



Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter
AUTUMN TERM 2025

Growing Well, Flourishing Together

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. The mustard seed is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. But when you plant this seed, it grows and becomes the largest of all plants. It produces large branches. Even the wild birds can make nests in it and be protected from the sun. **Mark 4: 30-32**

Perseverance - Compassion - Joy - Respect - Thankfulness - Courage

Friday 10th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

This week in Collective Worship, we were given a simple but powerful challenge: to pause and be thankful for a full 30 seconds. It was harder than it sounds - but it brought a real sense of joy and reflection as we took time to remember just how much we have to be grateful for here at Gilmorton. From the kindness of our school community to the opportunities we share each day, it reminded us all how important it is to stop, reflect and appreciate the little things that make our lives so special. We challenge you to have a go; whether round the dinner table or driving to swimming lessons, can you be thankful for a full 30 seconds?

Have a great weekend all - we have so much to look forward to next week: Red Kites visiting London and the Houses of Parliament, Golden Eagles visiting the Battle of Bosworth Heritage Centre and all of us enjoying a full 'rock star' day on Tuesday to re-launch TTRS!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mrs Tomkins

VALUES

A fantastic well done to our GCPS pupils for showcasing our School Values throughout the week:

EYFS - Louie & Edward
Year 1 - Whole Class
Year 2 - Jessica
Year 3 - Whole Class
Year 4 - Lucy & George
Year 5 - Ella H & Thomas
Year 6 - Arya & George S



If you would like to thank a staff member at Gilmorton School, you can now do so via the below link!

[Autumn Term](#)

[THANK YOU!](#)

Harvest Service



A huge thank you to everyone who donated tinned produce. In addition to this, an amazing £51.80 was raised for the Foodbank at the Harvest service

THANK YOU!

Parents Evening



Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 25th November and Wednesday 26th November 2025, 4pm - 7pm.

Appointments are available to book via your Arbor account.



UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS



16/10/25 - Y3/4/5/6 Harborough Cross Country
Sign up via Arbor

13/10/25 - Y5/6 Boys Football Matches at
Gilmorton Primary School
Deadline to express interest has passed

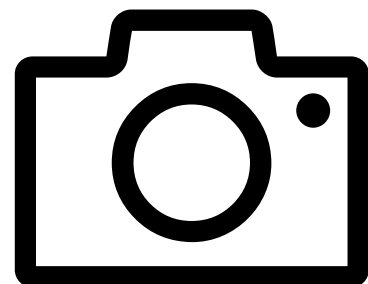
Please express your interest to either
your class teacher or Mr Press

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be with us on Monday 13th October. If you wish for your children to have a photo taken together please inform us via this link:

[Sibling Photo Request](#)

Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate non school age children





Please don't feel you need to purchase any new items... crazy hair, jeans and a headscarf is rock enough for us!



🎸 TTRS LAUNCH DAY! 🎸

Get ready for a cacophony of face-paint, leather trousers and hairspray! But, more importantly, a day to kickstart a schoolwide passion for times tables.

We are excited to announce that our school will be launching Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) on **Tuesday 14th October!**

TTRS is a fun and engaging way for children to practise their times tables, build speed and accuracy, and grow in confidence with maths.

DRESS LIKE A ROCKSTAR!

We'd love the children to come dressed as rockstars – face paint, wigs, inflatable guitars... you name it! (Please ensure clothing and footwear are still suitable for the school day.)

On launch day, children will:

- Revisit the platform in assembly
- Be introduced to class battles, pupil battles and teacher battles
- See leaderboards and awards unveiled
- Take part in fun times tables challenges!

How you can help at home:

- Encourage your child to log in regularly (just a few minutes a day makes a big difference!)
- Celebrate their progress and achievements
- Join in the fun by letting them challenge you – or even their teachers!

We can't wait to see our pupils rocking their times tables skills! 🎵🌟

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT ON ESAFETY

Would a digital family agreement be useful in your home?

Digital Family Agreement LGfL DigiSafe®

I will: Why?

Check with mum before getting a new app or game or buying an add-on so she can check it's safe

Get up privacy and safety settings on any apps and sites I use and show them to dad, so he doesn't worry

Check with mum or dad before going live and explain what I can do to avoid any risks

Not post or share any personal information, e.g. mobile, address, to stay private and safe

Put my phone down when we're eating together or mum or dad want to talk, as it's respectful

Turn off notifications when I'm doing homework and at bed time, to help concentrate and sleep

Come off my devices an hour before bedtime to unwind and sleep well

Parent/carer will: Why?

Put our devices down when you want to talk to me/us so we can model good behaviour

Keep our mobiles away for important family time, e.g. breakfast and dinner so we can have quality time and talk

Trust you to manage your screen time sensibly as we agreed, and only say something if I/we are worried, to help you stay safe and healthy

Ask permission before sharing any photos of you, to respect your privacy

if there are any issues:
We will talk about it calmly and respectfully
I may have to show you more about what I am doing on devices, or other consequences

If I'm worried by anything:
I can tell mum or dad and they won't judge me
I can talk to Mr Patel at school
I can contact Childline or The Mix

Signed: Sophie Mum Dad
Today's date: 29th March Date we will review this: 29th May

Download the app and find more support for parents at parentsafe.lgfl.net

LGfL SafeguardED

parentsafe.lgfl.net

Why not have a family agreement to:

- clarify what is allowed...or not
- establish ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time
- agree shared expectations to reduce arguments and keep everyone safe & healthy

Digital Family Agreement

LGfL DigiSafe®

Download it at parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement

Autumn Term 2025/26

(NEW DATES ADDED)

- Monday 13th October** - School photo day
- Monday 13th October** - RESCHEDULED EYFS Parents Phonics Workshop 3:30pm
- Tuesday 14th October** - TTRS Launch Day - Rockstar Outfits
- Wednesday 15th October** - Year 5 - London
- Thursday 16th October** - Year 6 - Bosworth Battlefield
- Friday 17th October** - Staff Inset Day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October
Half Term

- Monday 27th October** - Daisy First Aid Workshop
- Tuesday 28th October** - Daisy First Aid Workshop
- Thursday 6th November** - FOGS PJ Party
- Thursday 13th November** - Year 4 Day Trip - Think Tank
- Wednesday 19th November** - Year 6 Day Trip - Warning Zone
- Tuesday 25th November** - School Nurse Coffee Morning for parents
- Tuesday 25th November** - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 26th November** - Parents Evening
- Friday 28th November** - FOGS Dress Down Day
- Tuesday 2nd December** - EYFS Nativity Production
- Wednesday 3rd December** - EYFS Nativity Production
- Thursday 4th December** - Panto EYFS/Year 1
- Thursday 11th December** - FOGS Christmas Fayre
- Friday 12th December** - FOGS Elfridges
- Tuesday 16th December** - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- Tuesday 16th Dec** - Choir Concert 3pm
- Wednesday 17th Dec** - Guitar Concert 3pm
- Thursday 18th December** - Panto Year 2-6
- Friday 19th December** - Church Service - Year 5 to lead

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Christmas Holiday

- Monday 5th January** - Staff Inset Day **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 6th January** - Welcome back to school



**NOTICES FROM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Friday 31st October - We will be supporting the village Halloween trail

- Saturday 1st November** - Cleaning at 10.30
- Sunday 2nd November** - Little Saints at 10.00 - Informal activities for pre school children.
- Sunday 2nd November** - Holy Communion 11am
- Sunday 9th November** - Remembrance service

- Saturday 6th December** - Our Christmas event in the Church
- Sunday 7th December** - Our Christmas event in the Church
- Sunday 21st December** - Outdoor Carol service at 2.30 pm
- Tuesday 24th December** - Nativity Service at 3pm
- Tuesday 24th December** - + Midnight Mass



IPAT Vacancies

Please follow the below website for full details;
<https://inspiringprimaries.uk/working-in-our-trust/vacancies/>

Inclusive Learning Partner - Sapcote

Class Attendance Data
Average this year.

- EYFS: 99.5%** Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.
- Year 1: 99.3%**
- Year 2: 97.5%**
- Year 3: 98.2%** Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.
- Year 4: 98.5%**
- Year 5: 97.2%**
- Year 6: 98.4%**

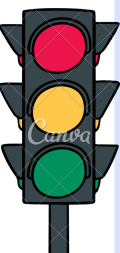
PUPIL ATTENDANCE

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 Lessons

89% & below
Drastic affect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



For more information on the importance of school attendance please follow this link:

[The Education Hub](#)

BECOME A... STEM AMBASSADOR 2025/26

Calling all curious, creative, and confident learners in KS2!
Do you love **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths**?
Want to help make STEM exciting for everyone in our school?

Then we want **YOU** to apply to be a STEM Ambassador!

What You'll Do as a STEM Ambassador:

- Raise the profile of STEM across our school
- Help get everyone excited about STEM through displays, announcements, and sharing cool facts or news!
- Help our STEM subject leaders present inspiring Collective Worship throughout the year that explore the wonder of STEM in our world.
- Help your teacher with STEM-based activities, challenges, and experiments.
- Opportunities to lead and support coding and Bee-Bot programming during lunch club.
- Be a role model by showing others how fun and important STEM can be by encouraging teamwork, curiosity, and problem-solving.



If you're interested, just tell us in a few short paragraphs why you'd be a great fit for the role. Please ensure your applications are handed in to either Mrs O. Moss (Science Lead), Miss H. Mancey (Computing Lead), Miss E. Ward (Maths Lead) or Mrs J. Simons (Design Technology Lead)

BY MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 2025

👉 Apply now and help ignite a love of learning in the innovators of tomorrow!

FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS

As we get ready for next term and all the exciting events ahead, we wanted to take a moment to say a few thank you's and introduce our new FOGS committee.

At our AGM on 10th September, we said a big thank you and goodbye to our Treasurer, Mel Elliott, and Secretary, Rachel Laxton.

Mel said she's "truly enjoyed her time as Treasurer – it's been so rewarding working with such a dedicated team and seeing the smiles on families' faces at every event."

Rachel shared that she's loved being part of the FOGS community, adding that her proudest moment was "making the 2021 Christmas Fair happen despite the COVID restrictions – it meant so much to everyone at such a difficult time."



We're so grateful for everything Mel and Rachel have done and wish them both all the very best!

Chair, Anita Parkes said, 'Thank you both for sharing your reflections – there have been some really special moments. On behalf of the entire school community, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for the time, energy, and care you've given in your roles as Secretary and Treasurer. You've helped keep everything organised, transparent, and running smoothly – often behind the scenes – and your commitment has made such a difference. Your teamwork, dedication, and good humour have truly contributed to the sense of community we all value so much. The events, fundraisers, and initiatives you've supported have left a lasting mark, and we're so grateful for everything you've

Leanne, Co Vice-Chair adds, 'As you hand over the reins, please know that your hard work and positivity have set a wonderful example for those following in your footsteps. We wish you all the best – and we hope you'll stay part of our PTA family in the future!'

FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS

Meet the New FOGS Committee

As we get ready for another exciting term, we're thrilled to introduce the new FOGS team – a mix of familiar faces and new members, all passionate about supporting our school community.

Continuing in role:

- Chair: Anita Parkes
- Co Vice-Chair: Leanne Deeks
- Committee Member: Caroline Huckerby

New in post:

- Co Vice-Chair: Charlotte Lamb
- Secretary: Hannah Webb
- Treasurer: Hannah Tebbatt

We asked them a few quick questions to help you get to know them...

Charlotte: "Having worked in education, I've seen how much schools juggle and how vital family support is. Joining FOGS felt like a meaningful way to give back and help create fun, community-focused events that enrich the children's experience."

Hannah W: "I wanted to play a more active part in school life and give something back to the community my children are growing up in. The Secretary role lets me stay organised behind the scenes while helping make all the wonderful FOGS events happen."

Hannah T: "I'm delighted to be the new Treasurer. I'm an accountant and a proud mum of a Year 2 pupil. After volunteering at fairs and events, I've seen how much effort and heart goes into FOGS. I'm excited to help keep things running smoothly so we can continue to make a real difference for our children."

Caroline: "I love helping create exciting experiences for the children and seeing their joy at events like the Christmas Fair. It's such a special time, and being part of a team that brings the community together makes it even better!"

We're so lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic team ready to get stuck in – thank you all for stepping in.

NEW event: 27 & 28 October - Daisy's First Aid Workshop:

With a new team comes fresh ideas, and we're thrilled to share one already in motion! After half term, every child will take part in a fully FOGS-funded First Aid Workshop, where they'll learn vital life skills – including how to get help in an emergency, perform CPR, and place someone in the recovery position.

See attached flyer!

WHAT'S ON...

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 5 - 12 YRS WHO WANT TO HAVE FUN

2025 OCTOBER HALF TERM SPORTS CLUBS

GET INTO SPORT
 FOOTBALL CRICKET TENNIS TRI-GOLF
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