

William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England)

Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of this first term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible start to the school year. I am so proud of how smart and settled your children are in their new classes, working hard, learning new and interesting knowledge, and showing such joy in their play across both playgrounds. It's been lovely to see them enjoying the new equipment and green spaces, which are already bringing nature and biodiversity into their daily experiences.

Harvest Produce

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent harvest service and donated such a wonderful amount of produce. Hope for Belper have written to school to say a huge thank you to everyone at William Gilbert School.

Artist of the Month

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. The artist of the month winner will be announced at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Please enter by Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Further information about the Artist of the Month for October can be found here <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/art/>

This month's artist is: **Kehinde Wiley**

School Uniform

A reminder that when we return after half term the full William Gilbert uniform is compulsory and summer options are no longer permitted. Please remember boots are not part of our uniform and girls may wear navy, grey or black opaque tights or white knee socks. Full details can be found on our website.

PE Days from the start of the new term

Children come to school in the school PE uniform on the following days.

Reception – Tuesday

Y1 – Tuesday and Thursday

Y2 – Monday and Friday

Y3 – Monday and Tuesday

Y4 – Monday and Wednesday

Y5 – Monday and Tuesday

Y6 – Monday and Thursday



Children in Need 2027 – runPudsey 2027

On Thursday 12th November, your child will be taking part in the BBC Children in Need runPudsey 'Challenge Yourself' event

We have been approached by BBC Radio Derby to join radio stations across Derbyshire and East Staffordshire in an attempt to complete 10,000 miles in one day as part of this year's 'Challenge Yourself' theme.

Children may come dressed in something bright and colourful or in non-uniform. If they feel more comfortable wearing their school uniform, that is absolutely fine too. There is no need to purchase any official Children in Need merchandise.

Supporting Your Child

Families can also support this fantastic cause by registering their child for runPudsey and collecting sponsorship donations from family and friends. When registering, please enter our school name and use the **unique school code EC26**. Each child who signs up will receive their own fundraising page to help raise money for BBC Children in Need. Every child who fundraises will receive an exclusive runPudsey medal to celebrate their achievement, with medals being sent directly to school for presentation after the event.

How to Register

1. Visit www.runpudsey.co.uk
2. Select Parent Sign Up
3. Enter our school name
4. Use our unique school code: **EC26**

Create your child's fundraising page and start collecting sponsorship

NB: If your child has PE on Thursday 12th November (Year 5 and 6), please come to school in your non-uniform clothing and bring your PE kit in a bag.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause and helping to make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK.

Parent Consultation

As previously published, the Autumn term Parent Consultation meetings will be held on Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th November. A letter will be sent on Tuesday 3rd November for you to book an appointment via Weduc. If you are new to school, please ensure that you have signed up to Weduc as this is the platform that we use to enable you to book a parent consultation slot. If any parents are experiencing problems accessing the App, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

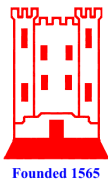
Applications for Reception 2027

A reminder that the application procedure for Reception 2027 will open via the DCC website at Monday 9th November. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2027.

[School Application](#)

Christmas Fayre

We warmly welcome you all to attend the annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December between 5-7pm. This is a vital source of funds to support the school in providing a wealth of resources, opportunities and experiences that benefit your child. We are currently trying to raise funds for social, emotional, and mental health resources, topic books for our infant and junior libraries, curriculum resources and outdoor equipment for all our classes.



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Every donation, however small makes a big difference to our school, not just in providing the 'extras' but the basic level of resources that allow teachers to deliver the curriculum.

You will have received additional information from the PTA this afternoon via WEDUC.

Half Term

School closes today, Friday 23rd October for the half term holiday and reopens on **Monday 2nd** November at the usual time.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all an enjoyable break.

Kind regards

E H Britten
Headteacher

