



# Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

## Foundations for Life

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



### This term our Collective Worship theme is:

**SERVICE**

*This week, we explored the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet as a powerful example of humble service.*

### Headteacher's Update

It has been lovely to spend time in our EYFS area this week. Miss Orphan has been working hard on developing the zoning and it was wonderful to see the children so engaged—especially as they explored the theme of people who help us. Across school, we've also been thinking about safety and the things that help us feel settled and secure during the day. The children have shared thoughtful ideas and it's been a valuable focus for everyone. We are mindful that Year 6 SATs begin the week of 11th May. The children are working incredibly hard and we want to remind families that attendance is essential throughout that week. If an emergency arises, please contact the school as early as possible. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

### Lost Property

We now have a new lost-property basket in the porch by the school office. You're welcome to pop in and check whether any missing items have made their way there. We do our best to return anything that is clearly named.

### Staffing News

We will be saying a fond farewell to two much-loved members of our support staff this term. Mrs Bridge will be retiring at the end of term with a last day of 20<sup>th</sup> May and Mrs Whaley will be leaving us on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Both have been longstanding, exceptional TAs whose dedication, care and hard work have made a huge difference to our children and our school. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed over the years and they will be very much missed. We offer them our heartfelt thanks and our very best wishes for the future.

### Sensory Toys

We're building up our school collection of fiddle and sensory toys. If you have any old or unused items at home, we'd be grateful for donations. Please drop them off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

### Year 5 Tuck Shop

Our Year 5 tuck shop continues to be a real highlight of the week. A price list is included with this newsletter and for just a few pence children can enjoy a range of new and healthy snacks. It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are—many are trying foods they haven't tasted before and the buzz around the stall is fantastic. We're also delighted to notice a reduction in litter around school. The use of reusable cups and containers has made a clear difference and the children are taking real pride in looking after their environment. A big thank you to Mr Goldsack-Marsh and Mrs Telfer for supporting the Year 5s and helping make the tuck shop such a success.

### 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**