



# Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

## Foundations for Life

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



**This term our Collective Worship theme is:**



*This week, we reflected in classes upon how we've shown perseverance this term.*

### Headteacher's Update

An early update from us today as we finish for the half-term break, with teachers taking part in a training day tomorrow. Thank you for all your support during my first half term here—it's been wonderful to be part of the team and to meet so many of you. Please remember that my door is always open if there's anything you'd like to talk about. A big thank you to FAWGS for today's bake sale—we hope you enjoy some lovely treats this afternoon. We're also pleased to share that the Funky Friday event raised **£150**. Thank you for your generosity. Wishing you all a lovely half-term break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Monday 23rd February**.

### World Book Day

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, with a whole-school theme of 'the magic of reading'. Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of fun, book-related activities designed to inspire a love of reading across our school. Children are encouraged to either dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a simple prop linked to that character. There is no expectation to buy costumes or props – something you already have at home or can easily make is perfect. Alternatively, children may come to school in uniform as usual if they prefer. Following the success of our book swaps in previous years, we are once again inviting children to bring in a book (in good condition) that they are happy to permanently swap. This gives every child the chance to take home a 'new' book on the day. Book swap books can be brought directly into classrooms on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This week, your child has also been given their World Book Day token. Tokens can be exchanged for a free World Book Day book or used to receive £1 off a book of your choice at participating retailers, between 12<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please keep an eye out for tokens in book bags.

### St Mary's Church Family Event (Note Change of Time)

Come and join St. Mary's Church for a fun-filled Pancake Party on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30–5pm. Expect an afternoon of games, laughter, and—of course—plenty of pancakes. Bring the whole family along! To help us make sure there are enough pancakes for everyone, please email [alison@larkham.me.uk](mailto:alison@larkham.me.uk) to let them know you're coming. Feel free to include any dietary requirements so we can cater for all.

### Pocket Theatre – Matilda Production

We're delighted to share that AWGS pupils past and present will be taking to the stage in Pocket Theatre's production of the musical extravaganza *Matilda* at Hanger Farm Arts Centre in Totton next week. Performances run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7.30pm, with an additional 2.30pm matinee on Thursday. The show features two pupils from Year 6, directed by Mr Tatnall, alongside a fantastic group of former pupils.

### Key Dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – FAWGS Beer Tasting at the Village Hall

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – FAWGS Easter Disco

WB 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS Week

**Best Wishes,**  
Mrs Emily Woolf  
**Headteacher**