



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 1st May 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Attendance remains a key priority for our school, as every minute of learning truly counts. We have noticed a slight dip in attendance this week and would like to remind families how important it is for children to be in school unless they are definitely too unwell to attend. We also kindly ask that holidays are not booked during term time, as both the beginnings and ends of terms are just as important for learning and settling.

Thank you to the parents who joined me over the past two weeks for a cup of tea and a chance to meet as I begin my role as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you and to hear your ideas about how we can continue to move the school forward. Working in partnership with parents is extremely important to me, and I always welcome your feedback and value your perspective on school life.

One suggestion raised was that some parents are unsure who all staff members are, so this newsletter includes a photo guide to our teaching team for the summer term. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Davies, who will be teaching Rowan Class on Thursdays and Fridays, with Miss Coxon continuing to take the helm on Monday to Wednesday.

We were fortunate to receive a very strong field of applicants for teaching posts starting in September, and I will write to you after the May half term with a full staffing update.

Our first Forest School session of the summer term was a great success; many thanks to Mrs Hoogenboom for her hard work in preparing the afternoon, and to the parents who kindly supported.

We are always looking for volunteers to hear children read, so if you are able to offer any time, please do contact the school office.

With the sun shining, we hope it continues! Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards this week are:

Willow - Flo
Maple - Asher, George
Rowan - Hugo, Harry
Oak - Oliver, Ashwin

Attendance Cup

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

Parent Evening Consultations

Parents Evening Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May this term. You can now make a booking online using the Arbor app. It's very simple and should only take a couple of minutes.

Warmer Weather

It's that time of year when the sun is making an appearance and the children are spending longer outside. Please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school (some good creams will last all day) & provide them with a named sun hat.