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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The buzz of excitement at the beginning of the week, as children debated which Big Cat houses were going to triumph in Sports Day, later subsided into a gentle lull after the event, as everyone reflected on the fun and camaraderie of the event itself. 'Well-done' to all the children, staff and parents who made such a sterling effort to ensure that the event was a truly enjoyable occasion for our school community.

Reflections from the Headteacher



My fifth memory of my time at AWGS is from my fifth year here (2021-2022). As we do every year, we celebrated World Book Day – I have chosen the photo from this year as it captures my favourite outfit! Everyone thought I was Tigger (from Winnie the Pooh) but I was in fact “The Tiger Who Came To Tea”.

Also featuring in the photo are a selection of staff (past & present) from left to right:

Mrs Hewlett, Mr Stokes, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Hill (seated), Mr Tatnall, Mr Thorpe, Mrs Gill (seated), Mrs Telfer, Mrs Pallas, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Hodgson, Mrs Agland.

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.

Spirituality Day:

On Monday, we celebrated whole school spirituality day. Pupils took part in a range of creative projects including Drama, Music and Boat Building, thinking about how we can cope with the storms of life, which inevitably we all face from time to time. Thank you to Mrs Booth (who previously worked here) for planning this day for us.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Sports Day:

On Tuesday, we celebrated school sports day. It was lovely to see everyone competing and enjoying themselves, taking part in everything from the Hurdles, to the Egg & Spoon race. A huge "Thank You" to Mr Bowley and Mr Goldsack-Marsh for arranging the day so smoothly.

Message from Mr G regarding Sports Day

Congratulations to everyone who took part, showing our TEAM values!



There was lots of encouragement, races that went to the wire and an amazing atmosphere, which made sports day another one to remember!

The results, will come out in a few weeks' time in an End of Year Sports Award Assembly, but I can tell you it will be closer than previous years and Tigers should definitely be looking over their shoulder!

Mr Bowley and I would lastly like to say a huge thank you to, staff, parents, Year 6 helpers and all of you for the hard work, commitment and support, as without you, Sports day couldn't happen!

Moving Up Morning:

On Wednesday, all pupils enjoyed Moving Up Morning, meeting their new teachers for September.

Arbor:

We are aware that a number of parents (and staff!) are having issues logging in to Arbor this week. We have raised this as a concern with Arbor, and they are looking in to it. We are hopeful of a solution in the near future. Thank you for your patience with this technological issue beyond our control.

FAWGS

Colour Run and Summer Fair

Next Weekend!

Raffle Tickets

Just a reminder that if you would like to buy your raffle tickets then please return the stubs to school in a named envelope, either with cash or noting that you have paid via BACS. If you don't want to buy your tickets then please return them to school to avoid waste.

If you would like any more tickets, I have hundreds so please drop me a message and I will get some to you. They will also be on sale at the Fair next Sunday.

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to volunteer to help. Any help is much appreciated and the more people that come forward the less work everyone will have to do. If anyone would be willing to run a stall for an hour or so, or help throw the paint during the colour runs then please let me know! I know (as I was guilty of it) that the mindset is that someone else will do it, but it does take people coming forward to make these events a success.

We will be setting up from about 10am on Sunday Morning so if you have any time to spare to help that would also be much appreciated.

Thankyou - The FAWGs Team 07765966186 - fawgschool@gmail.com

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. Performances will take place at 2pm and 5pm and all children brought home tickets this week. 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.

County Cricket Final

Today, our excellent KS2 Cricket Team is proudly representing the school at the County Cricket Finals in Urchfont. We all wish them the very best of luck and know that they will give everything they have got to make our school family proud.

Pre-Loved Uniform and Lost Property

We have cleared up all the lost property from around the school and you will find it outside in the playground at the end of the day.

Please take anything that belongs to your child. There are hats, gloves, coats, PE kits, winter and summer uniform.

Items that are still left by the end of next week will be disposed of.

We still have a large quantity of good quality second hand uniform available from the office for a small donation.

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.



Spirituality – Our understanding of: Ourselves, Others, The World, The Beyond

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