



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 3rd July 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:



We learnt about how Jane Goodall respected chimpanzees when she studied them. We can respect each other, objects and the environment.

Headteacher's Update

This week, we have enjoyed spending time together and making the most of the summer term with our classes. On Monday, our Year 6 pupils visited the Harry Potter Studio Tour, where they learned all about the magic behind the films and enjoyed seeing so many familiar sets and scenes. On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome The Bridge for our Year 6 Celebration of Change Day. The children reflected on their memories and achievements during their time at AWGS as they prepared for the exciting transition to secondary school. Wednesday's Step-Up Morning was a fantastic success. Pupils embraced a range of teamwork challenges, including solving mysteries, taking part in Taskmaster-style activities, making and flying their own kites, building houses for the Three Little Pigs and even enjoying a beach party on the field! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, creativity and collaboration and we are already excited for the year ahead. The week concluded with our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoying a fantastic residential visit to Fairthorne Manor. Children challenged themselves with stand-up paddleboarding on the lake, the aerial runway, low ropes and archery, while also enjoying some well-earned free time in the sunshine. We are incredibly proud of the children for embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. A very special thank you goes to Mr Tatnall, Mr Goldsack-Marsh, Mrs Rooney and Miss Orphan for helping to make the trip such a memorable experience for our UKS2 pupils. Back at school, the rest of our pupils enjoyed a 'Foundations for Life' team-building day, taking part in a variety of exciting activities. We have been so impressed by the resilience, teamwork and sense of fun that the children have demonstrated throughout the day. The warm weather is expected to continue into next week, so please take a moment to read the information below to ensure your child comes to school prepared. Thank you and we wish you all a lovely weekend!

Warm Weather

With the warm weather expected to continue over the coming week, we will be taking a number of steps to help keep everyone safe and comfortable. Children are welcome to come to school in their PE kit on any particularly warm day between now and the end of term. Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle every day. Frozen bottles are absolutely fine to help keep water cool but please also send a second bottle with unfrozen water so they have something to drink straight away. Please ensure your child wears sun cream and also brings sun cream and a sun hat. Throughout the day, we will adapt our routines as needed, making use of shaded areas for regular breaks, reducing time spent in direct sunshine and carefully monitoring all children for signs that they may be becoming too warm. Every classroom is equipped with fans to help keep learning environments as comfortable as possible. Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure all children can enjoy the final weeks of term safely and comfortably.

Key Dates

10th July – Sports Day (parents invited from 12:15pm onwards)
11th July – FAWGS Colour Run & Summer Fair
14th July – Mary Poppins at the Village Hall

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher