



# Alderbury & West Grimstead

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## NEWSLETTER NO 15

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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

The children have made a good start this term and afternoons are already seeming a little lighter.

We were delighted to be able to send 2 teams to the County Finals earlier this week, where AWGS enjoyed a great deal of success! I am delighted to report that our girls made it to the County Finals for the first time and our boys are 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wiltshire! A huge "Well Done" to all involved and a massive "Thank You" to Mr Bowley and Mr Goldsack-Marsh for training and accompanying our teams.

### Mobile Library Van

We are lucky enough to be visited by the mobile library van once a month. Many children have library cards for Wiltshire Library Service and these can be used on the van. However, some children do not have cards and some cards are out of date, therefore, these children cannot currently access the van. If you are interested in your child(ren) choosing books to borrow from the van, please complete the form they have been given today and return to school. We can then ask the library van to organise cards for them.

### Cold Weather Clothing

Please do ensure that your child/ren come to school with appropriate clothing (warm waterproof coats/school jumpers/long school trousers/warm tights) as well as sturdy footwear for the cold weather. We recommend that they keep a spare pair of jogging bottoms in their bags, in case they need to change into additional dry clothing, whilst at school.

### Stamps RNLI



Please remember to keep saving any stamps that you receive and pop them in the RNLI box that we have in the reception area here at school. Thank you.

### Eco Club

Foundations for Life



Pickwick Academy Trust

This term's Eco Club will focus on eco homes where children will use a shoe box to make a model eco home with features like solar panels and a vegetable plot. The club is on Wednesdays 3.15-4.15 and is open to Y1-6, though this creative project is especially suitable for KS2 children. If your child is keen, please sign up via the office and pay £27 in cash or via bank transfer (the office has the bank details).

### **District Sports Clubs**

Each week, Mr Bowley from District Sports runs afterschool clubs which are:

Tuesday- Inclusive Sports (Children do activities like archery, curling and boccia.)

Wednesday- Dodgeball (We play tournaments and cannonballs with a range of games!)

Thursday- Tag Rugby (We are preparing for the upcoming Year5/6 tournament and working on game skills.)

Friday- Indoor Fitness and Little Ninjas (We work on boxing and martial arts while introducing a bit of fun fitness.)

Everyone, from Years 1-6, is welcome, with each club costing £4.50 a week. If any children are interested, you can obtain further information and sign up via the District Sports website: [www.districtsportssouth.com](http://www.districtsportssouth.com)

### **Swiss Students**

#### **Can you host a Swiss Student(s)?**

Last year we welcomed four Swiss students from the Pedagogical 6<sup>th</sup> Form College in Kreuzlingen, Switzerland who were studying to become teachers and we have been asked again, if we are able to host students this year. The students' native language is German and they speak excellent English and French. In order for us to receive the students they must have a host family who is able to provide accommodation and meals for the two weeks stay, Sunday 22 June-Saturday 5 July 2025. The host family would need to provide breakfast, packed lunch and dinner for the student(s) and spend as much time as possible with them to allow them to get the maximum amount of speaking practice. The student(s) would spend the mornings and afternoons at school. The host family would receive £300 per student for the two weeks stay. If you are interested in providing this support for one, two or more students, please let our Admin Officer, Ms Defriend know.

### **Community News:**

#### **Parent Online Safety Awareness (Wiltshire Police) – Thursday 30 January – 6pm**

The New Forest Primary School we will be hosting the above parent session which will be led by Wiltshire Police: Youth and Early Intervention team.

This event will be held in their school hall at the Nomansland School site.

Simon and Jon, who are the Cyber Protect and Youth & Early Intervention Officers for Wiltshire Police, will be providing a valuable session of two parts covering the threats and vulnerabilities to young people entering into their digital space as well as essential guidance for parents themselves. This will include; passwords, 2FA, digital footprint awareness and phishing defence.

The session should last around 2 hours and will be flexible and open for interaction.

If you are interested, please could you register with them using the link below by 10.00am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January: -

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/7rkA3TFcfA>

We hope that you will be able to attend this useful and informative session.

## Holiday Club

**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



'There is nothing in the world so good as a good neighbour'

## DIARY DATES

### February

Friday 14 INSET DAY

### June

Monday 16 INSET DAY

Best wishes

Mr Thorpe

Headteacher



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