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Dear Parents, Staff and Governors

Welcome back and an extra special Welcome to all our new children in school who have settled in so well, despite this only being day four!

'Meet the Teacher'

Following the email sent earlier in the week, I would like to invite you to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions taking place in your child's classroom. I have listed below the dates for your convenience. This is an opportunity for your child's teacher to talk about the year ahead and what you can expect.

The sessions are 3:20-3:40 pm, as follows:

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| Years 1, 2 and 3 | Monday 9 th September |
| Year 4 | Tuesday 10 th September |
| Year 6 | Thursday 12 th September |
| Year 5 | Friday 13 th September |

We look forward to seeing you.

Year R Owls' parents will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Budd at 'A Day in the life of Owls' session which will include further details of our Phonics scheme and how you can support your child with early reading from home. This will take place on Thursday 26th September from 8:55-9:30 am in the school hall. I hope you can join us.

I have also included here, a link to a video entitled 'Welcome to the new school year' which is a great introduction to our school for those who are new, but also for our existing parents, as it is a good way to refamiliarise yourself:

<https://alderbury-and-west-grimstead-c-of-e-primary-school.primarysite.media/media/welcome-to-the-new-school-year-1> You can also follow us on social media (details at the bottom of this Newsletter) where you can check if your child has been mentioned in our weekly Celebration Worship each Thursday.

Secondary School Application Form for Year 7 2025 entry

The secondary school application process for Year 7 entry in September 2025 is now open and the deadline is midnight 31st October 2024. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. If you apply online, you do not need to complete a paper application and your application will be acknowledged electronically. However, if you need a paper application please contact 01225 713010. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

Primary School Application Form for Reception Year 2025 entry

The application process is also underway for Reception Year school places for September 2025 and the deadline is midnight 15th January 2025. You can apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk. If you apply online, you do not need to complete a paper application and your application will be acknowledged electronically. However, if you need a paper application please contact 01225 713010. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

If you would like a tour of the school with your child or you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to AWGS, please contact Mrs Agland.



Lou's Tuesday Coffee Mornings

Lou from The Bridge will be holding her first parent drop-in/coffee morning (with pastries!) this Tuesday 10th September in the school hall at 9:00 am (flyer attached). Lou is here every Tuesday and I am sure you have seen her at the school gate



cheering us all up with her lovely smile! We can get so much support by coming together as a group and sharing our experiences with other parents and Lou will be here to give helpful and informative tips about positive parenting, including understanding and regulating emotions, effective play time approaches and calming techniques. It would be great to see as many of you as possible, to support you, to hear all about your highs (and lows!) and just to chat! Please join us if you can.

After school clubs

District Sports have been delivering PE lessons to our pupils this week and next week they will start their after school clubs. If your child is interested in joining District Sports after school clubs you can find more information and how to book via this link: <https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/125>

If your child is attending clubs run by Mr Goldsack-Marsh and Miss Metcalfe, please pay by cash in a named envelope and pass to Mrs Agland. I have included details of dates and cost here for your convenience:

| Day | Club | Year groups | No. of places | Cost |
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| Monday | Ball Sports | 3-6 | 20 | £31.50 9 th September-21 st October (7 weeks at £4.50) |
| Tuesday | Football | 1-6 | 30 | £31.50 10 th September-22 nd October (7 weeks at £4.50) |
| Thursday | Gym | 2-6 | 20 | £27.00 12 th September-17 th October (6 weeks at £4.50) |

Details of dates and how to pay for Abby Parkes' Knitting Club will follow next week.



Mrs Jennison's Eco Club

In Eco Club this year, the children will explore a range of different ways to look after our planet. They will play games, watch videos, chat, read and do activities related to the topics covered. This term the topic is 'Fashion' as it is Secondhand September! Children in Years

1-6 can join. The club runs from 3:15-4:15 pm on Wednesdays and the cost for this term is £27. Please ask the office for bank details or pay in cash.

Can you host a Swiss Student(s)?

Last year we welcomed four Swiss students from the Pedagogical 6th 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 week stay, Sunday 22nd June-Saturday 5th 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 week stay. If you are interested in providing this support for one, two or more students, please let Mrs Agland know.



Achiever of the week goes to ...

Izzy who, during the summer, had a trial at AGC (invitation only) and was selected to start her journey in tumble and trampolining. This is extremely exciting for her progression in gymnastics. She will be training here and at Inspire Gymnastics Club, totalling 5 hours per week. Well done Izzy!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Alderbury Parish Council

Alderbury Parish Council is keen to be representative of all residents of Alderbury and Whaddon. We currently have a vacancy for a councillor and would love to hear from a parent at the school interested in joining. Meetings are one evening per month, plus you need to allow a little time for reading the papers for the meeting and to review emails. More involvement than that is discretionary and can be tailored to your interests. The current term of office ends in May 2025, so it's a great time to 'try-it-out'. In the first instance, contact the clerk for more information (Liz Holland on clerk@alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk 07922 424452) or come to a meeting – our next is Monday 9th September at 7:30 pm in The Fountain Room. Amongst other things, we will be discussing a number of local planning applications attracting interest. If you would like to be put in touch with a councillor to learn more about their experience, that can be easily arranged. Our website can give you more information about what we do:
http://www.alderburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Home_Page_34463.aspx



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Diary Dates – new dates underlined

September

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October

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| Wednesday 23 rd | INSET DAY |
| <u>Thursday 24th-</u> | |
| <u>Friday 1st November</u> | <u>AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u> |

November

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| <u>Monday 4th</u> | <u>AUTUMN TERM 2 STARTS</u> |
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January 2025

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| Monday 6 th | INSET DAY |
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February

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| Friday 14 th | INSET DAY |
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June

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| Monday 16 th | INSET DAY |
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Best wishes

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