



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 26th June 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, it would be impossible not to mention the record-breaking hot weather that we have experienced. The soaring temperatures certainly brought their challenges, but I could not be prouder of how our children responded. They showed real resilience throughout the week, looking after one another with kindness and consideration. It was wonderful to see our school values of Courage, Compassion and Community shining through as the children supported each other and approached each day with such positive attitudes.

Despite the heat, there has been some excellent learning taking place across the school. In Years 3 and 4, the children have made a fantastic progress with their new art topic, producing some incredibly detailed close-up drawings. Their sketchbooks are already full of impressive work that demonstrates careful observation, creativity and a growing confidence in their artistic skills.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have also been producing some excellent mathematics work as they continue to develop their understanding of fractions. It has been a pleasure to see such strong levels of understanding reflected in their work, with many children demonstrating confidence in explaining their thinking and applying their knowledge.

In Years 5 and 6, preparations for the end of year production are well underway. Rehearsals have been full of energy and enthusiasm, and it is clear just how much hard work the children are putting into every scene. They are throwing themselves into the performances with great commitment and we cannot wait to see the finished production. If you are able to come along and support them, I know they would really appreciate having a full audience to perform to.

Attendance has remained strong this week, with a special congratulations to Willow Class for achieving a fantastic 100% attendance. Thank you to all families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly. Every lesson really does matter and consistent attendance is so important in ensuring continuity, confidence and progress in learning.

Many children have also been commenting on the delicious lunches this week as our new cook, Mrs Wallis, has settled into her role. She has been delighted to hear such positive feedback and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their meals so much.

Our Church Vision Group has continued its wonderful work around positive affirmations, helping to brighten the wall that greets our children each morning. These uplifting messages are a lovely reminder of the caring and supportive community we are proud to be part of, helping every child to start the day feeling valued and encouraged.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Year 4 children on their outstanding results in the National Multiplication Tables Check. Every single child achieved either 24 or 25 out of 25, which is an exceptional achievement. This reflects not only the children's dedication and hard work, but also the excellent teaching and support from Miss Coxon. We are incredibly proud of them all and they should celebrate this fantastic success. Thank you once again for your continued support.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and, hopefully, a chance to enjoy some slightly cooler weather before we look forward to another exciting week together.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher