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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

As we approach the final two weeks of school, before the summer holidays, AWGS finds itself in an atmosphere of expectation as everyone makes preparations to ensure that all end-of-term activities are enjoyable and rewarding for all.

Reflections by the Headteacher



My sixth memory of my time at AWGS is from my sixth year here (2022-2023). As a school, this was the first year that we put on a whole school production, something which has now become an annual tradition! The first production was Matilda and was a hit with pupils, parents and staff. The following year we put on the Wizard of Oz, and we are all very much looking forward to this year's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

These productions take a great deal of time, energy and effort to arrange, and my thanks goes to all those involved (including Mr Tatnall's mum for the costume design!) in making these productions a huge success.

End of Year Reports

During the day today you will receive a link to access your child/ren's end of year report. If you do not, please do check your spam folder.

We hope that you find the contents informative and can use them to celebrate all that has been achieved during the year. Pupils will also be bringing home a copy of some of their work to share with you.

Standards Badges will be awarded during the final week of term and can be worn as part of the school uniform. Should you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Key Stage 2 SATS Results

I am delighted to share that the school has achieved 79% combined (Reading, Writing & Maths) in the KS2 SATS results this summer. These are our best results in a long time, placing the school significantly above national average for the second year running. In fact, the results put us **in the top 13% of all Primary Schools Nationally**. This follows on from the success of our Year 4 cohort earlier this term, when they achieved phenomenal results in the Multiplication Screener, with over half the class scoring 25/25, putting us **in the top 20% of all Primary Schools Nationally**.

A massive well done to all the pupils and staff who have worked so hard over the last 7 years at AWGS.

End of Term Arrangements:

As we near the end of term, I would like to remind all parents that the final day of term is **Thursday 24 July 2025**. On that day, school will finish with our Year 6 Leavers Service (Parents of Year 6 pupils are welcome to attend at 12:45) and the whole school will go home at 2pm.

Protection from the sun

As you are all enjoying the sunshine, this is just a reminder to apply sunscreen to your child before school and/or make sure they have a roll-on type sunscreen, they can apply themselves as necessary. If children have sun hats, we would encourage them to bring them to school to wear at break and lunchtime.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our summer production this year will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 July. Please feel free to arrange ticket swaps among yourselves, and please return any tickets you will not be using to the school, so that we can redistribute as necessary.

Colour Run and Summer Fair

THIS SUNDAY 3-6pm

Everything is coming together for the Colour Run and Summer Fair on Sunday and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone. Please bring along any friends and family. It is looking like the weather will still be very warm so if you have any gazebos or shelters you would like to bring then feel free. There will be a designated picnic area to set them up. There is also tap water available in the clubhouse and the children will be getting wet during the colour run so that should help to keep them cool! Waterproof sun-cream and hats are recommended!

Please bring some cash for the stalls. We're working on having as many card readers as possible, but some stalls will be cash only so remember your £1, 50p and 20ps.

Last call for any raffle tickets. The draw will take place at the end of the colour run so if you haven't returned your tickets to school then bring them along to the event and hand them into the raffle stall.

Holiday Club

A reminder that Alderbury Preschool will be running a summer holiday club for primary school children. Please contact the preschool for further information.

Alderbury Village Show

The village show will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 19 July between 2 – 3:30 pm. Pupils are working on exhibits, the best of which from each class, will be entered into the competition.

Entry to the show is free, and you will also have the opportunity to view the flowers, plants, vegetables and arts and crafts that have been entered in the show by residents of Alderbury.

Please find attached details of the classes and how to enter, if you would like to take part yourself!

Alderbury Football Club

PLAYERS WANTED

We are currently recruiting players for the 25/26 season for the following teams:

U9's - School year 4 in September

Training Wednesday evening, games Sunday morning

U11's - School year 6 in September

Training Wednesday evening, games Saturday morning

Open aged player (16+)

Training night TBC, games Saturday afternoon

All coaches hold valid DBS certificates, FA safeguarding and first aid certificates.

Please email the address below and our managers will be in touch.

alderburyfc@outlook.com www.alderburyfc.com

NEW U7's TEAM

We are currently recruiting players for the 25/26 season for our new under 7's.

Training to begin with will be on a Saturday mornings at Firs Rd, Alderbury SP5 3BD and run from 9.45am to 10.30am, starting on Saturday 26th July 2025.

All being well and we are able to find a coach, the team will play in the South Wilts Football League on a Sunday morning in September.

All coaches hold valid DBS certificates, FA safeguarding and first aid certificates.

Please email the address below with your players name and date of birth to register.

secretary@alderburyfc.com www.alderburyfc.com



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Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

July

Sunday 13	FAWGS Colour Run (3pm)
Tuesday 15	Whole School Production (2pm & 5pm)
Thursday 24	Final Day of Term
	Year 6 Leavers Service – Parents of Year 6 Only (12:45 pm)
	2pm Break up for Summer Holidays

September 2025

Monday 1	Inset Day
Tuesday 2	First day back at school for children

Best wishes
Mr Thorpe
Headteacher