



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Friday 24th October 2025

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been another action-packed and enjoyable few weeks in school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the new Enrichment Days that have been introduced and we look forward to them continuing after half term. The children have had the chance to explore different sports and dance, a range of musical experiences and improve their computing and French skills. We cannot wait to incorporate gardening and forest school into these days after half term. The children have also been busy creating some fantastic purple poppies which will be used as part of a display at St John's Church over Remembrance. Some will also be kept in school for our own school display. We cannot wait to show these to you. Thank you all for a wonderful half term. I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming our children back after the INSET day.

Inset Days

3 November; 23 February; 27 March; 22 July

PRIESTLANDS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Six pupils from Oak class took part in a gymnastics competition at Priestlands on Wednesday. They performed their routine perfectly and the video of their routine was shared in parent assembly this morning.

Celebration

Headteacher Awards went to:

Willow - Noah EC, Tippi B

Maple - Ollie K, William R

Oak - Leo R, Rosie W, Harry M



Attendance Cup

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

Today we also celebrated all the children who had written poems and entered the poetry competition.

The winners of the upper KS2 competition were Cleo B and Arthur M.

The winner of lower KS2 were Isla G and the winner of KS1 and Early Years was Danu S. Every child who entered received a magnetic bookmark.

A poetry newsletter with the poems will be sent out after half term.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

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| Monday 3rd | Inset Day |
| Tuesday 4th | No After School Club |
| Thursday 6th | Open afternoon for parents of new starters in Sep 26 |
| Tuesday 11th | Year 5 & 6 to Remembrance Ceremony at Boldre War Memorial Hall |
| Friday 14th | Children in Need
9.05 Parent Celebration Worship |
| Tuesday 18th | Individual and family photos |
| Monday 24th | Flu immunisation for all years—
further details to follow |
| Friday 28th | 9.05 Parent Celebration Worship |

DECEMBER

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| Monday 1st | Open morning for parents of new starters in Sep 26 |
| Wednesday 10th | Nativity performances to parents (pm and eve) |
| Friday 12th | 2.30pm Christingle Service |
| Monday 15th | 9.05am Christmas music concert for those learning instruments |
| Tuesday 16th | Y6 Height & Weight measurements |
| Wednesday 17th | Christmas jumper day
Christmas lunch, santa dash and Frowgs Christmas market |
| Friday 19th | 9.00am School Christmas end of term service at St John's Church |



After School Sports Clubs

We are introducing 2 new sports clubs after half term, following the survey sent to parents which was very successful. The clubs are:

Tuesdays until 4.15—years 1-6 gymnastics

Thursdays until 4.15—year 1-6 football

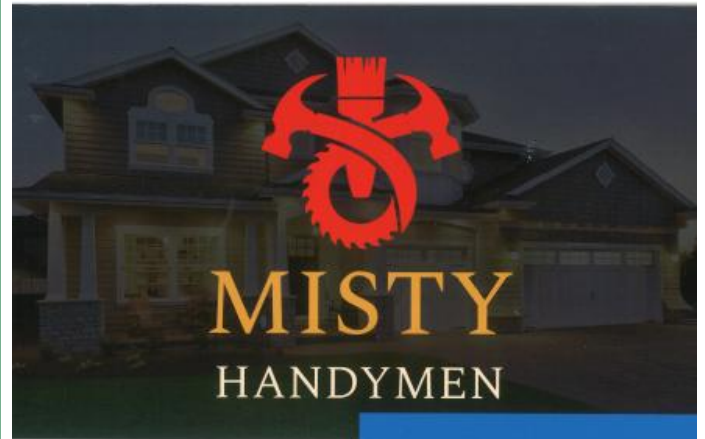
Sessions will cost £5— please book for the half term when booking.

You can book online using the following link:

<https://bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk/>

A BIG Thank You to

Misty Handymen kindly donated their time to put the roof on the pergola.



ABOUT US

Established in 2021, Misty Handymen quickly gained a reputation for producing high-quality, precise work that always meets their clients' needs. Misty Handymen is also skilled in all aspects of household DIY. They can tackle everything from basic plumbing and electrical work to painting and drywall repair, always leaving their clients' homes looking tidy and well-maintained.

OUR SERVICES

- ✓ Flat pack assembly
- ✓ General repairs and maintenance
- ✓ Fencing and garden projects
- ✓ Decking and shed construction
- ✓ Decorating
- ✓ Ask for anything else

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Wishing all our families a lovely half term break.



Grab your broomsticks for a spooktacular half-term at Highcliffe Castle! The Castle cauldron is bubbling with activities to keep the little ones busy during the school holidays.

Children's Activity Trail

The Castle team have lost their witches hat collection! Can you help us find them all and solve the questions along the way?

Indoor Activities

Popping Candy, Fairy Dust, or Smelly Socks? Create your own ingredient to add to our Castle's magic potion.

Spooky Crafts - Tue 28 & Thu 30 Oct

Cast some spells to craft your very own Witch or Wizard to fly back home with you. Crafts are available between 10am and 3pm.

The Castle is open Sunday-Thursday 10am-4pm. Indoor activities and crafts are included in normal admission prices.

Highcliffecastle.co.uk

50%

FAMILIES DAY

Wednesday 29 October

Enjoy 50% off family admission 10am-4pm



Multicolored paper leaves

SAVE 10%*
Discount code
'EARLYBIRD10'
*Book by Monday
27th October

Autumn Crafts for Children

Join us this half term and be inspired by the New Forest to create your own autumn leaf crown to take home

£5 per child
Tickets available through TicketSource
www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-heritage-centre

11am-Midday

Tuesday 28th October 2025
Wednesday 29th October 2025
Thursday 30th October 2025

 Lions Club of New Milton & District
CIO No.1177005



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 1st November
10.30am to 3.30pm New Milton Memorial Centre

- ★ FREE ENTRY - Donations to Lions Charity very welcome
- ★ Typical Christmas Market, with crafts, gifts, Artisan food & drink
- ★ Local handmade offerings
- ★ Early Christmas Shopping
- ★ Festive Refreshments

For more details contact Alan Watson at nmlionsalan@gmail.com or call 07771 754025



<https://www.newmiltonlions.org.uk/events/xmasmarket.html>
You can also find the Lions Club of New Milton on Facebook

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & PARADE

Saturday 29th November
11.30am to 5.00pm New Milton Town Centre

- ★ Wide Range of Commercial & Community Stalls
- ★ Live Entertainment throughout the day
- ★ Large Variety of Street Food & other refreshments
- ★ Children's Funfair & other amusements
- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Best Shop Window Display & Presentation
- ★ Lions Club Parade at 4.00pm
- ★ Christmas Lights Switch-on at 5.00pm

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WHAT'S ON September - December 2025

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Check for more on our website

Wizard School
Mon 27 and Tues 28 October | 10.30am, 12pm or 1.30pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Pumpkin Printing (4+)
Mon 27 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Cats and Witches' Hats (4+)
Tues 28 and Thurs 30 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Frankenstein's Clay Creations (6+)
Wed 29 October | 10.30am or 1pm | Tudor House | £8

Art for All: Spooky Luminaries (11+)
Wed 29 Oct | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Pigments and Potions (5+)
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Art for All: Clay Ghostly Galleons (6+)
Fri 31 October | 10.30am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm | SeaCity | £8

Halloween at Tudor House
Thurs 30 October | 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.15pm) | Tudor House | FREE

Creep down to Tudor House... if you dare - it's the home of Halloween! Meet the friendly spirits in the Banqueting Hall and take part in loads of spooky, fun activities throughout the day!

Small charges will apply on the day for activities.

Culture Club for Kids: Half-term Activity Days (8½ - 12 yrs)
Week Theme - Spooky Autumn
Drop off your young people
Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29 Oct | 9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) | SeaCity | £35 per day | £90 for all three

Get creative, explore our collections and learn new stuff while making really cool things at our themed activity days!

See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



 Walhampton
Welcome to Walhampton Holiday Camp...

FUNSEEKERS

27-31 OCTOBER, 2025

Check for more on our website

We know how busy family life can be and to further support parents and children during the holiday period we are thrilled to offer our Holiday Club at Walhampton School. There will be a range of activities for your child to participate in and have fun throughout the holidays.

CAMP ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST!

- Water bottle
- Warm coat
- Wellies or change of shoes
- Packed lunch (nut free)

Full list available on our [Parent Page](#)

MONDAY BEE KEEPING SESSION
TUESDAY SWEET MAKING SESSION
WEDNESDAY FISHING SESSION
THURSDAY SWEET MAKING SESSION
FRIDAY HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
PLUS LAWN GAMES, LABE NOODS, PIZZAS, BOOGE BALL, NATURE ACTIVITIES

PRICES
EXPLORERS:
1-3 days: £50 per day
4+ days: £45 per day

Same day sibling sign-ups: second child is given a 20% discount, third child is given a 40% discount.



Scan here to register!

EMAIL: FUNSEEKERS@WALHAMPTON.COM