



# William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England)

## Primary School & Nursery

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4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The first term is rapidly disappearing with a flurry of activities and events. Please find a summary of key events taking place in the next three weeks which will take us up to half term.

### Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Vaccination

Please be reminded that the Immunisation Team will be visiting school to administer the flu vaccine on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. If you have yet to give consent and would like your child to receive the vaccine, please contact the Immunisation Team at Derbyshire Community Health Service on 03333 583397 option 5, or email [immunisations.derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk)

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

**NB There will be no swimming on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October as a result. All Y3 need to wear their PE kit as normal on this day.**

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – ‘Hello Yellow’ Non-Uniform Day

Our chosen charity this year is supporting children’s mental health and is called Young Minds.

A reminder that we will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Every year thousands of schools, companies and communities come together to make World Mental Health Day that little bit brighter by wearing something yellow and donating to Young Minds. Of course, we do not want any child to feel uncomfortable or worried about wearing something yellow. As with all non-uniform days, the wearing of non-school uniform is a choice. On the day children can:-

- wear school uniform
- wear non-school uniform
- embrace the ‘Hello Yellow’ theme and wear a bright and colourful outfit, including the colour yellow

A donation of £1 per child will be added to your Scopay account and I thank you in advance for your support.

**NB No Forest School for Year 1.**

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Maths Whizz Information meeting for parents KS1

Our Education Success Partner, Andy Clay will be in school from **8.45am-9.30am on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** to present information for **KS1 parents**. This session will include new updates and information about the benefits of a Maths Whizz parent account. You are warmly invited to attend.

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Celebration

We look forward to receiving your harvest donations in school from next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Our Harvest service will be held in school next Friday morning starting at 9.30am. Parents and volunteers from Hope for Belper will be visiting school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to collect all our donations.



We have arranged for Year 6 to visit Hope for Belper on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to help the volunteers sort and arrange the produce ready for delivery.

Please find below a reminder of items specifically requested, but of course any donations will be gratefully received

- UHT milk
- Tinned vegetables, tinned meals such as curry, chilli, chicken in white sauce etc
- Tinned fish, super noodles/pot noodles etc
- Pasta, rice
- Biscuits, tea/coffee
- Toilet rolls, toothpaste, shampoo

Thank you for your support and generosity.

### **Week Commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 Reading and Curriculum Meeting**

A warm welcome to all Y1 parents at 2:45pm to meet in the school hall with Mrs Reed and Mrs Kibble to share key updates and routines within Y1. The meeting will finish in time for the end of the school day.

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Maths Whizz Information meeting for parents KS2**

Our Education Success Partner, Andy Clay will be in school from 2.55pm-3.25pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to present information to KS2 parents. This session will include new updates and information about the benefits of a Maths Whizz parent account. You are warmly invited to attend.

### **Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

#### **Travel Smart Week 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October**

The October 2024 campaign is being supported by the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership. Pupils, parents and carers will be encouraged to follow the SMILERS ways to wellbeing for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics themed week of safer, active, environmentally friendly and wise ways to Travel Smart on the school journey during the week 21 to 25 October 2024.

Each day of Travel Smart week will have a SMILERS wellbeing focus alongside an art activity and a science, technology, engineering or mathematics idea to help pupils discover how to make a healthier and safer school journey which is good for them and the world around us!

Letter to follow with all the details of how to take part.

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – School Disco**

PTA school disco for Reception – Year 6 pupils – more information to follow.

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 – Open Morning for Reception pupils and parents**

From 8:40 – 9:15am there will be an opportunity to come into class with your child and see a phonics lesson in action. This will be repeated on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the same time.

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October -Fume Free Friday**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October is the first of our 5 ‘Fume Free Friday’ events. This is advanced notice of the closure of Vicarage Lane from the junction with Castle Hill and King Street, will be closed between 8:30am and 9:15am and again at 3:00pm and 3:45pm.

#### **We Need You! - Volunteers needed**

We are still looking for volunteers to help ‘marshal’ the two points where Vicarage Lane will be closed,

- The junction with King Street
- The junction with Castle Hill

We need volunteers at both the beginning and end of the school day, in the morning 8.30am to 9.15am and the afternoon 3.00pm to 3.45pm. There will be a school governor/staff member who will be there to support volunteers.



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If you can volunteer, please let school know by completing this online form by 12pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, thank you. – [Please click here to volunteer - thank you!](#)

[Or scan the QR code below](#)



### School Photographer

Please note that the school photographer will be visiting school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, and not on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October as previously published. Unfortunately, due to time constraints we are unable to facilitate photographs with siblings not already in school. Please complete the on-line form below to give consent by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

[Photograph Consent](#)

Yours sincerely

H Britten  
Headteacher

