in preparing the afternoon, and to the parents who kindly supported.

We are always looking for volunteers to hear children read, so if you are able to offer any time, please do contact the school office.

With the sun shining, we hope it continues! Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Flo
Maple - Asher, George
Rowan - Hugo, Harry
Oak - Oliver, Ashwin

Attendance Cup

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

Parent Evening Consultations

Parents Evening Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May this term. You can now make a booking online using the Arbor app. It's very simple and should only take a couple of minutes.

Warmer Weather

It's that time of year when the sun is making an appearance and the children are spending longer outside. Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school (some good creams will last all day) & provide them with a named sun hat.



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Arbor

The Parent Portal and Arbor App allows parents and carers to receive communications and update their child's records (for example, a change of address, new medical condition or changes to parents' contact details).

We are keen to use Arbor to share more information with you. If you do not already have a login for Arbor please follow these instructions.

- Download the Arbor app from Playstore for android devices or the Apple Store for iPhones.
- Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click Forgotten your password? using the email address that you usually receive school communications from, follow the instructions to set your password.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Online Games

We are aware that some children are playing games designed for older players. Things to consider if your child games online:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- in-game purchases
- trolling, grieving and scams
- how to report problems
- where they can get further support.

Also, if you have more than one child in your home, be aware that games suitable for one child to play or watch, may not be suitable for another.

Does the game affect your child's behaviour?

The behaviour of your child could be affected by some games, it can include bullying or 'grieving' others, trolling or other inappropriate behaviour.

Very intensive games can result in short-term bad behaviour such as poor temper or 'ragequitting', which is getting so upset they stop playing immediately. Ensuring a game's suitability can help, as can limiting playing time.

Diary Dates

MAY

- 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 via Arbor
- Wed 20th 3.30-6.00pm Parent evening
consultations - booking via Arbor
- 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)
- Fri 12th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome
BMX Experience - Walhampton -
Year 6
- Wed 17th Choir to Summer Concert at
Winchester Cathedral
- Fri 19th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome
- Tues 23rd Cathedral Day - Year 6
- Tues 30th Year 5 Maths Challenge -
Priestlands

Who's who at William Gilpin



Mrs Cox - Headteacher



Miss Andy
Oak Class Teacher



Mrs Granger
HLTA



Miss Coxon
Rowan Class Teacher



Miss Davies
Rowan Class Teacher



Mrs Hoogenboom
LSA



Mrs Harding
LSA



Miss B
Maple Class Teacher



Mrs Kirk
LSA



Mrs Bull
LSA



Mrs Nicholls
Willow Class Teacher



Mrs Totczyk
LSA / ELSA



Mrs Bird
PPA Teacher - Willow/Maple



Mrs Roberts
Business Manager



Mrs van der Hoven
Admin Assistant

After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

After School Club have been productive over the past few weeks. We have baked Chunky chocolate chip cookies, Apple and Sultana cakes, Cheese and tomato pinwheels, very yummy Pizza wraps (including controversial pineapple!) and our very own chocolate sweetie giant buttons! Don't forget we cater for any special dietary needs such as dairy and gluten free, providing we are aware in advance. The Giant Chocolate sweetie buttons were dairy free! We cook on Monday and Thursday nights after 4.30pm.



On Tuesday and Wednesday nights we craft after 4.30pm. Some of the things we have made recently include Junk modelling cranes featuring lifts and pulleys; Easter suncatchers, Balloon bunny cups (when you squeezed their bottoms the bunnies' noses got bigger!); Hamma beads; and felt animals that we sewed and stuffed!



Polite reminder
Please can parents return any After School Club cooking containers so that we can reuse them. Many thanks.



This is what we are planning to do over the next two weeks:

Week 1

Monday 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – NO ASC

Tuesday 5th May – Pen pots

Wednesday 6th May – Pen Pots

Thursday 7th May – Pizza Wraps

Friday 8th May – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Week 2

Monday 11th May - Cookies

Tuesday 12th May – Recycling Planters

Wednesday 13th May – Recycling Planters

Thursday 14th May - Chocolate Cakes

Friday 15th May - Film Night with crisps/popcorn

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 x



William Gilpin

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

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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>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



MILFORD TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB GIVE IT A GO OPEN DAY

SATURDAY

16TH MAY

1.30PM-4.30PM

Free to attend, all ages welcome
Try tennis, squash & racketball
Fun activities & meet the coaches
All equipment provided
Just bring clean non-marking shoes

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Lucerne Road, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PL

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Beaulieu Cricket Ground
Thursdays 5-6pm**

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- ✓ 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

MAY HALF TERM

Venue:

Gang Warily Recreation Centre SO45 1GA

Date:

Tues 26th - Fri 30th May

Time:

8:30am - 5:00pm

Ages

5 - 11

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- A mouth-watering selection of street food
- Refreshment marquee & licensed bar

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