



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 10th July 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another boiling hot week it has been, with everyone doing their best to stay cool. Thank you to everyone for maintaining such high attendance despite the heat.

It has been a week full of memorable moments. Sports Day was a fantastic afternoon of competitive fun, with children showing great determination, resilience and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. Congratulations to Wilverley House, who were our overall winners. We were also delighted to see so many children achieving first place across running, throwing and jumping events, demonstrating some outstanding all-round athletic ability.

Move Up Day was another highlight of the week. It was lovely to welcome our new teachers to William Gilpin School and wonderful to see so many families attend our Meet the Teacher event. We hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet their new class teams and begin looking forward to September.

Our final sporting event of the year took place at Priestlands, where four schools were recognised with a values award. We were incredibly proud to receive the award for Determination. This perfectly reflects the spirit of William Gilpin School. Determination is such an important quality, helping children to overcome challenges, keep trying when things are difficult and achieve their very best. Thank you to the Priestlands team for recognising us for who we are and for celebrating this important part of our school ethos.

Today we had the pleasure of hosting the Faraday Challenge, a science and engineering day for Year 6 children from Brockenhurst and Milford-on-Sea. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to meet others who may well become classmates in September. It was wonderful to see pupils working together in mixed-school teams, building new friendships and continuing those connections during lunchtime.

As we come to the end of the school year, I would also like to take a moment to recognise the colleagues who will be leaving William Gilpin School. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside each of them, and I know many of you will also want to wish them every success for the future.

Firstly, I must inform you that My Dye has left William Gilpin School to pursue a new opportunity. We thank him for his contributions during his time at our school. We are sure that you will join us in wishing Mr Dye all the best in the future.

Miss Coxon joined the William Gilpin team last September to support the teaching of mathematics in Key Stage 2. During the year she expanded her role and became the heart and soul of Rowan Class. Her endless kindness, enthusiasm and exceptional musical talents have made a lasting impact, particularly through her inspiring leadership of the school choir. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has brought to our school community.

Miss Andrassy joined William Gilpin as a teaching assistant in Autumn 2023 after qualifying as a teacher and stepped up to cover teaching staff absences from Summer 2024. This year she has taught Oak class. She has always been willing to help colleagues, throw herself wholeheartedly into every school event, whether a colour run or a water fight, and most recently directed our fantastic school play. We thank her for her commitment, and wish her every happiness as she moves to her new post in Devon.

Mrs Nicholls has completed an incredible 20 years at William Gilpin School. During that time, she has worked as both a teacher and teaching assistant, supporting countless children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. She is loved by pupils, families and colleagues alike for her gentle, caring nature and the warmth she brings to the youngest members of our school community. Her dedication over two decades has touched the lives of so many children, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has given to William Gilpin School.

With best wishes,

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher