



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Spring Term - Friday 13th March 2026

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

#### Courage, Compassion and Community

##### Ofsted

A big thank you to all the families who completed the Parent View survey during this week's Ofsted inspection. We valued your support and your constructive comments. The Ofsted report has to go through a quality assurance process and we expect to be able to share the finalised report with families shortly after Easter.

##### Staff

I must thank the staff for demonstrating their commitment to school during the inspection. Staff work hard every day but an extra thank you is deserved for their extra hard work this week.

##### Phonics in Y1

We must also celebrate the work being done to support children to learn to read. Maple Class have been given additional phonics lessons and, since January, there is evidence of very strong progress! An extra six children are now on track to pass the phonics screening test in the Summer Term. Well done Maple Class!

##### Early Years Curriculum

More celebration! The new Year R curriculum is ready ahead of schedule and children are already benefiting from the new focus. Hearing the children talk about what they've learned this week in assembly is a joy.

##### Highlight of the Week

The highlight of this week, for me, was getting to teach Rowan class and getting to know the children in that class a little bit better. For example, I loved seeing Benji focus so hard on his Maths assessment even when others had finished. He'd already done well but he refused to finish until he'd battled with questions he was less sure about - well done Benji!

Dan Genn  
Interim Head

### Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Enid

Maple - Kit, Sasha

Rowan - Rueben, Megan

Oak - Bertie, Oliver

#### 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).





**SPRING THEMED CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

**Spring  
crafternoon**

William Gilpin School, Pilley

**Sat 14th March  
1:30 until 4**

**LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO CHOOSE FROM  
£5 FOR 4 CRAFTS, OR £1.50 EACH**

## 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**

## Save the Date!

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



## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

*Even though they may not:*

**Look like you**

**Think like you**

**Love like you**

**Speak like you**

**Pray like you**

**Vote like you**

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

*No exceptions*

## Diary Dates

### MARCH

Saturday 14th Crafternoon - 1.30pm - 4pm

Friday 20th Oak Class Cake Sale

Monday 23rd Frowgs Break the Rules Day details to follow

Wed 25th 9.05 am Easter Music concert for those learning nstruments/ 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

Monday 13th First day of Summer Term—  
Welcome Mrs Cox

Sunday 26th Frowgs Colour Run

# CANDLE PAINTING

*Craft Evening*

FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2026  
SWAY CHURCH ROOMS  
AT 7PM

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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



# The Lymington Sea Scouts Boat Jumble is back.

Support your local Sea Scouts with a donation of something to sell. Join us on the day for bargains and bacon butties.

e: [contact.9thlym@gmail.com](mailto:contact.9thlym@gmail.com)  
w: [9thlymington.com/boat-jumble](http://9thlymington.com/boat-jumble)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**09:30-12:00**

Scout Hut  
Kings Saltern Road  
Lymington  
SO41 3QD



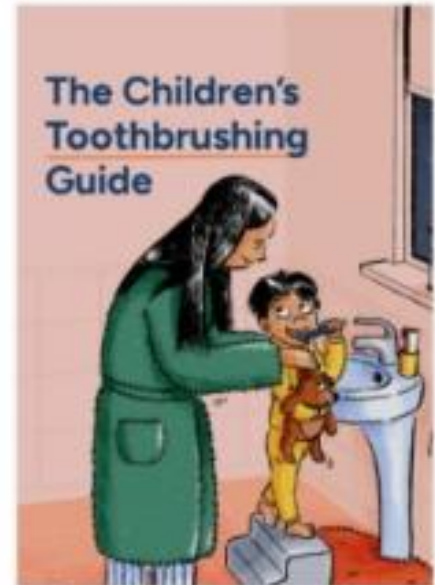
- All pre-loved sailing gear welcome – from dinghies/canoes/kayaks to clothes, buoyancy aids, life jackets, kit bags and accessories. Fenders, rope, cleats, oars etc
- All profits go to the Sea Scouts and Honor Explorers
- Drop off your donations at the Yacht Haven, The Harbour Commissioner's Office, Keyhaven Yacht club, The Royal Lymington Yacht Club, Lymington Town Sailing Club and the Scout Hut
- Scan the QR Code to visit the website for full details

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The new [Children's Toothbrushing Guide](#), designed to support nurseries and early years settings to share clear, trusted advice with families.

Created with the early years sector, including the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry and the Oral Health Foundation, the Guide helps settings support children's oral health from the earliest years.



### Why it matters:

Tooth decay is the leading cause of hospital admissions for children aged 5–9 – and good habits start early.



The guide is ideal to share with families and covers:

- ☞ When and how to brush young children's teeth
- ☞ Practical tips to build brushing into home routines
- ☞ Other ways to maintain children's oral health
- ☞ Inclusive guidance for families of children with SFND

The guide can be found here:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/toothbrushing/>

