



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 11th September 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

Kindness

This week, we used drama to role model kindness in the classroom.

Headteacher's Update

What a first week back it has been! It was a pleasure to welcome Ofsted into school this week for our inspection. We would like to thank our staff, pupils, governors and families for their support throughout the process. We will, of course, share the final report with our community as soon as it is available, which is likely to be in October. Our children in Wrens have made a fantastic start to school life. It has been wonderful to see them settling into their Rainbow Challenges and enjoying a range of creative activities. From problem-solving challenges, such as retrieving pom-poms from a "spider's web", to working hard in their phonics sessions and becoming familiar with school routines, they have impressed us every day. Do remember that it is perfectly normal for our youngest pupils to feel a little tired or overwhelmed as they adjust to new routines and expectations. If you have any concerns, please do use the communication flowchart below to arrange a meeting with the appropriate member of staff. In Nuthatches, pupils have been exploring themes within books and amazed me with their thoughtful discussions. One child confidently explained how "kindness grows kindness", demonstrating the depth of understanding and empathy that is already shining through. Robins have been busy developing their writing skills and have produced some wonderful Sound Collector poems, full of creativity and imagination. Meanwhile, Goldfinches have wowed me with some fantastic creative writing, showcasing both their enthusiasm and talent. In Swifts, pupils have been learning about stress balloons and the important lessons they can teach us about managing emotions and wellbeing. Thank you all for helping to make the start of this term such a positive one. Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

Spare Clothes

With some wetter weather on the way, we encourage pupils to keep a spare set of uniform on their peg at school. This can be very helpful if they get wet or muddy while enjoying outdoor play and learning activities. Similarly, if your child would prefer to change for PE, they are welcome to bring their PE kit into school.

Arbor Updates

Please could all parents and carers take a few moments to check that the information we hold on Arbor is accurate and up to date. In particular, please ensure that contact details, emergency contacts and pupil permissions are correct. Having the most up-to-date information helps us to keep children safe and ensures we can contact families quickly if needed. Thank you!

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.

Key Dates

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

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher