



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 6th June 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE Courage, Compassion and Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the final weeks of the academic year, it has been another busy and rewarding week at William Gilpin. I would like to thank our children, staff and families for their continued support and commitment to our school community.

Attendance Matters

I would like to remind all families of the importance of excellent attendance. Holidays should be taken during school holiday periods wherever possible. Time away from school can have a significant impact on children's learning and attainment, particularly when absences occur at the beginning or end of a term. These periods are often some of the most important parts of the school year, when new learning is introduced, routines are established, and key experiences take place.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Our Year 4 pupils have demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards learning as they completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positivity they have shown throughout their preparation and during the assessment itself. Well done, Year 4!

Music at William Gilpin

Music has certainly been a theme of the week.

We were delighted to welcome Chris Burton, Director of Music at Walhampton, who led a fantastic choir workshop in preparation for next week's concert at Winchester Cathedral. The children sang beautifully, and I was particularly impressed by the confidence and skill shown by those performing solo parts. Their bravery and musical accomplishment were a joy to witness.

Our Friday Celebration Worship continued the musical theme with a fascinating demonstration of brass instruments from our brass teacher, Mrs Thomas. Learning a musical instrument brings enormous benefits, and I encourage families to consider whether their child might like to take up an instrument next term.

A special mention must go to Bertie, who treated us to an excellent rendition of the Pink Panther theme as he prepares for his Grade 3 examination. We wish him every success.

Staffing Update

Please see the attached staffing letter for important information regarding staffing arrangements from September.

Year 6 Enrichment Programme

Year 6 families should also refer to the accompanying letter outlining the exciting programme of enrichment activities planned for the children during their final weeks at William Gilpin.

David Attenborough Projects

I have been absolutely amazed by the quality of entries submitted for our David Attenborough Project. The creativity, research and passion displayed by the children have been exceptional.

As there is potential for inclement weather tomorrow, we have kept the hall clear for the fete tomorrow and will be displaying all entries there next week. Families are warmly invited to view the exhibition on **Wednesday 10th June between 2.45pm and 4.00pm**.

The winners and runners up will be announced during Celebration Worship next Friday.

Website and Safeguarding Update

You may have noticed that our usual newsletter is no longer appearing on the school website. This follows a safeguarding review of our online communications.

Moving forward, my Headteacher's letter will continue to be published, but detailed information relating to dates, activities and events will instead be shared directly with families through this newsletter. Please therefore continue to refer to the newsletter for key calendar information.

We are also reviewing our use of photographs and will provide further information regarding new school social media accounts once these have been established.

As always, the safety and protection of our children remains our highest priority, and we thank you for your understanding and support as we make these important adjustments.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a wonderful weekend and hope to see many of you at the fete tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher