



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 3rd July 2026

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities, both in and beyond the classroom. Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a wonderful educational visit to a Hindu temple in Southampton, where they witnessed an Arti ceremony and had the opportunity to speak with the temple priest, bringing their learning to life through firsthand experiences.

Our Year 5 mathematicians represented the school brilliantly at the Maths Challenge hosted by Priestlands. Competing against seven schools, they achieved a Bronze award and we are incredibly proud of their teamwork, determination and success.

Year 6 once again demonstrated our school value of courage as they took part in horse riding at Walhampton. They rode through the beautiful grounds and around the lakes, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. The riding staff took the time to email afterwards to say what an impressive group they were, praising both their excellent manners and their gratitude. This is not the first time we have received such positive feedback about our oldest pupils and it is wonderful to see the William Gilpin Way shining through whenever they represent our school.

A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who make these enriching experiences possible. They play such an important role in broadening our children's horizons and creating lasting memories alongside their classroom learning.

Looking ahead, Sports Day takes place on Monday as an inter-house competition and we hope many families will be able to join us on the field to cheer on their child's House.

On Tuesday we have Move Up Day. Children will begin and end the day in their current classroom but will spend most of the day with their new class and teacher for September. **Parents are warmly invited to join us on the field from 3.30pm for refreshments and the opportunity to meet the new teaching staff.** This informal gathering is a lovely way to begin building a strong relationship with your child's teacher for the coming year, while children are welcome to enjoy playing on the field.

Next Friday we will be welcoming pupils from other local schools for a Year 6 Science Day, which will take over the school hall. **As a result, there will be no Celebration Worship next week.**

With this newsletter I have also attached a the letter regarding school governance. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Cox  
Headteacher