



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 23

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

This week began with a flurry of activity and excitement, as three of our classes prepared for school trips, including the Residential Trip for older children, to Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest... And then a quiet calm spread through the school building during the second part of the week, as our younger children enjoyed the additional space that they could occupy, given that the older children were absent!



### **Orienteering Competition**

Last Thursday, Mrs Telfer took seven Year 4 children and five Year 5's to Dinton Park to take part in an orienteering day. All of the children behaved beautifully and competed with enthusiasm. Out of 10 schools we finished in third place.

Congratulations to the whole team!

### **Shakespeare Festival Review**

Our Year 6 children have earned an outstanding review, following their participation in The Lights Theatre Shakespeare Festival last week. See the full review, attached to this newsletter.

### **Avon Tyrrell**

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children were hugely excited as they left for their residential trip at Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest on Wednesday. They were treated to a programme of challenging outdoor activities in a beautiful setting. Mr Thorpe, Ms Hodgson, Mrs Scott and Mr Stokes have all visited them, during the week, and a good time has been had by all. We look forward to sharing their memories on their return. Thank you to the staff who have given up their evenings and days off to make the trip possible: Mr Tatnall, Mrs Hill, Mr Goldsack-Marsh, Miss Metcalfe & Mrs Rooney.

### **Salisbury Museum**

This week, our Year 4 children enjoyed a visit to Salisbury Museum learning about our local history. The museum staff commented on the impeccable behaviour of our pupils, who showed a keen interest in the artefacts. Thank you to

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everyone who made the trip possible – Mrs Anderson, Mrs Telfer & Mr Agland... and thank-you to you, the parents, for transporting your children!

### **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**

We have a large amount of good quality, freshly washed Pre-Loved School Uniform and some donated new uniform that we are really keen to share with you.

There are winter dresses, summer dresses, skirts, jumpers, trousers, shorts, T shirts, PE shirts and shorts.

The clothes will be available:

After school today (Friday)

Monday Parents Evening

Tuesday after school

Wednesday Parents Evening

Please do come and have a look through and save yourself money. All we are asking for is a small donation to school, the suggestion is £1 per item.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Parent/Teacher consultations will be held during the week beginning Monday 31 March with the majority of teachers' appointments on Wednesday 2 April. **Please log in to your Arbor Account** to book an appointment with your child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, so please make sure you book a 10-minute slot. On the Wednesday, there will also be lots going on in the hall to see and do: Tea & coffee with Louise, Pre-loved uniform sale, as well as further information about Little Wandle, our Phonics and Early Reading programme.

### **End of Spring Term arrangements**

The last school day, this term, will be Friday 4 April. School will finish early at **2pm** on that day. Please arrange to collect your child. The pre-school will also be closing early that day for the Easter break. If you cannot make arrangements, please let the school know.

### **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**

#### FUNKY THURSDAY

Next **Thursday 3 April** will be Funky Thursday. Children are invited choose what they would like from the list on the poster attached and bring their donation to school to raise money for some new computer equipment.

#### EASTER BAKE SALE

We will also be holding an Easter bake sale after school on **Thursday 3 April**. We can accept cash or card, but cash is preferred, if possible, please.

If anyone would be willing to bake some cakes to donate to the sale, we would be so grateful.

Please either message Suzy on 07765966186 or email [fawgschool@gmail.com](mailto:fawgschool@gmail.com) to let me know. Please ensure that any allergens are clearly identified.

### 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 after Easter. 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**

#### **St. Marys Church Alderbury**

Mothering Sunday all age service. We'd love to see you at St. Marys church, Alderbury for our Mothering Sunday service on 30 March. This is an informal service catering for everyone from 0 – 99yrs. It starts at 9.15am and will last no longer than 45mins finishing with refreshments. There'll be a gift of flowers for all the ladies! We hope you can come.

We're holding our Good Friday Messy Church Service again this year on Good Friday 18 April at 10.30 am. This will be a short service with activities and will finish with Hot Cross Buns and refreshments. We hope you can join us.

**EASTER CLUB 2025**  
7th April - 11th April

Full Day - 8am - 5pm  
AM Session - 8am - 12.30pm - Bring packed lunch  
PM Session - 12.30pm - 5pm

**Happy Easter!** Theme Days

Mon 7th - Chick Nest Making  
Tues 8th - Mask Making  
Wed 9th - Biscuit Decorating  
Thurs 10th - Spring Flower Planting  
Fri 11th - Easter Egg Hunt  
Plus additional fun crafts

Pricing  
Over 3's  
Full day £30  
Half Day £15

Egg decorating competition!  
On all week prizes for the winners of each age group!

-under 2  
-2 to 4yrs  
-KS1  
-KS2

Morning & Afternoon Snack Provided

Pricing  
Under 3's  
Full day £35  
Half Day £17.50

Book via email  
Alderburypreschool@gmail.com by  
28th February

## 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

## 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



**"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things." Robert Brault**

## Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

### April

Monday 7 – Monday 21 Easter Holidays  
Tuesday 22 Return to School

### 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 Break up for Summer Holidays

Best wishes

**Mr Thorpe  
Headteacher**