



# Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

## Foundations for Life

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Kindness**

**Justice**

**Respect**



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

**SERVICE**

*This week we learnt about Claudette Colvin. Reverend Marcia also discussed how God has given us each gifts that we can use to serve others.*

### Headteacher's Update

It's been a fantastic first week back after the break. We've welcomed a number of families for tours and it's been wonderful to see our children so focused and enthusiastic about their new learning. I've already heard lots about exciting enquiry projects, inspiring new books being used in writing and Year 6 have created some truly beautiful artwork to kick off the term. Children have also been so excited about our new healthy tuck shop at breaktime – enormous thanks to Mr G, Mrs Telfer and Y5 for their efforts with this. Please do send in small change with your child where possible if they'd like to use the tuck shop. Attached to this week's newsletter, you'll also find a letter outlining our pastoral and wellbeing offer. We're fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff and volunteers running a range of supportive activities for our pupils. We're also delighted to share that, alongside Koko the reading dog, we'll soon be welcoming Bear the dog to school with her owner, Mrs Eveling. Bear will be joining us on the gate in the mornings to say hello, and we know the children will be thrilled to meet her. Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead!

### Staffing News

We're delighted to share that Miss Orphan got engaged over the break and is now happily making plans for her wedding. It's wonderful news and we wish her and her husband-to-be all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. Meanwhile, Miss Hodgson, our deputy headteacher, required surgery during the holiday and will need some time away from school to focus on her recovery. We're sending her our very best wishes and hope her healing is smooth and steady.

### New School Website

We're excited to share that our school website has had a major refresh. The updated site is more engaging, fully compliant and easier to navigate. Do take a moment to explore — it's fresh, current and designed to better showcase all the brilliant things happening in our school.

### Key Dates

WB 11<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS Week  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y5/6 Residential – Fairthorne Manor  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day

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