



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 24

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

With the odd piece of chocolate Easter Egg stashed inadvertently in our coat pockets and school bags, pupils and staff alike, have returned to school with a burst of Spring energy, following the Easter break.

### **Congratulations Mrs Anderson**

As some of you may have noticed, Mrs Anderson is expecting a baby in the Autumn Term. She will continue in her current role for the remainder of this academic year, teaching Year 4. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a smooth pregnancy and an enjoyable summer term in school.

### **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!

### **Reading for Pleasure**

Do you sometimes struggle to know which book to read next? Well, Little Wandle, our Phonics programme, has introduced an exciting new feature on its website - regularly updated 'Recommended Reads'. Take a look and get into some fabulous new books this Spring:

[Our pick of Spring books for EYFS | Letters and Sounds](#)

[Our pick of Spring books for Key Stage 1 | Letters and Sounds](#)

[Our pick of Spring books for Key Stage 2 | Letters and Sounds](#)

Remember to tell Miss Hodgson all about the books you read!

### **Time Out for Parents**

Our lovely Chaplain from the Bridge Project, Louise Pearce, will be running a parents' group at school, at 3.15pm on Tuesdays, starting 6 May. If you are interested in coming along, you can contact her directly. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

## **Bag2School**

As in previous years, Bag2School will be collecting bags of used clothes on Wednesday 7 May. We are very happy to receive your bags from now until 6 May. I have included the link so you can see what they will and will not collect. The school receives a donation from Bag2School based on the amount collected, so please have a sort out at home and bring it in <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

## **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.

## **Parenting a Child with ADHD**

For anyone interested in developing strategies to support the care of children with ADHD, please contact our SENCO (Mrs Wilkinson), or have a word with Naomi in the school office, as we will be able to signpost you to an excellent online resource.

## **FAWGS – Save the Date**

We will be holding a Colour Run and Summer Fair on **Sunday 13 July** at the Alderbury Football Club. We are hoping this will be a big event including lots of the surrounding villages so please put it in your diary! There will be more information to follow nearer the time. We will also need lots of volunteers to help so if you would be happy to join us then let Suzy know!

## **Ukulele Lessons**

Ukulele teacher, Gregory Cook, has an opening for private ukulele lessons that will be carried out during school hours, at school, on Thursdays & Fridays. These 25-minute sessions are available to Key Stage 2 pupils and are intended to help children read music, strum and play chords, whilst exploring a variety of different musical and performance styles.

Mr Cook teaches the “Rockschool” Ukulele Syllabus which is an engaging contemporary music syllabus that is internationally recognised.

Each lesson would cost £20, and is payable directly to Mr Cook.

To find out more or make a booking please email [Greg@ukulelevagabond.com](mailto:Greg@ukulelevagabond.com).

## **Guitar Lessons**

Guitar teacher, Mr Parks, still has spaces for children who would like to learn guitar. You can contact him directly by email: [nckprks@hotmail.com](mailto:nckprks@hotmail.com)

## **District Sports Clubs**

If any children are interested in After-School Sports Clubs on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, you can obtain 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.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Alderbury Scout Group**

Alderbury Scout Group are pleased to announce that they have been selected for the Tesco In-Store Vote. You can vote for them in store by putting the blue token that you are given at the checkout in our box. If you are not given a token, please do ask for one. They will use any money we receive to buy more camping and activity equipment.

You will be able to vote for them in the following locations between the first week of April until the end of June 2025:

Fordingbridge Express SP6 1AF

Salisbury Extra SP1 2NY

Salisbury Express SP1 1TT

Salisbury Wilton Express SP2 7HW

### **Children's Chance**

Children's Chance, is a Salisbury charity that provides financial support to families who are struggling to afford extracurricular activities, school trips, music lessons, and more. The charity has been running in Salisbury for over 27 years, and has provided hundreds of local young people with financial awards to fund life-enriching activities. For the eligibility criteria and further information, visit the website <https://childrenschance.co.uk/> or Tel:01722 415991



**"The creation of a thousand forests is in once acorn."**

### **Diary Dates – new dates underlined>**

#### **May**

Monday 5	Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to 30	Half Term Holiday

#### **June**

Monday 2	Return to School
Monday 16	INSET DAY

#### **July**

Thursday 24	Final Day of Term & Break up for Summer Holidays
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Best wishes

**Mr Thorpe**  
**Headteacher**