



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 10 21st November 2025

Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

### Children in Need

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your donations to Children in Need. We raised a total of £79.48 for this worthwhile cause. Thanks to Year 6 for counting the cash!

### Winter is Here

What a change in the weather this week! Please be aware that children will be playing outside at breaktimes and lunchtimes (unless it is raining) so they will need to bring coats, hats, scarves, gloves to keep them warm. Thank you.

A reminder that the pathways and pavements are not gritted so take extra care when dropping off in the mornings.

### Our Christian Celebrations

We are delighted to share that our **whole school annual church service** will be held at **Easter this year**. Whilst it is always special to visit the church at Christmas, the long, cold, and often wet, walk can be challenging. By moving the service to Easter, we hope everyone will enjoy a much more pleasant journey together.

🕯️ **Christmas Service – Friday 19th December:** We will still celebrate Christmas with a **whole school service in the school hall** on the afternoon of **Friday 19th December**.

- Due to limited space, we kindly invite **only parents of children who are taking part** (e.g. playing an instrument, giving a reading). These parents will be notified in advance.
- Children may be collected **after the service at 2:00pm**.

We look forward to celebrating both occasions with you and making them memorable for our school community.

### Road Safety

This week has been Road Safety week. A reminder that, for safety reasons, please avoid gathering in groups near the school gates; this can obstruct visibility for road traffic and block pathways for pedestrians.



### Infant Nativity

Our Infant Nativity this year will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

**Parents of children in YR, Y1 & Y2 only** will be able to watch the performance. Please drop children off, as usual at 8:45am and then come round to the front of the school to enter via the front door. This performance is for 2

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parents/guardians only. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity for additional adults. Younger siblings are welcome and should be seated on parents' laps.

### Salisbury Radio's 'Song for Christmas'

We are delighted to be participating once again in Salisbury Radio's 'Song for Christmas' and are looking forward to our visit next week from Andy Munns, who will record children in Years 4, 5 and 6 singing 'Sweet Bells'. Our song will be broadcast on the radio on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

Songs broadcast Monday - Friday will be played at 8:20am and 4:20pm.

Songs broadcast on a Saturday will be played at **8:20am and 1:20pm**.

Parents and children can listen to Salisbury Radio on DAB - Alexa Enabled Smart Speakers by asking them to 'Play Salisbury Radio', on the Salisbury Radio Website and the Salisbury Radio App - which can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

You will also be able to download the song after it is first broadcast for £1 - with all of the proceeds being donated to Salisbury District Hospital's Stars Appeal.

### Thankyou From FAWGS

A huge thank you for all of your wonderful donations to our Christmas Rainbow Raffle this morning. Over the next few days we will put these together into some fabulous hampers for you to win! We are selling raffle tickets at drop off and pick up every day and we can all accept cash or debit card, so please come and see either Suzy, Teresa or Emily to get your tickets, and encourage grandparents and families to enter as well! You can also buy tickets on the pta website [www.pta-events.co.uk/fawgs](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fawgs). A full list of prizes will be released next week. It's £1 a ticket or £5 a strip.

Another quick reminder about our Christmas Movie Night on Friday 5th December. Feel free to dress up in your pjs or onesies and bring cushions and blankets for a lovely cosy evening. KS1 will be watching Arthur Christmas at 4pm and KS2 will be watching The Christmas Chronicles at 6pm. There will be sweets, drinks and popcorn for sale. Tickets are available at [pta-events.co.uk/fawgs](http://pta-events.co.uk/fawgs)

Thanks! The FAWGS Team



### Shoe Box Appeal

Thank-you for the gift-filled Shoe Boxes that you have sent in to school for the 'House of Opportunity - Shoe Box Appeal 2025'. This Christmas, your kindness will be greatly appreciated by the recipients for whom a gift is a very rare treat.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that if your child is attending breakfast club the start time is 7:30am. If you arrive earlier than this time, please wait outside the school building until 7:30am.

### District Sports

Mr Bowley is running 5 clubs this term with all fun, exciting and inclusive activities. We want as many as possible to join up these clubs are for any ages above 5! So please use the link below...

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/202>

Monday- Inclusive team games and sports Bringing back old fashioned games like 'Capture the Flag', 'Dragon's Eggs' and many, many more.

Tuesday- KS1 Football boys and girls We will be looking at skills (dribbling, shooting and passing) and we will also be playing MATCHES!! 🏆 🏠

Wednesday- the famous Dodgeball has returned with new dodgeballs and new games, including ultimate Dodgeball! 🏀

Thursday- the most popular NERF WARZ With lots of new guns and inflatables, its sure to be loads of fun with teamwork to build bases. 🏹🎯

Friday- Gymnastics where we will be learning routines and partner work along with using the apparatus and ropes to learn new tricks!! 🤸🤸

## **DIARY DATES**

### **November 2025**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Additional Y3 Parents' Consultations  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Parents' Consultations

### **December 2025**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> FAWGS' Movie Night  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccines in school with School Nursing Team  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Children's School Christmas Lunch  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Term 2 ends at 2pm. Please collect children from School.

### **January 2026**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Inset Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Term 3 Starts

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