



# William Gilbert Endowed

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## Primary School & Nursery

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### NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

#### **Red Nose Day**

Thank you for supporting our 'Red Nose Day' non-uniform day last week – it was lovely to see all the children enjoying the event for such a good cause. Please log onto Scopay to make the £1 donation and we will communicate how much we have raised in the next Newsletter.

#### **Book Fair 2026**

I am delighted to share that the recent book fair raised an enormous £1,518.43. Thank you so much to all parents and children who supported the fair this year and bought books and stationery. This will enable us to choose books up to a value of £980 for the whole school. At a time when budgets are so tight, the purchase of these books will be a real boost to our school libraries, and your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **Easter Service**

May I remind you that the whole school, Reception to Year 6, will be attending St Alkmund's Church on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 p.m. for our Easter Service. ALL children to wear school uniform as there will be NO PE on Wednesday.

All the children will be sitting at the front of the church. At the end of the service Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their staff, will walk towards church hall to await collection. Reception pupils will remain in the choir stalls of the church so 1-1 handover can take place. Year 1 and Year 2 will remain in their pews near the vestry and Year 3 and Year 4 will remain in their seats near the organ. Parents attending church should collect their child/children swiftly and exit the church so that parents who are not attending the service, and are waiting outside, can then come into collect their child/children.

Parking is always an issue. Where possible, please walk or share lifts. Please do not park on the narrow drive leading down to the car park area. It is essential there is room for emergency access. Your support with parking would be appreciated and I would also be grateful if this information could be shared with grandparents and others who are likely to attend. The Bridge Inn are happy for visitors to use their car park.

The service will finish at approximately 3.00 p.m. and all children should be clear about their going home arrangements **directly from church.**

Only in exceptional circumstances are children escorted back from church to school for dismissal at their usual home time. As yet, no one has asked me to bring their child back to school, however if you have forgotten and it is necessary for your child to be escorted back to school after the service, then please advise me in writing by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Nursery parents – please remember that Nursery closes at 11.45am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to allow for Nursery staff to join the Easter Service.

#### **Year 4 and 5 PE**

Further to the message on WEDUC yesterday, confirmation that Year 4 will be having PE on Friday and Year 5 on Thursday this week. Please send your child in PE kit.

### **Scopay**

Can I politely remind you to log on to your Scopay accounts and pay any outstanding balances for trips, events and dinner money this half term. There are several trips that have taken place with money still owed. If parents/carers have any financial concerns regarding outstanding balances, please contact Mrs Manners in the school office, in confidence, to discuss.

### **School Uniform**

As detailed in our uniform policy, the summer term gives the option for our summer uniform; shorts for the boys and a blue gingham/striped dress for the girls. There is no obligation to wear the summer option and as it will still be April when we return, it may be sensible to stay in winter uniform until the weather becomes warmer. Please note that sandals must be like a shoe with a closed heel and toe and coloured winter tights are **NOT** an option with a summer dress.

### **Weduc**

Thank you for your support in booking the summer after school clubs via Weduc/Parent Pay. There are still a few places available so please log into the payments section on Weduc and go to the Parent Pay link to register and make a payment.

**If you have already paid for a club, and the system has processed your booking, please note that this is a confirmed space for your child. Details and dates of the clubs will be confirmed by the end of the week.**

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Britten  
Headteacher