



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 8th May 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

This week has been a busy and rewarding one across the school, with many highlights both in and beyond the classroom. We were delighted to end the week with another successful Forest School session, where pupils enjoyed learning outdoors and connecting with nature. It was also a special opportunity to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, reflecting on his inspiring work and the importance of caring for our natural world.

Details of a competition are included with this newsletter. A project on a fascinating animal - or one that fascinates you. We are encouraging children to think creatively and "outside the box" when presenting their animal research. Whether through models, posters, presentations, or something entirely unique, we are excited to see the children's ideas come to life. We look forward to sharing and celebrating these projects after the half term break.

We have also been pleased to welcome new and visiting members of our community this week. A warm welcome to Claire, our new children's minister, who led a wonderful worship session focused on the amazing variety of God's resplendent creatures. It was equally fantastic to welcome Stephen Bennett on Tuesday, who led the second worship in his series exploring the meaning and significance of names.

Behind the scenes, there has been a great deal of important work taking place. I have been working alongside experts from the Diocese to refresh our RE provision, while an advisor from Hampshire County Council maths team has been supporting our teachers in strengthening maths planning for the second half of the summer term.

Finally, our Year 6 pupils are now fully prepared for their SATs next week. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are proud of their efforts. We look forward to welcoming them each morning for our traditional shared cooked breakfast, offering a calm and supportive start to their day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

Celebration

Headteacher Awards
this week are:

Willow - Eliza

Maple - Aggie, Harry

Rowan - Thomas, Rosie

Oak - Emily, Bertie



Attendance Cup

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

Parent Evening Consultations

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

Maple Class Phonics Workshop

Miss B will be running a phonics workshop for parents on Friday May 15th from 9.30 - 10.30. The aim of the workshop is to inform parents about the phonics screening process and Miss B will be sharing with parents ways in which they can help their children with certain elements of phonics.