



## Newsletter

*The first half of summer term has been very short but very busy!!*

*We are fast approaching half term following which an exciting summer term 2 lies ahead.*

A reminder that our school website is: -

<https://www.stgilbertspointon.co.uk>

### STAFFING

We are saying goodbye to Charlotte Nauyokas who is embarking upon an exciting new career opportunity. Charlotte will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success and thank her for her dedication and contribution to our school.

*Thank  
you!*

We are delighted to inform you that from September 2025, Kayleigh Timings will be progressing in her career to take on the role of Nursery Manager at the new nursery being opened at Donington Cowley Endowed Primary School. Whilst we will greatly miss Kayleigh at St Gilbert's, we recognise what a fabulous opportunity this is for her professional development and congratulate her on her successful appointment within our federation.

### ATTENDANCE

Please can I remind you that **all** absences need to be reported to the school office you can do this by telephone, email or in person.

**Tel:** 01529 240465

**Email:** [admin@pointon.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@pointon.lincs.sch.uk)

**If we do not hear from you by 10am we will carry out a home visit in line with our safeguarding procedures.**

## **SEND**

Over the upcoming weeks, we will be sending out a parent questionnaire. The results from the SEND questionnaires and the feedback from all of our parents of children with SEND are crucial in ensuring that we constantly look to improve the care, provision and outcomes for every child.

Please complete these forms with your honest opinions and return to Mrs Ogden.

Thank you.

## **INCLUSION**

Young Carers – provide support to their families in variety of ways including but not limited to:

- cooking, housework and shopping
- physical care, such as helping someone in and out of bed
- personal care, such as assistance with dressing, toileting and administering medication
- managing the family budget
- collecting prescriptions and arranging GP or hospital appointments
- helping with communication
- looking after brothers or sisters
- emotional support

If you feel that your child is a young carer please contact Mrs Millard to discuss what support is available for them.

## **MATHS**



Maths at both schools continues to flourish and another Times Tables Rock Stars battle has come to an end, the children have been incredibly engaged with the competition and it has been a tight competition but there is a standout victor this time and that goes to Squirrels class of Donington. Keep an eye out on Times Tables Rock Stars for any other competitions that may begin. Remember to keep accessing TTRS to make you more of a rockstar.

## **STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS**

Year 6 have completed their SATs and we congratulate and thank them for their incredible hard work and efforts.

Year 6 will now focus upon their teacher assessed writing, further consolidation of learning and transition in addition to their many exciting activities which are planned next term.

### **Y1 PHONICS CHECK**

The phonics screening check will be administered during the week beginning the 9th June. Children will be reading 40 words. 20 real words and 20 'alien' words. To prepare for this, please read with your children as much as possible and encourage them to use their Read Write Inc techniques 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word.'

Class teachers will be able to tell you if there are any sounds your child needs support with, they will also be sending all children home with some phonics practice sheets with QR codes to practice over half term.

### **MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK - MTC**

The Year 4's will soon be taking the Multiplication Check which takes place over a two-week period starting on Monday 2 June. The test takes approximately 15 minutes, and the children will have opportunities to practise beforehand. To allow your child to do the best that they can, the soundcheck game on Times Tables Rock Stars gives the children an idea of how the MTC is going to work and gives them a chance to practise.

### **RECEPTION 2025 INTAKE**

As we move into our final term, we are looking forwards to welcoming our new children, joining us in September, into our school. We have organised a series of transition events to take place in July, where the children will be able to be supported into their new learning environments by the current Reception children. They will have the chance to being to make new friends and meet their new teachers.

Everyone is very excited!

### **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - THURSDAY 8 MAY**

We all had a fantastic time celebrating VE Day! All classes visited the Mission Church across the road from the school where they performed some WW2 songs for the community, this was greatly appreciated by all, and we had some lovely feedback about how brilliant they all were.

We then continued our day with activities to celebrate the special day. Some made flags, hats and had a go at learning some 1940's dance moves.

We then had a whole school picnic, filling the school hall with joy and celebration.

Afterwards, each class took it in turns to head back over to the church where they spent time with villagers, sharing and learning stories of the war and singing songs.

It was a lovely day for all involved and the children were all incredible.

## **SPORTS**

At the beginning of this term, we welcomed Elite Sports to the school once again for all the children to experience the sport of Tri-Golf. A great day was had by all and some of the Year 3 and 4 children are now competing in the Inter-school league where they have already won their first game!



The children are benefitting from the addition of some new football goals. The weather has been very kind since they arrived, allowing all year groups to spend time on the field playing football. We are also awaiting the delivery of some new playground equipment so the children will have a variety of activities to choose from at lunch and break times.

We have introduced Sports Houses into the school over the last few weeks in preparation for Sports Day. This is scheduled for the morning of Thursday 10 July and will be held on the village playing field. Further details will be sent out in due course.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

School Council are continuing their mission to become 'Global Neighbours'. Our councillors have led whole school assemblies to encourage our children to 'Throw Kindness Like Confetti' and have taught other children about the Bible story of Jericho to inspire us to work together to overcome adversity. School Council then decided to learn a song about the Bible story of Jericho, and we have now begun singing this in Choral Worship to help inspire children to persevere through working together and their faith in God.

Taking inspiration from St Gilbert, last term our children opened a Community Larder in the school foyer. This may be used by children, parents, and members of the community who are in need. Please contact the school office or Mr Adams if you would like more details. Donations of food, toiletries and clothes are always welcome.

### **ST GILBERT'S PARENT VOLUNTEER GROUP**

Our Summer Fair is being held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 4.30-6.30pm where all are welcome to attend. We will have a BBQ, bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, games much more. It will be a fun filled afternoon for all the family and we hope you can all attend.

We will also be asking the children to bring a bottle on 20 June ready for our ever-popular bottle stall.

More information will be sent out after half term about the plans for the school disco.

### **YEAR 6 - END OF YEAR EVENTS**

Our Year 6 pupils have worked really hard this year and we are immensely proud of them all so we have some end of term treats planned for them.

On Wednesday 11 June our Year 6 pupils will be travelling to London's West End to see a Wednesday matinee performance of The Lion King the Musical at The Lyceum Theatre.

On Thursday 19 June the Year 6 pupils have invited their parents/carers to a "Gala Dinner", which will be prepared, cooked and served by themselves, with a little guidance from Darren Tinker from Roots to Food.

To end the term, and their time at St Gilbert's, we will have our Leavers' Assembly. We wish them all the very best at their new schools.



# Key Dates



## MAY

23 May

End of Summer term 1

## JUNE

2 June

Start of summer term 2

9 -13 June

Phonics Screening Check Y1/Multiplication Check Y4

11 June

Y6 Theatre Trip - The Lion King

19 June

Y6 Gala Dinner

20 June

Non-Uniform - bring a bottle for the summer fair

27 June

Summer Disco

## JULY

4 July

Summer Fair

10 July am

Sports Day

22 July

Y6 Leavers assembly and end of academic year

