



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Summer Term - Friday 17th July 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Courage, Compassion and Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term and another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved and to thank our whole school community for another fantastic year.

There has been so much to celebrate this term. The children's attitude to learning continues to be the foundation of their success. In order to keep their brains ticking over the summer I hope many of them will take part in our next Home Learning Project on the theme of Trees.

Once again this week, following Reception's visit to Longdown Farm, I received wonderful feedback about our children. The staff commented on how well behaved, polite and curious they were throughout the day. This has become a familiar theme. Every time our children represent William Gilpin in the wider community, they are recognised for being thoughtful, respectful and enthusiastic young people. They are a real credit to themselves, their families and our school.

This week has also seen Oak Class truly shine with their fantastic performance of *Robin Hood*. Their confidence, teamwork, resilience, independence and self-reliance were evident throughout and these are all essential skills that will serve them well in the future. Thank you as well to Rowan Class for providing the chorus and helping to make the performance such a success. I would also like to give a special mention to those children who may not have seen themselves as performers but who still stepped forward, took part and supported their classmates. That perfectly demonstrates our value of courage and makes me incredibly proud.

I hope many of you will be able to join us on Monday for our Year 6 Leavers' Service as we celebrate and say farewell to this exceptional group of children.

I could not be prouder of every one of our Year 6 children. I am proud of the effort they put into their SATs, whatever their individual results. I am even prouder of the young people they have shown themselves to be this term through their singing, acting, leadership, contributions to our Church Vision Group and the kindness and encouragement they show one another every day. They are far more than a set of statistics. They are remarkable individuals who take the strength of William Gilpin roots with them into the future.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and coming back together as the William Gilpin community.

With best wishes,

Elizabeth Cox
Headteacher

