



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 8th May 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

This week has been a busy and rewarding one across the school, with many highlights both in and beyond the classroom. We were delighted to end the week with another successful Forest School session, where pupils enjoyed learning outdoors and connecting with nature. It was also a special opportunity to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, reflecting on his inspiring work and the importance of caring for our natural world.

Details of a competition are included with this newsletter. A project on a fascinating animal - or one that fascinates you. We are encouraging children to think creatively and "outside the box" when presenting their animal research. Whether through models, posters, presentations, or something entirely unique, we are excited to see the children's ideas come to life. We look forward to sharing and celebrating these projects after the half term break.

We have also been pleased to welcome new and visiting members of our community this week. A warm welcome to Claire, our new children's minister, who led a wonderful worship session focused on the amazing variety of God's resplendent creatures. It was equally fantastic to welcome Stephen Bennett on Tuesday, who led the second worship in his series exploring the meaning and significance of names.

Behind the scenes, there has been a great deal of important work taking place. I have been working alongside experts from the Diocese to refresh our RE provision, while an advisor from Hampshire County Council maths team has been supporting our teachers in strengthening maths planning for the second half of the summer term.

Finally, our Year 6 pupils are now fully prepared for their SATs next week. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of their efforts. We look forward to welcoming them each morning for our traditional shared cooked breakfast, offering a calm and supportive start to their day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards
this week are:

Willow - Eliza

Maple - Aggie, Harry

Rowan - Thomas, Rosie

Oak - Emily, Bertie



Attendance Cup

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

Parent Evening Consultations

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

Maple Class Phonics Workshop

Miss B will be running a phonics workshop for parents on Friday May 15th from 9.30 - 10.30. The aim of the workshop is to inform parents about the phonics screening process and Miss B will be sharing with parents ways in which they can help their children with certain elements of phonics.



William Gilpin CE Primary School

Farewell Kevin!

We are very sadly going to say farewell to our super caretaker, Mr Burden, at the end of May. He has been at the school for four years and his kind heart and great sense of humour (as well as his leaf blowing skills) will be greatly missed.



If you, or anyone you know, would like to consider filling his shoes please check out our vacancy on the school website.

[William Gilpin Church of England VA Primary School - Vacancies](#)

If you would like to know a bit more about the role please get in touch with the school office.

Children's Online Safety

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.

The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular. The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't."

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-orcarers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>



Diary Dates

MAY

- Mon 11th - Thurs 14th KS2 SATs
- Fri 15th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome
- 9.30 - Phonics Workshop for
Maple Class parents
- 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
- Thur 18th Dan the Skipping Man workshops
- Fri 19th 9.00am Celebration worship
- Parents welcome
- Tues 23rd Cathedral Day - Year 6
- Tues 30th Year 5 Maths Challenge -
Priestlands



8th May 2026



William Gilpin Wildlife Competition

Today is Sir David Attenborough's birthday.

He is 100 years old.

Sir David is famous for his love of wildlife.

To enter this competition you need to find out about an animal that interests you.



Then produce a project about that animal.



What should my project look like?

- You could write facts about the animal and draw a picture.
- You could make a model of the animal out of playdough or clay and write some facts or labels to go with it.
- You could make a PowerPoint about the animal.
- You could pretend to be a TV presenter like Sir David and make a video.
- You could make a fact sheet about the animal with different sub-headings.
- Another way... be creative.

Should I bring my project to school?

- Yes if it is easy to bring in. Or you can take a photo and send that to the school office.

What type of animal should I find out about?

- Any creature!
- Insects, fish, birds, mammals, molluscs, marsupials... they are all allowed.

The top project in each year group can win 100 house points and a small prize.



Closing date: 3rd June 2026



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



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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

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>3.30 - 4.15 Choir with Miss Coxon</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 (5 weeks - £22.50)</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

ccount 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

milfordtennisandsquash.net
Lucerne Road, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PL



Hampshire
County Council

Library Service

Lymington Library

Is your child starting in Reception class this September?

Come along to our fun, free session! Discover what the library has to offer; plus meet other families starting their school journey this September.

Tuesday 12 May

Tuesday 9 June

Tuesday 19 May

Tuesday 16 June



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Enjoy Lego, dressing up and starting school stories.



Not yet a library member? It is free to join!

Parent / Carers must stay with children under 8.



Discover a real family day out in New Milton.

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LIONS COMMUNITY

CARNIVAL

Saturday 23rd May 2026 – 10:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
The Town Centre • New Milton Recreation Ground • New Milton Hub

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL PARADE

The highlight of the day, featuring:

- Colourful floats • Lively music
- A vibrant, town-wide atmosphere

THINGS TO SEE & DO:

- Street theatre & animated exhibits
- Arena activities & games
- Live entertainment at the Performance Pavilion throughout the event

FOOD & DRINK:

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

MARKETS & ATTRACTIONS:

Nearly 100 stalls offering:

- Unique gifts & crafts • Handmade items
- Artisanal produce • Plenty of surprises
- Funfair & children's amusements

OVERALL:

A fantastic day out for everyone

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www.newmiltonlions.org.uk • 07771 754025

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HURST CASTLE

Be a Code Breaker

MAY HALF TERM

Saturday 23rd May
to
Sunday 31st May

10.00am - 5.30pm

Join us in our trail
and become an
expert code breaker!

Arts and crafts
activities also provided
(included in castle admission fee).

Ferry available from Keyhaven,
every 20 minutes from 10 am.

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MAY HALF TERM

Venue:

Gang Warily Recreation Centre SO45 IGA

Date:

Tues 26th - Fri 30th May

Time:

8:30am - 5:00pm

Ages

5 - 11

NERF

on Weds

BOUNCY CASTLE

on Fri

COST

Early Bird: £25.00 per day
£100.00 Full week

Normal Price: £27.50 per day
£110 Full week

Early bird ends May 18th

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