



# Alderbury & West Grimstead Church of England Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 21

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The warm spring sunshine that blessed us all last weekend seemed to invigorate everybody this week, ensuring that our “school family” entered into the business of exploring, achieving and enjoying with renewed confidence and determination.

### Panathlon County Finals



On Wednesday 12 March Mr Bowley took 8 children to Marlborough College, to take part in the County Panathlon tournament. A couple of weeks ago the same team won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Salisbury Area Competition and it was now time to take another step forward. After a long journey to Marlborough, the children arrived, full of laughter and smiles and that continued throughout the whole day, with everybody enjoying themselves at a very well organised event.

Our children took part in 8 different activities, throughout the morning and afternoon including Curling, Boccia and Table-Cricket. After a long day it was eventually results time, where we ended up being placed FIRST! The whole school is very proud of what the children have achieved and their happiness has been contagious, spreading throughout our school community.

### 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.

### Arbor – Parent App

We are continuing to roll out the **Arbor Parent App**. Within the App, (and desktop version) you will see information regarding your child; including attendance, consents and payment for trips, as well as the ability to order and pay for lunches. Booking and paying for breakfast club will also be available on the App.

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

Before Half Term you will have received a welcome email with instructions on how to create your account. Please review the information that is written about your child and update any information that you feel is outdated. This is important as the information you provide, via Arbor, enables the school to keep accurate records.

Please can we encourage you to order lunches at least a day in advance. Teachers will continue help children to choose school lunches for any pupils in their class who have not pre-ordered a school lunch, or brought a Home Packed Lunch, while we get used to the new system!

### Great Athletes



Please make any further **CASH** payments of money raised through sponsorship by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, at the latest. Cash can be brought to the school office, as long as it is attached to a completed sponsorship form and placed in a sealed envelope with the words GREAT ATHLETES written on the front of the envelope.

### 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.

### 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<sup>th</sup> May, please enter **before Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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

**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 8th - 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

## Holiday Club

### 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](mailto:claireoliver99@hotmail.co.uk) and/or [chrisbartel@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisbartel@hotmail.com)



“When the well is dry, we know the value of water.”

### 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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