Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary School Newsletter

Foundations for Life

Friday 6th November 2026

Kindness Justice Respect

Pickwick Academy Trust

This term our Collective Worship theme is:



This week we talked about how to 'fill buckets' with kind actions.

Headteacher's Update

What a wonderful start to the term! The children have settled back brilliantly, quickly getting stuck into their enquiries and making the most of the bright autumn weather we've been enjoying. A gentle reminder to families that children should be wearing the correct school uniform each day, long hair should be tied back, and nail polish should not be worn to school. We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Metcalfe from maternity leave. Returning under her married name, Mrs Thorp, she will be working mainly in the upper school. Finally, a huge thank you to FAWGS for organising this evening's Fireworks Event. We look forward to seeing many of you there for what promises to be a fantastic community evening!

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit each day through the school fruit scheme. For morning break, we recommend sending children with healthy, light snacks such as fruit, vegetable sticks or cereal bars. Items such as crisps, Pepperamis and other savoury snacks are typically better suited to lunchboxes. Thank you for supporting our healthy eating approach.

Wet Weather

As we head into the wetter months, please can you ensure your child is well prepared for the changing weather conditions. We encourage all children to bring a waterproof coat to school each day, along with appropriate footwear where possible. The children spend time outdoors throughout the day, including breaktimes and outdoor learning activities, and being dressed appropriately helps them to stay comfortable and enjoy these experiences whatever the weather.

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.

Key Dates

- **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 approx. 2:00pm for the Christmas holidays.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Emily Woolf
Headteacher