



# 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

It has been an absolute joy to step into classrooms this week and see the children really getting going with their learning. The enthusiasm and focus they are already showing is wonderful to witness. Our staff are working hard to establish and perfect new routines and expectations with the children and they are learning how to be the best versions of themselves through these high expectations.

A particular highlight this week has been welcoming our new EYFS children, who have made a fantastic start to their journey here at Gilmorton—we are so excited to see them grow and flourish as part of our school community.

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 - All**

**Year 2 - All**

**Year 3 - George & Hettie**

**Year 4 - Jesse & Charles**

**Year 5 - Riley**

**Year 6 - Edward B & Skye**

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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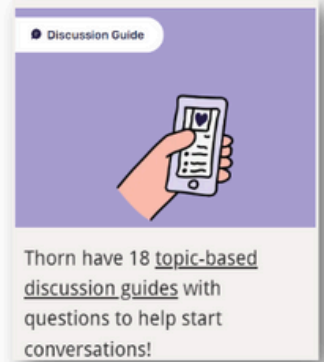
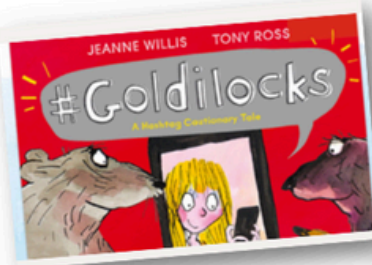
[THANK YOU!](#)

## WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT ON ESAFETY

Talking to your children using these free resources for parents to reinforce safety messages and start those key online safety conversations:

### TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT LIFE ONLINE

Find conversation starters, story time ideas and top tips to reinforce key safety messages at [parentsafe.lgfl.net](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net)



PARENTSAFE

Keeping your children safe: online & beyond



For younger children, it's important to talk about boundaries, being kind to others and what they can do if they see or experience anything that worries or upsets them. Story time books like 'The Online Zoo' and '#Goldilocks – a Fairytale for the Digital Age' are great ways to discuss risk, consequences and positive strategies in a non-judgemental, age-appropriate way.

For older children, Thorn have 18 topic-based discussion guides with questions to help start conversations!

## MESSAGE FROM MR PRESS

We are delighted to see students ready to get active and involved in our sports curriculum. I just wanted to outline some details of our sports competitions procedures.

### Competitions Overview:

Our competitions are organised into the following strands:

#### Inspire & Develop:

- Non-competitive events designed to encourage all children to try different sports, build confidence, and enjoy being active.

#### Excel:

- Competitive events where pupils represent the school and strive for the best possible results.

### Communication & Expectations:

- Upcoming competitions and deadlines for expressions of interest will be shared in the newsletter (where possible).
- Pupils interested in taking part should inform their class teacher or Mr Press before the stated deadline.
- We expect all pupils to demonstrate sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect, whether participating or supporting.
- The children that are then selected will receive an email from Mr Press discussing further details.

### Team Selection:

- For **Excel** competitions, pupils may express interest and Mr Press will select teams based on ability.
- For **Inspire & Develop** events, Mr Press will choose participants from those who have expressed interest, ensuring a positive experience for as many pupils as possible.
- Participation is tracked to ensure that, where possible, all children have the opportunity to take part. Where demand is high enough, I will enter two teams to allow more pupils to be involved.

### Upholding Our School Values:

We expect all children to uphold our school values both in school and when representing us at competitions. Mr Press will review participation if these values are not displayed, as showing respect, kindness, and integrity is just as important as effort and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support.

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This half term, our theme in collective worship is **People of Faith**. We are exploring what it means to have faith and the incredible impact that people of faith can have, from figures in the Bible to modern-day heroes. The children have shared their own ideas about faith, describing it as "to trust," "have confidence in," and "hope."

This week, we were delighted to welcome Ben to lead worship on Tuesday, when the children reflected on the story of Jacob in the Bible and thought about how he demonstrated great faith.



## UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS

**15/9/25 - Y5/6 Table Tennis**

Deadline for expression of interest Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

**23/9/25 - KS2 Tri Golf "Ryder Cup" Festival**

Deadline for expression of interest Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

**Autumn Term 2025/26**

**(NEW DATES ADDED)**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - FOGS meeting

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - Life Education in school

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Book Bus! More info to follow.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - FOGS Circus.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** - EYFS Parents/Carers Phonics & Fine Motor Workshop

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Open Afternoon

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - EYFS intake 2026 - Open Afternoon

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - School photo day!

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 day trip - London!

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 6 day trip - Bosworth Battlefield

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - School Closed.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October -**  
October Half Term.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - EYFS Nativity Production

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - EYFS Nativity Production



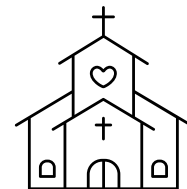
**NOTICES FROM  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Church & churchyard clean and tidy up at 10:30am - all welcome!

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am** - Little Saints - for preschool children, siblings welcome and a responsible adult

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am** - Communion service

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Hymns & Pimms  
Pimms from 3pm  
Hymns from 4:30pm



**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 - Claybrooke**

**Class Attendance Data**

Average this year.

**EYFS: 100%**

**Year 1: 99.4%**

**Year 2: 99.6%**

**Year 3: 97.4%**

**Year 4: 98.9%**

**Year 5: 98.0%**

**Year 6: 99.4%**

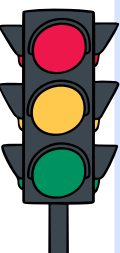
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

**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](http://www.lutterworthhigh.co.uk)  
01455 552710  
[admin@lutterworthhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@lutterworthhigh.co.uk)

## CALLING ALL REVOLTING CHILDREN

ROALD DAHL'S

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL JR.

WORKSHOPS 30<sup>th</sup> August & 6<sup>th</sup> September

AUDITIONS 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:futurefaceslutterworth@gmail.com)

spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only

### Musical Theatre

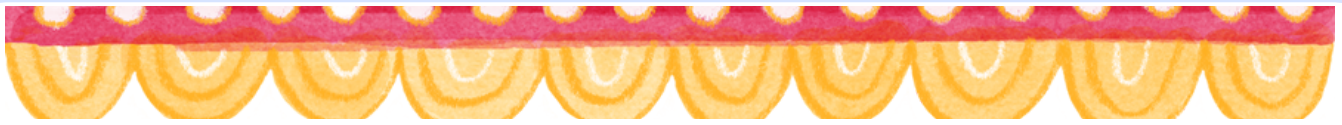
Friday

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

## funstar

Education Through Performing Arts  
07971073550 / 07849168639  
[www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)

# FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS



Only **3 weeks** left to our circus family afternoon. Don't miss out book your tickets on [www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus](http://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](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus)  
or scan the QR code!



## FOGS MEETING

You're invited to join the next meeting at  
Gilmorton Chandler Primary School.

**Wednesday 10th September at 6.30pm**

This meeting will also include our AGM.

This is where the new committee members get elected. Please follow the below nomination link if you would like to put yourself or someone forward for any of the positions.

<https://forms.gle/C8gUeBtajnRIKctUA>