



# Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

## Foundations for Life

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

**SERVICE**

*Children took part in a Service Worship based on Joshua entering the Promised Land, considering how we can support one another when facing new challenges.*

### Headteacher's Update

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and managed to find some time to rest and recharge. In school this week, we've been exploring how to make lunchtimes even better for our pupils. We're trialling a new approach where children eat in one sitting and then head outside together to play. The aim is to create calmer, more sociable mealtimes and to build collaboration and shared play across year groups. Early signs are really positive and we'll continue to refine the routine with pupils' feedback. We also had some time with Rev Marcia this week, thinking together about how we can continue strengthening our links with the church. We're excited about the opportunities this partnership brings for our pupils, families and wider community. We have lots to look forward to!

### FAWGS

FAWGS are busy preparing for two fantastic community events and we would love your support. We're looking for volunteers to help at our **Colour Run and School Fair on Saturday 11th July**. Whether you can offer a short slot or stay for longer, your help on the day makes a huge difference. If you're able to volunteer, please email [fawgschool@gmail.com](mailto:fawgschool@gmail.com). Information about how to book tickets to attend this lovely event are available on the attached poster. We'd love to see lots of you there! We're also seeking helpers to run a FAWGS stall at **Alderbury's Picnic in the Park on Saturday 6th June**. It's a brilliant opportunity to represent the school and get involved in a much-loved local event. FAWGS are also hosting ice-cream Fridays for the summer term so do pop along for a treat if you would like to. Thank you for everything you do to support FAWGS and our school community.

### Kitchen

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we've experienced some technical issues with our kitchen this week. We're doing everything we can to resolve these and will continue to be in touch about what lunch choices we're able to offer. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding with this.

### Walk to School

We're continuing to encourage our school community to walk to school wherever possible and it's been wonderful to see so many pupils embracing active travel. We had an influx of badges arrive this week and lots were awarded — a huge thank you to Mrs Telfer and our brilliant Nature Ninjas in Year 5 for organising and distributing them. The summer term gives us the perfect opportunity to enjoy the brighter days and we hope many of our families will keep choosing to bike, scoot or walk to school.

### Key Dates

NEXT WEEK – Y6 SATS Week  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y5/6 Residential – Fairthorne Manor  
10<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day  
11<sup>th</sup> July – FAWGS Colour Run & Summer Fair

Best Wishes,  
Mrs Emily Woolf  
Headteacher