



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 12th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

It has been another wonderful week of learning here at school, filled with curiosity, creativity and achievement across all year groups. Our EYFS children are growing in confidence and already showing how secure they are in their new routines – it is especially lovely to see their smiling faces as they mix happily with the older children at lunchtime.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome the Coram Life Education group into school next week. They will be delivering bespoke PSHE sessions for all classes, helping our children to explore important themes around health, wellbeing, and positive choices in an engaging and age-appropriate way – please see the attached parent information leaflet and make sure you ask your children all about this next week.

We wish all our families a happy and restful weekend – make sure to spread the word with your friends about our exciting circus event at the end of September.

Mrs Tomkins

VALUES

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

EYFS - (check next week)

Year 1 - Teddy & Elsie

Year 2 - William T

Year 3 - Stanley & Austin

Year 4 - Isabel

Year 5 - Harley WR & Esmé

Year 6 - Jacob & Georgina



Headteacher
Award



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

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[THANK YOU!](#)

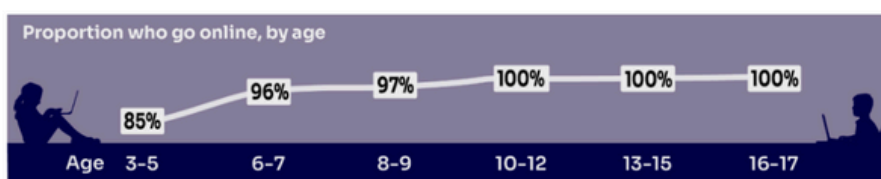
WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT ON ESAFETY

It is important we know about our children's life online to keep them safe; their behaviours and habits in terms of viewing, playing, learning and interacting. Data shows that almost all children from aged 5yrs (96%) went online in 2023, highlighting the centrality of the internet in children's lives.

Caveat: Yes - the online world poses risks but we mustn't forget that being online does create a lot of opportunity and joy for most of us. So, let's think about how we can minimise risk and reduce their exposure to harm.



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW about your child's life online?



Almost all children (96%) aged 3 – 17 went online in 2024, highlighting the centrality of the internet in their lives:

- Younger children commonly use **tablets** to go online
- Older children are more likely to use **mobile phones**

DID YOU KNOW?



Source: Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2025

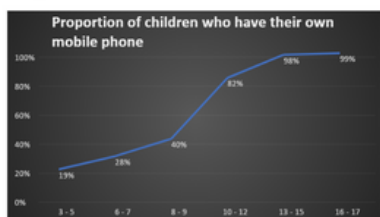


Does your child have their **OWN MOBILE PHONE**? If so, is it a **SMART PHONE**?



What **AGE** do you think is appropriate?

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SMARTPHONE or '**NON**'-SMART / **BRICK** phone?

- Internet access
- Social media, apps and games
- Notifications
- Anytime connection
- Parental controls

REMEMBER IT'S **YOUR CHOICE**

Every child and situation is unique, and you are best placed to know their needs

- NO internet access
- Some games
- Anytime phone calls and texts
- Limited parental controls



AS PARENTS YOU NEED TO CONSIDER:

- How will they reduce any risks?
- What does their child need the mobile for? Is it simply to stay in touch with you - then a 'non-smart' phone might be enough.
- How you can help them learn the basic skills to use it safely e.g. to send a message, take part in a group chat, manage their timings etc. Children need our support with developing these skills. You wouldn't give your child a knife without guidance and support, similarly a phone can cause harm and so need to think about this.
- Whatever you decide, communication is key - involve the child in the process to establish shared expectations.
- Remember to set up parental control settings or use a parental controls app to help them stay safe.

MAGNET SAFETY

Magnetic Safety (Child Accident Prevention Trust)

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) warns that more than 300 children a year are rushed to A&E after swallowing magnets and one in ten needs life-saving surgery.

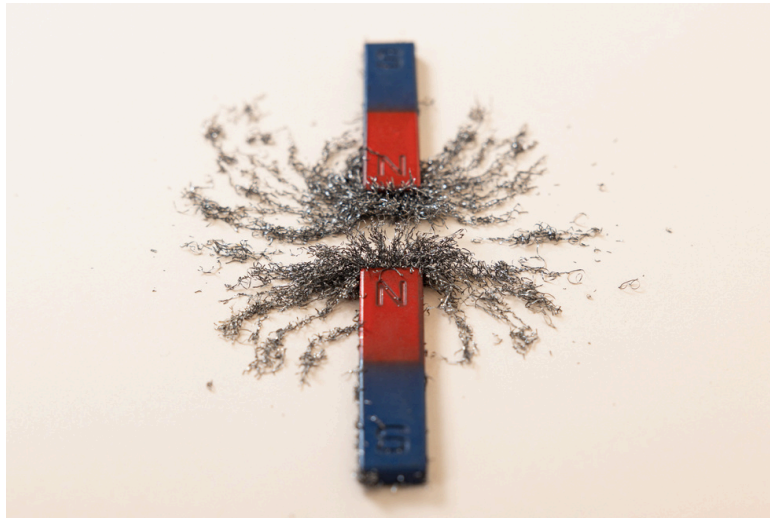
When strong magnets stick together inside the body, they can rip through a child's gut, cutting off blood supply and causing life-threatening injuries. Even toddlers have needed hours of emergency surgery, and some children are left with lasting internal damage.

Magnets don't just come in toys – they're also found in jewellery kits, fridge magnets, puzzles, dartboards, fidget toys and desk gadgets. Worryingly, some magnets sold online are 17 times stronger than the UK safety limit.

Remind parents to:

- Buy only from trusted brands and retailers.
- Be cautious with cheap copies and online marketplaces.
- Keep magnets and products containing them out of children's reach.
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Find out more and download a free safety poster at capt.org.uk/magnet-safety



READING RECORDS

We are delighted with the success of our new-style reading diaries! It has been fantastic to see how well families are using them to log reading at home, which in turn really supports our teachers and classroom staff. The example in the photo shows a parent noting down new vocabulary they have explored with their child during reading—a brilliant way to deepen understanding and spark conversation. Research shows that children can learn up to 4,000 new words a year through regular reading and discussion, and talking about vocabulary is one of the most powerful ways to strengthen comprehension and build confidence as readers. Thank you to all our families for embracing the diaries so positively.

Date, book and page number	Comments
26 & 27 The Return of the Kuller cat 15-20mins	Great start to Super reading unit
26 & 27 The Return of the Kuller cat 15-20mins	Read chapter 4 - lots of new words, but some fluent reading with familiar words (I've been reading 2 chapters per night)
27 & 28 The Return of the Kuller cat 15-20mins	Read chapter 5 - some because had v - guess reading intended to guess for words but read correctly when pointed at.
28 & 29 The Return of the Kuller cat 10-15mins	Read chapter 6 - ok above, some guessing but some fluid passages
29 & 30 The Return of the Kuller cat 15-20mins	Read chapter 7 - quite tired tonight but managed with some prompting
30 & 31 & 32 The Return of the Kuller cat 15-20mins per night	Read chapter 8 & 9 - Did really well! Some expression occasionally skipping words & over next very similar meanings
Tricky words, or new words I have learned	
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UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS

Y5 Plaground Leaders

Applications to Mr Press by Tuesday 16th Sept

25/9/25 - Y5/6 Small Schools Football

Deadline for expression of interest Wed 17th Sept
(This is an EXCEL competition and players will be picked on ability)

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

Autumn Term 2025/26

(NEW DATES ADDED)

- Wednesday 10th September - FOGS meeting
- Monday 15th September - Flu Vaccinations
- Monday 15th September - Life Education in school
- Friday 26th September - Book Bus
- Saturday 27th September - FOGS Circus
- Tuesday 30th September - EYFS Parents/Carers Phonics & Fine Motor Workshop
- Wednesday 1st October - Open Afternoon
- Monday 13th October - School photo day!
- Wednesday 15th October - Year 5 day trip - London!
- Thursday 16th October - Year 6 day trip - Bosworth Battlefield
- Friday 17th October - Staff Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED

**Monday 20th October - Friday 24th October
Half Term**

- Thursday 6th November - FOGS PJ Party
- Wednesday 19th November - Year 6 Warning Zone
- 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
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- Thursday 18th December - Panto Year 2-6

**Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January
Christmas Holiday**

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



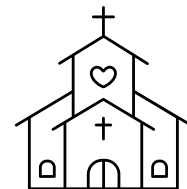
**NOTICES FROM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Saturday 4th Oct - Church cleaning at 10:30am - all welcome!

Sunday 5th Oct at 10am - Little Saints - for preschool children, siblings welcome and a responsible adult

Sunday 5th Oct 11am - Holy Communion

Sunday 5th Oct - Harvest lunch at the Village Hall



IPAT Vacancies

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

- Director of Finance & Operations
- Teacher - Ullesthorpe
- HLTA - Dunton Bassett & Sharnford
- LSA - Dunton Bassett & Claybrooke

**Class Attendance Data
Average this year.**

- EYFS: 100%** 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: 99.2%**
- Year 2: 99.4%**
- Year 3: 97.6%** Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.
- Year 4: 98.9%**
- Year 5: 97.2%**
- Year 6: 99.3%**

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](#)

WHAT'S ON....



SEND Friends Parents Group
Join Gemma, our SEND Family Support Worker, for our free SEND Friends and Parents drop in sessions on the last Wednesday of the month.

Our aim is to support and share information with parents and carers; whilst allowing a safe space to talk and meet other parents.

Complimentary hot and cold drinks and biscuits will be available



Lutterworth Family Hub,
Coventry Road,
Leicestershire, LE17 4RB
24/09/2025, 29/10/2025,
26/11/2025
Time: 10am-11:30am

For more information please contact
SEND Family Support Worker
Gemma Foreman
gemma.foreman@leics.gov.uk



OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
2025
5.45pm-8.00pm

Doors open at 5.30pm.

The evening begins at 5.45pm, at which point you may choose to tour the school or attend the first Headteacher's talk.

A second Headteacher's talk will take place at 6.30pm.

We invite you to see and experience our school, speak to our talented and committed staff and meet our friendly students.

Find out more about our exceptional enrichment opportunities and outstanding facilities.

www.lutterworthhigh.co.uk
01455 552710
admin@lutterworthhigh.co.uk

CALLING ALL REVOLTING CHILDREN

ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

WORKSHOPS 30th August & 6th September

AUDITIONS 13th September

Join us for our magical, high energy workshops in preparation for our Matilda Jr. auditions. Learn songs, and character tips to help you shine on stage!



BOOK YOUR TRIAL TO BE IN OUR PRODUCTION
<https://future-faces-performing-arts.classforkids.io>
futurefaceslutterworth@gmail.com

spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only

Musical Theatre

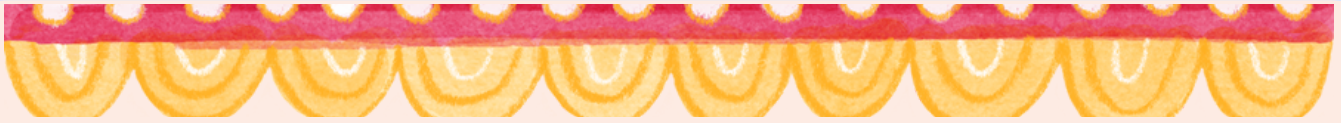
Friday

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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Education Through Performing Arts
07971073550 / 07849168639
www.funstareducation.co.uk

FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS



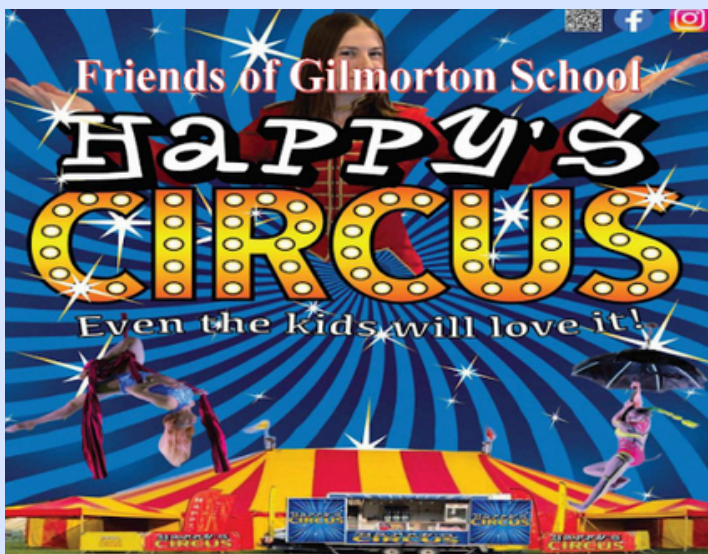
Only **2 weeks** left to our circus family afternoon. Don't miss out book your tickets on www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus

BBQ 12-2pm, fully stocked bar, face painting, teddy tomobola, circus props and plenty of other childrens activity stalls.

Show starts at 2pm - 2 x 45 minute shows with 15 minute interval.

Winners of children's circus poster competition will be announced, special treat for all winners in attendance!! Photos with the show stars!!

Bring your friends & family for a fabulous afternoon of fun



Saturday 27th September 2025

BBQ/Bar & kids activities from 12pm
Circus show at 2pm

Join us for a fun afternoon at
The Pavilion, Kimcote Road, Gilmorton, LE17 5SP

Tickets £10 per person
Under 2s free sitting on a paying adults lap



Book following this link www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus
or scan the QR code!

TEDDIES WANTED!

Any unwanted, clean, good condition teddies/soft toys would be greatly received.

Can these be dropped at school next week in the boxes provided under the canopy!