



# William Gilbert Endowed

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## Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

### Harvest Celebration

Thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who attended our Harvest Celebration and presentation of our 'Sing Up' Platinum Award.

Your tremendous support and generous donation of gifts for our Harvest celebration was appreciated. The Barnardo's Charity was delighted with the number of goods donated.

Year 6 pupils visited and chatted to our neighbours on St Alkmunds Close before presenting them with a box of harvest goodies. The pleasure they gave to the majority of residents was clearly immense. In return Year 6 have received several thank you letters. Congratulations Year 6 on a job well undertaken and some good 'life skills' practised and learned.

### Pumpkin Winners

Congratulations to Gabriel Sibthorp-Quarmby in the Juniors, Emily Warner in the Infants and Charlie Arnold in the Foundation Stage for growing the largest pumpkins this year. Well done to everyone who took part.

### School Uniform

Despite the mild weather autumn is creeping up on us and when term restarts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November all pupils need to be in full winter uniform. This means a collar and tie for everyone with the appropriate trousers, skirt or pinafore. Please note only red or navy blue jumpers or cardigans are allowed and girl's tights should only be plain red, navy, grey or black. Your co-operation and support with our uniform is always appreciated.

### Half Term Activities

Allestree 'Schools Out' club are running activities during half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

To book a place or for further information and details of fees telephone Amanda on 01332 737947 or 07984 908836 or e-mail [allestreeschoolsoutclub@hotmail.com](mailto:allestreeschoolsoutclub@hotmail.com).

### Congratulations Mrs Wilde

The Governors conducted a rigorous recruitment process to appoint a permanent member of teaching staff in Key Stage 1. Mrs J Wilde was appointed and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a successful and happy career at William Gilbert.

### **Goodbye Miss Nicholson**

One of our highly valued members of the cleaning staff team leaves William Gilbert on Friday. Miss Nicholson has worked at the School for 7 years and has always shown enormous commitment to the school. She will be sorely missed.

### **School Clubs**

After School Clubs are all running as normal this week and will all restart from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please note that the 5-aside football competition begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November so there will be no club at school. The selected team will be playing at Belper Sports Centre and all club members are welcome to attend for support. There will be a letter with further details from Mrs Stevenson.

### **Parents Parking**

Parking on St Alkmunds Close is becoming very problematical again. This morning a child was nearly knocked over and the residents are rightly complaining about selfish drivers and parking.

I have no desire to spoil the good relationships we share but once again I need to ask you to park away from the school site so as not to cause congestion on Vicarage Lane and St Alkmunds Close.

Unfortunately, some parents/carers seem to think this information does not apply to them and continue to drive as close to school as possible. On finding no parking space, or spotting my presence, parents are reversing, double parking, blocking driveways and the road; all of which are completely unacceptable.

In school we are trying to educate your children to be polite, considerate citizens; compassionate to those around them. Please support us by modelling this continued education through your parking.

I would be grateful if you would pass this information to grandparents and carers who may not access this letter directly.

Can I also remind all vehicle drivers that it is unsafe to move cars parked directly outside school until all children have left the immediate area and that we encourage travelling one way along Vicarage Lane, from the Castle Hill end towards King Street, not the opposite way.

### **Half term Holiday**

School will close to pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm and re-opens to all pupils on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. I hope everyone enjoys the half term break and returns to school feeling rested and ready for the run up to Christmas!

Yours sincerely

S J Whyld  
Headteacher