



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 4th September 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

Kindness

This week we thought about showing kindness at new beginnings and also at lunchtime.

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to the Autumn Term! We hope all of our families enjoyed a wonderful summer break. It has been fantastic to welcome everyone back to school and we are especially proud of how quickly our new children have settled in, made friends and embraced school life. Over the summer, lots of work took place around the school, including classroom improvements and site enhancements, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying these refreshed spaces. Please do join us for your class' Meet the Teacher session over the coming week if you can. As always, if there is anything you are concerned about or would like support with, please get in touch. We are here to help and want to ensure everyone has a positive start to the year. Have a wonderful first weekend of the new school year! 😊

Staff Update

We are delighted to share that Miss Hodgson has returned to school following an operation earlier this year. We are so pleased to have her back and know that many children and families will be keen to welcome her return. We are also very pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Mrs Soul has joined us at Breakfast Club each morning and Mrs Santaoja has joined our support staff team as a full-time Teaching Assistant. We are sure you will join us in giving them both a warm AWGS welcome.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Following the end of the term for one of our long-standing Parent Governors, we are looking to welcome a new parent representative to join our Local Governance Committee. We greatly value the voice and perspectives of our parent community and would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming involved. The role includes attending six evening meetings each year, completing some online training and working alongside school leaders to help support and shape the ongoing development of the school. If this is something you might be interested in, please get in touch to arrange an informal conversation with Mrs Woolf. Alternatively, we would be happy to put you in touch with our Chair of Governors or one of our current Parent Governors to find out more. Thank you for your support. We look forward to hearing from you.

PE Days & Birthdays

A quick reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on their designated PE days. PE days are Monday and Tuesday for Wrens, Wednesday and Friday for Nuthatches, Tuesday and Thursday for Robins, Monday and Wednesday for Goldfinches and Thursday and Friday for Swifts. There is no need for children to bring a change of clothes unless they would like to. We would also like to remind families that children are welcome to enjoy a dress-down day on their birthday. If their birthday falls during a weekend or school holiday, they are very welcome to choose a nearby school day to celebrate instead. We love seeing our children mark their special day with us! 🎉

Key Dates

Mon 7th - Wren Meet the Teacher

Tues 8th - Goldfinch Meet the Teacher

Thurs 10th - Nuthatch Meet the Teacher

Fri 11th - Swift Meet the Teacher

Thurs 24th at 2:40pm - Little Wandle Phonics Information Session for parents in YR/1/2

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher