



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Spring Term - Friday 20th March 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

In assembly this week, we returned to the school rules and focused on the fact that, in a good community, everyone feels safe. We acknowledged that, because this is such a close community, people feel relaxed and, sometimes, this can mean that children forget that this is also a place with rules and consequences. School's rules are to Be Safe, Be Ready and Be Respectful. We clarified the rules and expectations and what the consequences are for not being safe, ready or respectful. Although much of this is related to habits, there has been an increased focus on being and feeling safe and focused throughout the week. This is great news because it also helps children to focus on learning and make more progress.

Maple Class - asking questions to learning more and more

Today, Maple Class have visited the Sea City Museum. I spoke with the children before they left and they were so excited to learn even more about the Titanic. They have learned so much through the learning journey in school and I'm looking forward to finding out what they know that they didn't know when they woke up this morning!

A special thank you

All the adults work extremely hard at William Gilpin. This week, I want to give a special thank you to Mrs Granger who takes children to Priestlands for sporting events each week. Every Friday, we celebrate the children who took part that week and there are always wonderful stories of children who found something hard and then improved or struggled and showed great resilience. Thank you Mrs Granger for helping to make the children's worlds bigger by helping them to try new things.

Dan Genn
Interim Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards
this week are:
Willow - Bodie



Maple - Jimmy, Eric
Rowan - Vittorio, Annie
Oak - Axel, Ev

Attendance Cup

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

After School Club

Just a polite reminder that the half After School Club session finishes promptly at 4.30pm. If you collect your child after this time you will be charged for a full session.

Recorder Club

A recorder club will be starting on Monday lunchtimes after Easter, from 20th April, run by Mrs Mudge. It will be open to children in years 2-6 and will run from 12.30 - 1pm. The club will take up to 15 children who are either beginners, or who have played before and they will work towards playing pieces in the school music concerts and end of term services.



Healthy Lunches

At William Gilpin, we believe that good nutrition is key to your child's growth and development and essential to keep your child adequately fuelled through the day. School lunch is one of your child's three meals a day, hence it's important to ensure that they receive nutritionally balanced lunches and snacks.

A packed lunch should contain all of the major food groups:

- Carbohydrates (wholegrain breads, wraps, rice, pasta)
- Meat or meat alternative (sausage, ham, chicken, fish, egg, beans)
- Dairy (yogurt, cheese)
- Vegetables (carrot sticks, peppers, corn, tomatoes, cucumber, celery)
- Fruits (apple, banana, pear, melon, berries, sliced grapes, kiwifruit)

To encourage healthy eating habits, we kindly request that snacks for break time should be fruits or vegetables, rather than pre-packaged 'treats'

Adding variety is a great way to boost nutrition, reducing lack of interest in food and encouraging children to develop good eating habits. Selecting a range of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables to make a 'rainbow' lunchbox, is a wonderful way to create an appetising colourful lunch. Thinking 'outside the box' can help add interest too such as swapping the traditional sandwich for a slice of cold quiche for example.

Lunches can also be tailored to suit the time of year for example, flasks of soup or leftovers such as spaghetti bolognese in winter, and salads or sushi in the warmer months.

Learning about food and nutrition is an important life skill and can be encouraged by assisting your child to choose healthy foods and prepare their own lunchbox.

Please note, William Gilpin is a NUT FREE school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



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Diary Dates

MARCH

Monday 23rd Frowgs Break the Rules Day details below

Wed 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

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

New Milton Music Festival

Last weekend 2 of our pupils won awards at the New Milton Music Festival.

Kara was awarded distinction for her piece.
Arthur won gold in his category at grade 2. Paul Thomas the guitar teacher said "it was a really good class and would have been hard to judge so Arthur did really well to get gold"



After School Club

Greetings from After School Club!

After School Club has been a hive of activity over the past fortnight. Last week the children made some beautiful Mother's day gifts. We decorated pots containing Primula's and made flower pot cards. This week we have started some Easter Crafts. The children have made some very cute pom pom chicks and bunnies.



Our cooking achievements have been very tasty too. Last week we made some very flaky, yummy cheese straws. This week saw us making a firm favorite in After School Club, Chocolate Crispy Cakes! There was definitely lots of bowl licking!



Polite reminder

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

This is what we are planning to do next week and the first week back after Easter:

Week 1

Monday 23rd March - Easter Cookies

Tuesday 24th March – Easter Craft

Wednesday 25th March – Easter Craft

Thursday 26th March – Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Friday 27th March – Inset Day – No ASC

Week 2

Monday 13th April – Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels

Tuesday 14th April – Junk Modelling

Wednesday 15th April – Junk Modelling

Thursday 16th April – Apple and Sultana Cakes

Friday 17th April - 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 Scopy or the school office.

Wishing you all a peace filled and blessed Easter.

With blessings

Mrs Harding x

MONDAY 23rd MARCH is

BREAK The RULES Day!

50p per rule
broken

£4 to break
them all!

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- No bright or odd socks
- No nail varnish
- No soft toys at school[^]
- No cushions to sit on
- No donuts at
breaktime*
- No trainers
- No temporary tattoos
- No hats in class
- No "6-7"s at breaktime
- No crazy hair
- No sugar free squash

[^]Please limit kids to 1 soft toy

*FroWGS will supply donuts, and
packaged allergy friendly snacks for
those that need them.

Note: Children are still expected to
follow behavior codes, act kindly, and
not bring phones.



EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**Hands on History:
Off With Their Heads (6+)**

Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am, 1pm |
Tudor House | £8

**Art School Plus:
Mind-blowing Mixed Media,
inspired by artist Emma
Richardson (11 - 16 years)**

 Drop off your young people

Mon 30 Mar | 10.30am - 3.30pm
Art Gallery | £26

**Art for All: Perfect Peter Rabbit
Puppets (4+)**

Tue 31 Mar | 10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Fabric Print an Egg
Hunt Bag (5+)**

Wed 1 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Hands on History:
WW2 Ciphers and Spies (7+)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am |
Tudor House | £8

**Tour for All: Southampton and
the Second World War**

Thu 2 Apr | 2pm | Tudor House |
£10 (accompanying
children free)



**Art For All: Wonderful
Wooden Eggs (6+)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

NEW FOR 2026

**Toddler Time:
Beautiful Butterflies (under 4s
and friends)**

Thu 2 Apr | 10.30am |
SeaCity | £6

**Art for All: Paintsperimentation
Workshop (6+)**

Tue 7 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Art for All: Spring Decopatch
Plant Pots (4+)**

Wed 8 Apr | 10.15am, 11.30am or
1.15pm | Tudor House | £6

Art for All: Clay Axolotls (5+)

Wed 8 Apr | 10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Tour for All:
Titanic Walking Tour**

Thu 9 Apr | 11am |
Tudor House | £10
(accompanying children free)


**Art for All: MARVELlous Clay
Superheroes (6+)**

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or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

**Hands on
History: Titanic Science! (7+)**

Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am, 1pm |
SeaCity | £8


**Junior Art School: Paint, Paint,
Paint inspired by artist Emma
Richardson (7 - 13 years)**

 Drop off your young people

Fri 10 Apr | 10.30am - 3.30pm
Art Gallery | £26

CULTURE CLUB FOR KIDS ACTIVITY DAYS

(Age 6½ - 12 years)

 Drop off your young people

Three days per week | 9am-4pm
(drop off from 8.45)

SeaCity | £35 per day or £90 for
all three days

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

Week 1: Spring Has Sprung

Mon 30 Mar, Tues 31 Mar, Wed 1 Apr

Week 2: Planet Earth

Tues 7 Apr, Wed 8 Apr, Thur 9 Apr

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





Easter Crafts for Children

Join us for Easter crafts for children

Tuesday 31st March 1:30pm – 3:30pm

£1 per child (pay at our Gift Shop or by cash at our craft tables)

Drop in, no need to book – find us at the Craft table in the museum

OR

Wednesday 1st April 11am-12

Easter Craft Workshop – Make an Easter Egg jigsaw, an Easter Card and an Easter chick decoration

£5 per child

For more details and to book, please visit:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-forest-heritage-centre>

newforestheritage.org.uk





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