



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 18th September 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

Kindness

This week, we have celebrated kindness as part of our Foundations for Life day.

Headteacher's Update

What a lovely week it has been! I am incredibly proud of our children and the way they embraced our Foundations for Life Day today. It was fantastic to see our school values being brought to life, with children working collaboratively, supporting one another and taking on new challenges. A particular highlight was seeing our prefects confidently leading activities with small groups of children. It has also been fantastic to see our clubs getting into full swing this week. There is a different sports club every day of the week so please do take a look at the [District Sports website](#) for more information about the opportunities available and upcoming events. Finally, I am really looking forward to the Headteacher Commissioning Service at St Mary's Church, Alderbury this Sunday at 11am. We are very grateful to St Mary's for kindly hosting us and everyone is warmly welcome to join us. Have a lovely weekend!

Healthy Snacks & Hydration

A reminder that all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have a free fruit snack at morning break time. Parents are also welcome to send in additional healthy snacks for pupils in any class but we'd like to gently remind parents and carers that these snacks should be healthy. Good options include fresh fruit, vegetables such as cucumber or carrot sticks, a cereal bar or a small fruit pot. We ask that children avoid sweets, chocolate, crisps, biscuits and other sugary snacks at morning playtime. Please also make sure your child brings a named water bottle into school each day. Thank you for helping us to encourage healthy choices and positive habits at school.

Parking

A quick reminder to please be mindful when parking and dropping off or collecting children. It is really important that the road remains clear and accessible at all times, particularly for emergency services. Please avoid parking in a way that blocks the road or makes it difficult for vehicles to pass. The Football Club car park is kindly made available for parents to use at both drop-off and pick-up times, so please do make use of this space where possible. Thank you for helping us to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

Fire Service Talk

We are delighted that Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service will be visiting school later this autumn term to deliver a series of fire safety workshops. These sessions are always engaging, informative and carefully tailored to be age-appropriate for the children taking part. If your child has any specific worries, anxieties or previous experiences relating to fires, fire alarms or emergency services, please do let the school office know via email or speak with your child's class teacher. This will help us ensure that all children feel comfortable and supported during the workshops.

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 (arrive via school office)
Tuesday 6th October AND Thursday 8th October - Parents' Evenings (15:30-18:30 - booking via Arbor open on Monday)

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher