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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

What a very special week this has been at school! Whilst our Y6 children were giving splendid performances at The Lights Theatre Shakespeare Festival in Andover, our younger children were delighted by a visit from some playful baby lambs and their very woolly mums.

Shakespeare Festival

REPORT ON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL by Jasmine, Elsie, Millie L, Isla and Olivia

On Tuesday 18 March the Year 6 children from Alderbury and West Grimstead Primary School took part in The School

Shakespeare Festival at The Lights Theatre in Andover. Hundreds of schools take part, but on this occasion we were performing with Icknield School and Trafalgar School. It was a trio of tragedies (each half an hour long), including Macbeth (by Trafalgar) and Hamlet (by Icknield).

We opened the evening with our football themed production of Romeo and Juliet. The Capulets (or Capulet United) took to the stage with their football chants, followed by the Montagues (Montague Rovers) before Gary Linkear (hilariously played by George complete with big ears and Walkers crisps) appeared to deliver the famous prologue. He was assisted hilariously by Pandora as Karen the Crisp, his PA.

It was straight into the action with football fans from both teams fighting outside the stadium (played by Sophie, Ollie, Erin and Isla). Tommy (bravely taking the stage with a fractured shoulder) broke up the fight as a cool, calm Benvolio - but still incurred the anger of Tybalt, "King of Cats" played by Jack. Luckily Olivia, Ustymn and Eryk were on hand as the strict police force to prevent a death.



Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday, eight Year 5 children represented AWGS at a Dodgeball Competition, at Trafalgar school. They competed against 12 other schools and were in a group of 4 for the first round, where they had a slow start, winning 1 and losing 2. As they came joint-second in the group, it meant they just missed out on medal places, but were competing to finish within the top 8. They found their rhythm and went unbeaten in the next three games - winning 2 and drawing 1! It was amazing to see the progress they had made from the morning and how their confidence had grown! Their progress continued positively finally culminating in a playoff match to see who could top their group and finish fifth. They gave it everything, but just missed out in the last seconds, having one more person out than the other team. The result was that Alderbury finished 6th out of 13!

A fantastic well done to - Alicea, Grace, Ella, Arabella, Mason, Riley, James and Kevin!

Mrs Budd - Leaving

Sadly, our lovely Owls teacher, Mrs Budd, will be leaving the school at Easter to spend quality time with her family. She has not been with us long, but I am sure you will all agree, she has made a significant impact on the school and has quickly established herself as a key part of our school community. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for the future.

The good news is that Mrs Janet Valley has enthusiastically agreed to work in the school for the summer term. Mrs Valley has worked in a number of schools in the local area and was in school to meet the class last week.

Mrs Dominy – Well deserved retirement

After 25 years at AWGS, Mrs Dominy will be retiring at Easter. During her time at AWGS she has worked across the age range, but in more recent times has found a “home” in the Early Years (Reception) Classroom. Mrs Dominy has been a tremendous support to the teachers and the children in that class over the years and we thank her for all her hard work. We wish you a very long and happy retirement Mrs Dominy!

FAWGS EVENT FUNKY THURSDAY - Thursday 3 April

On Thursday 3 April we will be having a Funky Thursday to raise money for new computer equipment for the school. Instead of wearing school uniform, children can pay £1 to wear their own clothes or Fancy Dress.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Mini Marathon at Wyvern-St Edmunds

If you, or your child, would like to take part in this year's Mini Marathon event on Saturday 17 May, please enter **before Thursday 27 March** by purchasing a ticket from: <https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/salisbury-schools/salisbury-schools-mini-marathon-2025> Please note that this is the only way to apply to enter and no late entry requests can be made.

Online Parent/Carer Workshop:

You are invited to the following workshop:

Title: Parenting a child with ADHD

Description: This workshop is for parents who have a child with ADHD. The workshop will share a selection of ideas from psychology that are relevant to ADHD, linking these to effective parenting approaches and highlighting the most important thing that our children need from us. The workshop will include 1 hour of information sharing, followed by half an hour for questions.

Date and Time: Wednesday 26 March 9.30-11am

Venue: This will be an online session, via Microsoft Teams.

Link/Invite: [Parent/Carer Workshop - Parenting a Child with ADHD | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

EASTER CLUB 2025
7th April - 11th April
Alderbury Pre-School

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

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.

Alderbury Easter Fun Tennis Days

Ed at www.good4tennis.com is offering Tennis activities during the Easter Holidays. See attached information sheet or email Ed at good4tennis@yahoo.co.uk

Whiteparish Junior Cricket

Following the first successful year offering U9's and U11's youth cricket at Whiteparish Cricket Club, we will continue to offer these age groups cricket with Hampshire Cricket.

U9's Youth Cricket will run from 18.00 – 19.00 on a Friday evening and on a Sunday morning 9.30 – 10.30

U11's Youth Cricket Training sessions will run from 6 - 7.15pm on a Friday evening

All Stars sessions (4 to 9 years old) are on Sunday mornings at 11am.

Further details can be found at <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/>

Kit will be provided by the club for both Under 9's and Under 11's. This includes bats and protective equipment such as pads, gloves, helmets and box.

If you require more information, please email claireoliver99@hotmail.co.uk and/or chrisbartel@hotmail.com



“Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.”

Diary Dates – new dates underlined>

April

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

May

Monday 5 May Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to 30 Half Term Holiday

June

Monday 2 June Return to School
Monday 16 INSET DAY

July

Thursday 24 July Break up for Summer Holidays

Best wishes

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Headteacher



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