Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 16th October 2026

Kindness Justice Respect

Pickwick Academy Trust

This term our Collective Worship theme is:



This week we talked about how to show kindness at Harvest. We also learnt about the House of Opportunity Christmas Appeal.

Headteacher's Update

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of all of our children. They continue to be wonderful ambassadors for our school, demonstrating kindness, curiosity and enthusiasm in everything they do. Whether in the classroom, around the school site or out in the wider community, they consistently impress us with their attitudes to learning and their willingness to ask questions and explore new ideas. This curiosity has been particularly evident during our recent educational visits. Goldfinches thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Winchester Science Centre on Monday while Nuthatches enhanced their enquiry learning through their visit to Mottisfont yesterday. We have received some lovely feedback from members of the public and venue staff, who commented on the children's engagement, excellent behaviour and genuine interest in learning. Feedback such as this always makes us incredibly proud. Thank you also to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival. It was wonderful to see so many families there and to come together as a community to celebrate and give thanks. I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable fortnight break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November, ready for another exciting term of learning and opportunities.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need and helping to raise money for this very worthwhile cause. To join in the fun, children are invited to wear spots on the day (in addition to or instead of usual uniform). This is entirely optional, but we would welcome a small donation if you are able to contribute. Children may also bring some small change in a named wallet to take part in a variety of fundraising activities that will be running throughout the day. We are keen to support this worthy cause and help make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help make a positive difference.

Online Safety Reminder

As our children spend more time online for learning, gaming and socialising, it's important that we continue to work together to keep them safe. A simple way to support this at home is to take an interest in what your child is doing online, talk regularly about who they are communicating with and make sure privacy settings and parental controls are in place where appropriate. Encouraging children to tell a trusted adult if something online upsets or worries them can make a huge difference. Remember: if a game, app or website has an age rating, it's there to help keep children safe. Taking a few moments to check age restrictions can help ensure your child is accessing content that is suitable for them. 💻📱 Stay curious, stay involved and keep the conversation going! Parents can find useful advice and guidance at Thinkuknow and NSPCC Online Safety.

Key Dates

- 🗓️ **Monday 2nd November** – Back to school after the half-term break
- 🎆 **Friday 6th November** – FAWGS Fireworks (book tickets by 1st Nov)
- 🌺 **Wednesday 11th November** – Remembrance Service at 11:00am at the War Memorial with Year 6
- 🗓️ **Friday 13th November** – Wear Spots/Bring Change for Children in Need
- 📦 **Friday 20th November** – House of Opportunity Christmas Boxes collected
- 🚒 **Monday 23rd November** – Fire Service visits and Flu Vaccinations
- 🎶 **Wednesday 9th December** – Salisbury Radio Concert at Sarum Academy *(details to follow)*
- 🎄 **Thursday 10th December** – Nativity performances for parents at 9:00am and 2:00pm
- 🎨 **Friday 11th December** – Christmas Craft Day in school
- 🎭 **Tuesday 15th December** – Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
- 🕯️ **Wednesday 16th December** – Christingles, Christmas Lunch and Class Christmas Song Competition
- ⛪ **Friday 18th December** – 1:00pm Christmas Service at St Mary's Church, Alderbury. School finishes at 2:00pm for the Christmas holidays.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher