



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 30th January 2026

Pickwick
Academy Trust

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:



This week we discussed the story of 'My Name is Not Refugee'.

Headteacher's Update

We've had a fantastic time celebrating pupils' efforts for today's Funky Friday *Break the Rules* day — the pyjamas, wild hair and dress-down outfits brought so much joy to the school. Thank you for your generous donations. This week, our staff have also been working closely with Pickwick curriculum leaders to continue refining our approach to enquiry-based learning. It's been wonderful to see how engaged in learning the children are across the school. Year 3 are absorbed in *The Iron Man* as they explore what it means to be "author readers" and Year 5 have been powering through their times tables, really embracing their mathematician state of being. Wishing you all a pleasant (and hopefully not too rainy!) weekend.

No Dogs on Site

A gentle reminder that our entire school grounds, including the pre-school area, are a dog-free zone. We know many of your pets are wonderful companions, but following this rule helps us maintain a safe and secure environment for all children and families. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry – Online Course

Work Wiltshire are offering an online course, *Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry*, on **Tuesday 24 February, 10:00–12:00**. This course is designed to help parents and carers build confidence in supporting their child's emotional wellbeing at home, with practical guidance and strategies to manage anxiety and worry. For further information and to enrol, visit:

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/enrolment/>

FAWGS

FAWGS, our parent and school association, has some fantastic events planned. If you would like to volunteer to help at events or become part of the FAWGS team, please speak to Suzy Ellis (our Chair) or email fawgschool@gmail.com. Any support is greatly appreciated and helps us raise valuable funds to benefit our school and children. Special thanks to them for today's Freaky Friday Break the Rules Day 😊

Key Dates

Thursday 12th February – FAWGS Valentine's Bake Sale (cake donations please)

Friday 13th February – INSET Day

Friday 6th March – FAWGS Beer Tasting at the Village Hall

Friday 20th March – FAWGS Easter Disco

WB 11th May – Y6 SATS Week

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher