



# William Gilbert Endowed

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## Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Notices for Next Week - 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Armistice Day** – Children will mark this day by participating in a 2-minute silence at 11am. For those still wishing to donate to the Poppy Appeal or to purchase a poppy themed product, the Y6 children will open our pop-up shop for the final time on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will share how much we have raised in a subsequent newsletter.

#### **Anti-Bullying Week – 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> – ‘Choose Respect’**

Please see the separate letter sent this week for more details and information about how the school will be further strengthening our approach to supporting children around this issue during Anti-Bullying Week.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day** To further raise pupils’ awareness around the importance of kind, respectful and tolerant behaviour we will be joining schools across the nation by celebrating our uniqueness and embracing difference by wearing ‘odd socks’. If your child would like to join in all they need to do is come wearing an odd pair of socks with their school uniform. For those pupils who have PE on Tuesday, come in your PE kit with odd socks too!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need 2024 – ‘Help us make life lighter for children’** is this year’s fundraising aspiration.

On Children in Need Day, your child can come dressed in something bright and colourful or in non-uniform. If they feel more comfortable in their school uniform that is ok too. There is no need to buy Children in Need merchandise. As a busy working parent, I understand the pressure to find an outfit. Please do not add any unnecessary pressure to your weekends – if it is easier to come in their favourite T-shirt and jeans that is perfectly acceptable.

Therefore, children may wear their uniform as normal, or for a donation of £1, all children have the option to wear: -

- Non-uniform
- Dressed in bright and colourful clothes to bring cheer to others (linked to this year’s theme)

The £1 donation will be added to your Scopay account as usual. All funds raised will go directly to the Children in Need Charity.

As our **Fume Free Friday** road closure falls on the same day as Children in Need it would be great for the children to support one of the Children in Need initiatives. Paddy McGuinness is completing an ultra-endurance cycle challenge. It would be marvellous for the children if they could **scoot or cycle to school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** in support. Research shows an active start to the school day has a positive impact on children’s mental health and on improved concentration. For more information or to support Paddy in his event please see the link below.



**Paddy's Ultra Endurance Cycle Challenge – How Will You Roll?**

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/paddy-mcguinness-ultra-endurance-cycle-challenge-how-will-you-roll/>

**NB**

**If your child has PE on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November (Year 2 please come dressed in non-uniform with PE kit in a bag). Thank you.**

### **Fume Free Fridays**

This is a reminder about the School Street pilot and the closure of Vicarage Lane from the junction with Castle Hill and King Street, which will continue each Friday in November and be closed between 8:30am and 9:15am and again at 3:00pm and 3:45pm. Dates are the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Fayre – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

#### **PTA Christmas Fayre Donations week 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November**

The Christmas Fayre will soon be upon us and the PTA team are wanting to get organised and spread the contribution of donations.

Could you please send donations of the following items throughout next week. Please send in with your child or bring to the school office.

- Stuffed soft toys
- Bottles for tombola
- Chocolate & sweets
- Unwanted gifts for children's tombola
- Jolly Jars

#### **Raffle**

Could you please contribute an item/items for your child's class raffle hamper in the colour theme as outlined below:-

Reception - Red  
Year 1 - Orange  
Year 2 - Yellow  
Year 3 - Green  
Year 4 - Blue  
Year 5 - Purple  
Year 6 – Pink

These worked really well last year, so your support would be much appreciated.

#### **Santa's Grotto**

The Grotto will be set up in the Nursery class so any donations of the following items in RED OR WHITE would be much appreciated.

Tinsel, Christmas tree, wrapping paper, decorations, bunting, lights, elf costumes, inflatables

Everything welcome by 19<sup>th</sup> November please.

#### **World Nursery Rhyme Week – 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November**

Next week, Nursery and Reception classes will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week. Learning and reciting nursery rhymes helps young children build essential language skills, improve memory, and develop early literacy foundations by hearing rhythmic patterns, rhyming words, and repetitive sounds. These familiar rhymes also enhance children's listening skills and strengthen social bonds when recited with family or peers.

By preserving the tradition of nursery rhymes, parents can support their child's language growth, boost their confidence in speaking, and introduce them to the joy of language in a playful, memorable way. There will be an exciting range of activities happening in school throughout the week, each day they will be focussing on a different nursery rhyme with enriching activities to support their learning. These will include Twinkle Twinkle, Incey Wincey Spider, Old MacDonald, The Big Ship Sails on the Alley Alley Oh and Five Currant Buns. I am sure your child will enjoy telling you all about this fun week.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher