



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Spring Term - Friday 6th March 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

FROWGS injected our community with a touch of class again this week by organising and helping to run a world-class world book day for the children. The children had a tremendous day of varied activities: they looked fantastic in their costumes and PJs; they spent time with an author; they got to swap books; they contributed to a collaborative, creative and crazily-wonderful Kapla model - photos and time lapse video to follow! FROWGS - thank you for making the children's day so special and memorable.



Wow Work Rafe!!! Wow!!! Rafe came to show me his work and told me that he did it all by himself, used phonics and then checked spellings in the book when he needed help. A motivated, independent learner - well done Rafe!!!

I look forward to celebrating next week's successes with you.

Dan Genn
Interim Headteacher

A timelapse video

Of the building of the amazing Kapla model will be available on the website soon! Look out for the link ...

Save the Date!

This year's school fete will be held on 4th July



Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Tippi

Maple - Nerin, Zoryan

Rowan - Sol, Rosie

Oak - Ashwin, Owen

Attendance Cup

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



Messages concerning children

Parents are reminded that messages regarding illness, absence, school pick up changes, or any other significant event must be sent directly to the school office (in person, by email or by phone — please leave a message if you don't get an answer).





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Gymnastics club—started 4th March after school

A gymnastics club for children in year R to year 6 started 1st week. If you haven't done so already, please use the link below to sign up:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/948823>



School uniform

We are proud of our school uniform which we wear to promote equality, enhance safety, and foster a sense of belonging and school pride,

We have noticed that some children are wearing jewellery (bracelets, necklaces) under uniform. We don't want to risk these precious items getting broken or damaged during PE or playtimes, in addition they could cause an injury if they get caught up. This is against school policy and please could they be left at home.

Full details of the uniform can be found on the website, link below:

[William Gilpin uniform](#)

Hampshire Healthy Steps

Healthy Steps Family Sessions are free, relaxed, and interactive group sessions for families with children aged 2 to 12 in Hampshire.

Led by Family Healthy Coaches and volunteers, each session offers a welcoming environment where you can share concerns, set personalised achievable family goals, and enjoy fun activities together. You'll leave each session with a variety of helpful resources, information, and practical tools to support your family's well-being. More information can be found here: <https://www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk/support-for-families>



SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION @Williamgilpin

If you have cause for concern about any child you should report it immediately to the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead is:
Mr Dan Genn— Headteacher
and in his absence:
Mrs Louise Nicholls or Mrs Susannah Roberts

You can also contact Children's Services directly at any time to report concerns using the following numbers:

Hampshire Children's Services - 0300 555 1384

Hampshire Children's Services out of hours - 0300 555 1373

Diary Dates

MARCH

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| Friday 13th | 7.00 Candle Painting Craft evening (age 12+) Sway Church Rooms |
| Saturday 14th | Crafternoon—details to follow |
| Monday 23rd | Frowgs Break the Rules Day—details to follow |
| Wednesday 25th | 9.05 am Easter Music concert for those learning instruments/singing |
| Thursday 26th | 9.00am School Easter end of term service at St John's Church |
| Friday 27th | INSET DAY |
| Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April | EASTER HOLIDAYS |

APRIL

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| Monday 13th | First day of Summer Term—Welcome Mrs Cox |
| Sunday 26th | Frowgs Colour Run |

After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

Welcome back after half term. We had a lovely first week back at school in ASC, where we celebrated Chinese New Year. 2026 is the year of the Horse and whilst we did not make anything horse related we made some very colourful paper Chinese Dragons and the children tried making Dragon fortune tellers. In our Thursday night cooking session we made vegetable spring rolls, they were delicious!



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

This week in After School Club we have decorated some stones using sharpies. The children choose their own designs and were very creative. We had a gorgeous Ostrich drawn by one child, several Pokemon and lots of other beautiful designs. During our cooking session this week we made scrumptious cheese straw twists.



This is what we are planning to do during the first two weeks after half term:

Week 1

Monday 9th March - Cheese Straws

Tuesday 10th March – Mother's day Craft

Wednesday 11th February – Mother's Day Craft

Thursday 12th February – Fairy Cakes

Friday 13th February – Film Night with crisps/popcorn

Week 2

Monday 16th March – Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Tuesday 17th March – Easter Craft

Wednesday 18th March – Easter Craft

Thursday 19th March – Easter Biscuits

Friday 20th March - 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.

Wishing you all a peace filled and fun half term.

With blessings

Mrs Harding x

CANDLE PAINTING

Craft Evening

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026
SWAY CHURCH ROOMS
AT 7PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

[TINYURL.COM/CANDLES26](https://tinyurl.com/candles26)



ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday

