



Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 2nd October 2026

Kindness

Justice

Respect



This term our Collective Worship theme is:

Kindness

In worship this week, we learnt about our local food bank and how we can be kind at harvest.

Headteacher's Update

It's been another super week in school. It was lovely to celebrate some of the children's enquiry work this week, and I know Robins were particularly proud of their learning about how sound works. I also enjoyed spending some time in Nuthatches, where it was a pleasure to see some fantastic reading and writing taking place. We are now looking forward to our upcoming Harvest Festival, and children have already begun preparing songs, crafts and activities for the event. As part of our Harvest celebrations, all parents, carers and children are warmly invited to St Mary's Church, Alderbury, from 10:00am on Saturday 3rd October to help with the harvest decorations. School will be preparing some crafts to contribute and any additional helping hands would be greatly appreciated. We also look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening next week. Please enter through the main office entrance, sign in using the clipboards provided and then make your way to the area outside your child's classroom. Your child's books will be available for you to look through whilst you wait for your appointment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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!

Punctuality

A gentle reminder that our school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. We encourage all children to arrive promptly so they can settle into the day and make the most of every learning opportunity. All classes have learning activities and morning tasks ready from 8:40am, meaning children can begin their learning as soon as they arrive. Whilst 15 minutes may not seem like much, those minutes quickly add up over the course of a week, term and year, making a significant difference to learning, confidence and routines.

If you park at the football club, please can you ensure you leave promptly by 8:55am as we need to ensure the gate is locked and secure throughout the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Medication in School

To help us keep all children safe, please ensure that any medicines brought into school, including creams, ointments, Calpol and prescribed medication, are signed into the school office at drop-off. For convenience, Mrs McLeod has medication permission forms available on the gate each morning and can collect completed forms there if this is easier for families. Please remember that children must not carry medicines in their bags or keep them on their person. This helps us ensure that all medication is stored safely and administered correctly when required. Thank you.

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