



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 30

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Our school is currently basking in summer sunshine and alive with the sound of music, as our KS2 children practise their singing for the summer show.

### Reflections from the Headteacher



As you know this term, I am sharing some memories of the very happy times I have enjoyed with the wonderful pupils and staff here at the school over the last 8 years. My second picture is from my second year here (2018-2019). In the Summer Term, that year, the "Garden Room" arrived to provide a much-needed additional meeting room space. Having made its way on the back of a lorry from Sheffield(!), our plans were nearly foiled at the final hurdle, as the lorry would not fit through the old wooden gates. You will note that we have since replaced them with much higher and wider metal gates for the safety of all our pupils. Unfortunately, the Garden Room did not arrive until about 6pm, so no pupils were around to witness it getting caught in the tree as it majestically flew through the air, and onto our school site. It was a very tense moment for all involved!

### Pickwick Schools Church Visit



A group of 5 pupils joined 5 other Pickwick Schools at the Italianate Church in Wilton this morning. Pupils learned about some of the features of the building and completed a treasure hunt, exploring the various interesting features. The pupils showed great enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Wilkinson & Mrs Jackman (Governor) for joining me in accompanying the trip.



### Monday 16 June 2025 – INSET DAY

Please remember that Monday is a Teacher Training day and the school is therefore closed to pupils. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 17 June.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

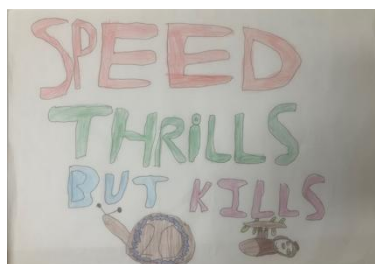
## NSPCC's 'Speak out, Stay safe' Programme

AWGS is participating in the NSPCC's 'Speak out, Stay safe' Programme this term.

'Speak out, Stay safe' is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

More information is in the attached letter.

## Traffic Calming Measures



As you will no doubt have noticed, the much-anticipated Traffic Calming Measures have been installed on Firs Road. Please be aware that the whole of Firs Road is now subject to a 20-mph speed limit. We are delighted that 2 of our pupil's designs were chosen for the new signage, which was installed over the half term holiday. Well to Jack & Maisie for producing the winning designs, which are proudly displayed at the top of Firs Road, for all to see!

If you have to drive to school, please use the football club car park at the start and end of the day and walk the short distance to the side gate, to avoid double parking at the top of Firs Road. It is important that there is good access down the road at all times, in case Emergency Vehicles need to get on site. There are a number of trips and visits over coming weeks, and coaches struggle to get down the road, if people have not parked very carefully. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone's safety.



## FAWGs News

### Colour Run and Summer Fair

We have had a few more people sign up for the colour run which is great but hoping to have a lot more. The final date to book your ticket is 20 June so please either hand in your forms to the office or email [fawgschool@gmail.com](mailto:fawgschool@gmail.com) with your information to get your ticket booked.

Unfortunately, we can't accept people showing up on the day without pre-booking as we need to order the correct number of t-shirts, glasses and coloured paint for the people participating so **YOU MUST PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE COLOUR RUN.**

The Colour Run is open to all children, not just our school, so anyone else who you would like to invite is welcome. Entry to the fair is completely free, you only need to book a ticket for the actual Colour Run.

### Non-Uniform Day

We're having a non-uniform day on Friday 20 June to collect some bottles for the bottle tombola. Please could your child/children bring in a bottle donation (preferably alcoholic) to school in exchange for wearing their own clothes.

### Volunteers

As always, we desperately need volunteers to help on the day to run stalls or help with the colour run. If you would be willing to help for an hour or two, please could you let me know - email [fawgschool@gmail.com](mailto:fawgschool@gmail.com), message 07765966186 or just grab me at school drop off or pick up. I would be so grateful as we are going to struggle otherwise.

Thank you

Suzy, Teresa and Danae

## Sports Day

As a reminder, due to the success of our Cricket team (making it through to the County Finals!) **Sports Day will now be taking place on Tuesday 1 July.**

## 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 in the school will be involved in both productions. Please put the date in your diary! Details of how to reserve your seats will follow over coming weeks.

## Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a large amount of good quality, freshly washed Pre-Loved School Uniform that is available for a small donation of £1 per item. Please come to the school office, if you are looking for anything specific for your child.

## 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.

## District Sports Clubs

For those of you who don't know me my name is Mr Bowley and I deliver PE and afterschool clubs at AWGS on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We have had some great clubs and participation and as it's the last term I want to do a big push with some new ones!



On Tuesday afternoon the club is tennis and ball skills.

cannonball.

On Wednesday it is our dodgeball club, this includes games like chief, medic and spy, elimination dodgeball and



Thursday is a brand-new club it's...

NERF! For those who may have children with nerf guns at home you know how fun these are! Over the term they will build bases on the field and will be provided with a gun and bullets and goggles for safety.

Friday it's little ninjas and fitness where over the term we will be looking at different ways to improve our fitness ready for tournaments next year and our ninja skills to show off to parents!

All of these clubs can be attended by anybody 6yrs and older so please feel free to come along. Please book these activities in advance, using the link below:

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/177>

You can obtain further information from the District Sports website: [www.districtsportssouth.com](http://www.districtsportssouth.com)

Please note, all payments for these clubs need to be made directly to the Districts Sports organisation itself, rather than via the school office.

## Time Out for Parents

These sessions will be running Tuesday Mornings 9.15am - 10.45am for six weeks, starting Tuesday 3 June, in the school hall, with our school Chaplain, Louise and Mark from the Bridge Project. All our welcome.

A free handbook and refreshments will be available.

## Online Course - Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Wiltshire Council are running an Online Course to support parents whose children suffer with anxiety. The course is running from 10am to 12noon on Friday 20 June. You can find further details about the course, by contacting the family and community learning team. Tel: 01225 770478 or Email: [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)



“The test of our progress is whether we provide enough for those who have too little”

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined

### June

Monday 16                      INSET DAY  
Friday 20 June                Non-Uniform Day

### July

Tuesday 1 July                Sports Day  
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

Best wishes

**Mr Thorpe**  
**Headteacher**