



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 17th April 2026

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

#### Courage, Compassion and Community

I am delighted to share that I have now completed my first week at William Gilpin. I was promised a warm, community feel and I can honestly say it has been felt in abundance. The positivity from children, staff, and parents has made a wonderful first impression.

It has been a joy to see happy children engaged in their learning and embracing our newly revitalised curriculum. There have already been some fantastic examples across the school. Rowan Class has been exploring *All About Jazz*, while Oak Class has been inspired by starting to learn about creative *Street Art*.

Maple Class has taken a wonderfully collaborative approach by revamping their garden area and even creating their own ice-cream shop. This project has provided valuable opportunities for teamwork, alongside practical learning such as creating money and developing price lists. Willow Class have wowed us with their phonics this week and received a whole class certificate in Celebration Assembly this morning.

I would also like to highlight how excellent attendance and punctuality have been this week. This is so important in supporting children's learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support, and please keep it up.

I am really looking forward to joining you at the colour run after school next Friday and do hope to see many of you there. Thank you Friends of William Gilpin School (FROWGS).

It has been a truly positive start, and I am very much looking forward to the weeks ahead.

Elizabeth Cox  
Headteacher

### Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Hector  
Maple - Viktoriia, Eric  
Rowan - Isla, Alyssa  
Oak - Ava, Bertie



#### Attendance Cup

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

### Recorder Club

A recorder club will be starting on Monday lunchtimes from 20<sup>th</sup> April, run by Mrs Mudge. It will be open to children in years 2-6 and will run from 12.30 - 1pm. The club is for beginners, and those who have played before - please email the office if your child would like to join as there are still a few places available!

