



# Alderbury & West Grimstead

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 4

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors,

As we come to the end of September, our school sporting engagements are in full swing! We are very grateful to Mr Goldsack-Marsh and Mr Bowley for organising the most recent event and to Mrs Telfer for going along to give her support!

### Y5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament - Sporting Success

On Wednesday the 24th September, Mr Bowley and Mrs Telfer took 10 Year 5 and Year 6 girls to a football tournament at Pembroke Park School! It was a nice warm day with lots of excellent football being played between 24 different schools! Alderbury scored over 8 goals, taking us into the semi-final where we beat Winterslow 1-0 to progress onto the final. Unfortunately, at this stage, we lost by a single goal. It was a great day with the girls coming second overall; they should be very proud of themselves!



### Baby News - Congratulations to the Anderson Family 🐣

We are delighted to share the joyful news of the arrival of Baby Elsie, daughter of Mrs Anderson and her husband.

On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our warmest congratulations and heartfelt best wishes to the Anderson family as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

## Koko – Our Wonderful Reading Companion 🐕

This week, we were delighted to welcome back Koko, our much-loved Reading Dog, for another visit with the children. Koko provides a calm and encouraging presence, helping to create a positive reading environment for pupils across the school.

It has been heart-warming to see how children who were once apprehensive around dogs have grown in confidence and now look forward to spending time with Koko. Her gentle nature and attentive listening make her a truly special part of our literacy journey.

Koko was particularly impressed with the progress our pupils are making in their reading—well done to all!

## A Day in the Life of Owls 🦉

This week, parents of our Year R Owls were warmly welcomed to a special presentation entitled 'A Day in the Life of Owls'. The event offered a valuable glimpse into the engaging and purposeful learning experiences that shape the daily routine of our youngest pupils.

A key focus of the presentation was the vital role of Phonics in supporting early reading development. Parents had the opportunity to see how foundational literacy skills are nurtured through our 'Little Wandle' Phonics Programme.

We extend our sincere thanks to Miss Orphan for organising this informative session, and to all the parents who attended—it was a pleasure to see such enthusiastic support for our children's learning journey.

For further information, please visit the Little Wandle website/school website:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/>

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## Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme and Year R Vision Screening and National Child Measurement Programme.

HCRG work in partnership with schools and Wiltshire Council to provide a children's community health screening service. This autumn, HCRG will be screening children in Year R for vision as well as height and weight. They will also be screening children in Year 6 children for height and weight. **Please can parents of children in all age groups and all classes go onto Arbor to give consent to Third Party Health Screening?** This is particularly important for our Year R and Year 6 children as they are due to be screened this term.

## Games for Wet Play Time

It seems that Autumn, and the inevitable rain, has already arrived! With this in mind, if you have any board games, in good condition, which you are willing to donate to the school for the children to use during wet play times, please bring them to the school office. Many thanks!

## Arbor

Arbor, our school communication and payment system, is now running smoothly, so parents can now book and pay for lunches, clubs and trips, as well as being able to give consents for school admin tasks.

Earlier this term, all parents received an email, inviting them to access Arbor/download the Arbor App in order to create an Arbor Account. Please can all parents ensure that you do create your Arbor Account, as this will be the only way that it is possible for you to book lunches/ book clubs/book school trips and update key information about your child e.g., dietary needs, photo permissions.

## Cool Milk

All children under the age of 5 are eligible for Free School Milk until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, they can only access school milk if you register your child with the Cool Milk website. Children over the age of 5, can also have milk at school, but this will need to be paid for by parents. <https://coolmilk.com/>

## District Sports

On behalf of District Sports, Mr Bowley is running 5 clubs this term with fun, exciting and inclusive activities. We would like as many children as possible to sign up. These clubs are for any aged 5+ years! Please use the link:

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/196>

**Monday- Any Ball Club** - Over the course of the term we are going to be practising skills with all different shapes of balls, along with playing fun and exciting new games, one of which is called End Zone!

**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 popular NERF WARZ** includes loads of new guns and inflatables. It is sure to be loads of fun with teamwork needed to build bases.

**Friday- Inclusive Team Games and Sports**, bringing back old-fashioned games like Capture The Flag, Dragons' Eggs and many more.

## Upcoming Open Events – Welcoming Prospective Families 🎓

As the time approaches for families to consider school placements for the next academic year, we are pleased to announce our upcoming Open Events for prospective parents.

Open Event Dates:

- Tuesday 7th October | 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Friday 10th October | 3:45pm – 5:15pm

These events offer an opportunity for parents to explore our school environment, meet staff and gain insight into the enriching learning experiences we provide.

If you know families with children due to start school in September 2026, or anyone seeking a nurturing and high-quality educational setting, please encourage them to contact the school office to reserve a place at one of our Open Events.

We look forward to welcoming new faces and sharing what makes our school so special.

## Diary Dates

### October 2025

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Open Event (see timings above)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Open Event (see timings above)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Portrait Photos in School

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Inset Day

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup>

Half Term Holiday

### November 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Term 2 Begins

### December

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Flu Vaccines in school with School Nursing Team

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Term 2 Ends

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