



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 25th September 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

Kindness

This week, we explored Examen prayers in our class worship.

Headteacher's Update

We've had another super week at school and this week we're particularly proud of our children for stepping up into their pupil leadership roles. I loved seeing our Y6 children shine in their Newsday Tuesday about the return of Strictly Come Dancing this week – well done, Swifts! We are also delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection with parents today. **Our school met the expected standard in every area inspected, with safeguarding standards also met.** The report reflects so much of what makes our school special, recognising our **children's excellent behaviour, strong relationships, inclusive culture, effective teaching and the rich range of experiences we provide.** Inspectors also highlighted the **care, kindness and sense of belonging** that run through our school community. I am incredibly proud of our children and staff, and very grateful to our families for your continued trust and support. You will have received a letter earlier today with more detail, and I really encourage you to take the time to read the full report. In school, we are enjoying getting outside as much as we can in this bright autumn weather but we do recommend that children bring coats to school as the forecast begins to look wetter as we approach October next week. Have a very pleasant weekend – only three weeks until our fortnight-long half-term break!

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place in the school hall at 9:15am on Tuesday 13th October with parents invited to join us. As part of our celebrations, we are inviting children to come to school in harvest or autumn-themed dress-down clothes. They can wear autumn colours or be as creative as they like! We kindly ask for a £1 donation to FAWGS. We are also asking pupils to bring in donations for the Trussell Trust Salisbury Foodbank from Wednesday 7th October. Children can take their donations into their classroom and we will then gather all the items together in the school hall. The Salisbury foodbank is particularly in need of tinned meat and meals, long-life fruit juice, coffee, biscuits, jam, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, deodorant, shower gel and chocolate. Thank you very much for your support and generosity. We look forward to celebrating harvest together!

Teacher Training Opportunities

Are you deciding if teaching might be the career for you? Register for an upcoming school experience morning at Winterslow Primary School, near Salisbury, on Friday 16th October and gain first-hand experience in school. Visit lessons, speak to leaders and find out more about routes into teaching with STL SCITT (formerly known as OTT SCITT). Book your place here!
<https://schoolexperience.education.gov.uk/candidates/schools/148677>

Key Dates

 **Tuesday 6th October AND Thursday 8th October** – Parents' Evenings (Please book via Arbor and contact the school office if you need support)

 **Tuesday 13th October** – Harvest Festival 9:15am at School

 **Wednesday 14th October** – Individual School Photos

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher