



William Gilbert Endowed

(Church of England)

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Easter Service

May I remind you that the whole school, Reception to Year 6 will be attending St Alkmunds Church tomorrow, Wednesday 29th March at 2.00 p.m. for our Easter Service.

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 tomorrow, then please advise me in writing by tomorrow morning.

School Lunches

Can I politely remind you that we operate a 'healthy eating' policy at William Gilbert and would encourage parents not to send sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. We are also a nut free school so please do not include any item containing nuts in your child's packed lunch.

Our school lunches are freshly cooked each day on the school premises, using locally sourced ingredients and offer the children a healthy, nutritious meal each day. A healthy meal is a really important part of the whole school day. If your child would like to try our school lunches, please contact the school office for more details. Please be reminded that the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.40 after Easter as previously communicated.

[School Lunch Menu](#)

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.

Easter Events

Further to the recent PTA flyer, please send your decorated eggs or Easter bonnets into school by Thursday 30th March. The entries will be judged on Friday 31st March, and prizes will be given out. Good luck everyone!

Nursery Closure

Can I please remind Nursery parents that Nursery will close at 11.45am tomorrow, Wednesday 29th March to allow all staff to attend the Easter Church Service.

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld
Headteacher