



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 29th August 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

We hope all our families enjoyed the Meet the Teacher evening and that your children have come home full of excitement after meeting their new teachers and classroom staff. It's always a joy to see the buzz of enthusiasm as the new school year begins, and we're looking forward to all the exciting learning and opportunities ahead.

Next week, we are especially excited to welcome our new EYFS children to school – such a special milestone for them and their families. We can't wait to see them begin their school journey with us here at Gilmorton.

Have a wonderful weekend all!

Mrs Tomkins

VALUES

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

EYFS -
Year 1 -
Year 2 -
Year 3 -
Year 4 -
Year 5 -
Year 6 -

**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

As highlighted at our Meet the Teacher event this week, over autumn term, we will try to share useful guidance for parents each week on our school newsletter relating to esafety. This week we have attached the handouts that were shared at Wednesday's parent meeting for you to read over.

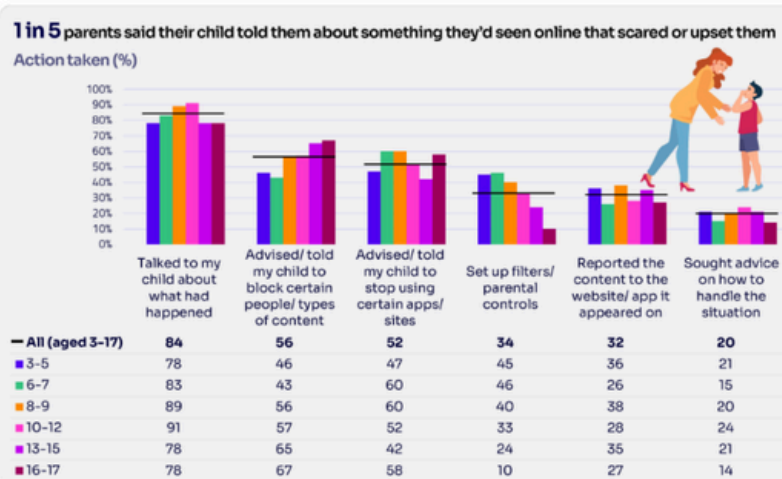
Above is also some data collected from UK parents this year which may help you to reflect on how confident you are talking to your children about esafety. Almost all the parents in this group (99%) took some type of action in response to being told that their child had seen something that scared or upset them:

- Over four in five parents in five (84%) had spoken to their child about what had happened.
- Over half said they had advised their child to block a specific type of content or person (56%) and/or recommended that their child stop using certain apps or sites (52%).
- Notably, there has been an increase this year in parents setting up filters or parental controls after an incident of this nature, up from 23% last year to 34% this year
- However only about a third (32%) of parents had reported the content to the site or app on which it appeared

You do not need to be an IT expert to help your child stay safe online. One of the best things you can do to protect your children is to talk regularly with them about their use of technology- just as you do with all other areas of parenting.

Having an open and honest approach is best - reacting, without involving them or talking to them, can often push behaviour underground, so it still happens, but you are less likely to know about it. This can increase risk to your child.

Are you **CONFIDENT** to **TALK TO YOUR CHILD**? Is your child confident to **TALK TO YOU**?



WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Are there any areas you would not feel confident or comfortable to discuss?

Younger children are more likely to tell a parent if they see something worrying or nasty online:


- 92% of 8-12-year-olds say that they would tell a parent
- 85% of 13-17s say that they would tell a parent

LUNCHTIME LANGUAGE CLUB

We currently have spaces in our French & Spanish lunchtime clubs for children in Year 1 and upwards. If your child would like to join they can go along for a free taster session on a Wednesday and/or Thursday where they will be given a form to sign up if they wish to continue. Please note that these are paid clubs.

Behaviour and Culture at Gilmorton

Growing Well, Flourishing Together




We have the highest expectations for everyone in our school so that they can be the best versions of themselves; growing well and flourishing together.

How we behave

We expect that children behave in a way that reflects our six Christian values at Gilmorton: respect, compassion, perseverance, joy, thankfulness and courage. We also expect this of our staff, our parents and carers and the wider Gilmorton school community.

Code of Conduct




- We treat others how we wish to be treated.
- We try our best at all times and encourage one another to do the same.
- We listen to and obey all adults' instructions.
- We treat the whole school environment with respect.
- We consider everyone as we move around the school.

Behaviour and Culture at Gilmorton

We have high expectations for **everyone** in our school so that they can be the best versions of themselves; growing well and flourishing together.

We **support and guide** everyone towards making positive choices but have **clear, predictable procedures to follow** for those who do not.



Our code of conduct at Gilmorton (crafted in consultation with the school council):

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- We treat the whole school environment with respect.
- We consider everyone as we move round the school.

We expect that children behave in a certain way at Gilmorton. We also expect this of our parents and carers and wider Gilmorton school community. We promote our school code of conduct by:

Proactive	Reactive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having a behaviour curriculum which are a set of clear, taught routines and social norms • Having predictable consequence for poor behaviour choices • Having our code of conduct and expectations visible around school • Our adults being role models • Noticing each other and telling each other about positive behaviours, being clear as to what the praise is for • Promoting responsibilities around school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal praise • Work shared with an adult in school - headteacher's award • House points, celebrated in celebration worship, certificates and rewards • Classroom initiatives such as gold coins, wow bugs and raffle tickets • Praising success in collective worship, newsletters and social media • 'Living the Values' awards each week and annual 'Ultimate Values Champion' in each class

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Learning Behaviours STARS	Living the Values	The Gilmorton Way STEPS
S Sit up T Track the speaker A Ask and Answer questions R Respect everyone S Smile	Compassion Respect Perseverance Joy Thankfulness Courage	S Smile T Thank you E Excuse me P Please S Sentences

NB: Some children in our school have reasonable adjustments made to their behaviour. Any specific approaches are identified in their Inclusion Support Plan, created by the teacher and SENCO.
NB: Behaviour choices which are severely disrespectful, unsafe or harmful to others follow the Significant Incident Procedure. NB: Any bullying or discriminating behaviour is dealt with immediately as per our Anti-Bullying policy.

EQUIPMENT

EYFS & Year 1 to bring their bookbags please. All stationary is provided by school.

Year 2 & Year 3 are invited to bring a 'back pack' style bag into school. All stationary is provided by school.

Year 4 - 6, we ask your child to come to school with their own fully equipped pencil case ready to learn. A hand writing pen will be provided by school.

All pupil require a named water bottle.

PE DAYS

EYFS - Tuesday

YEAR 1 - Monday & Tuesday

YEAR 2 - Thursday & Friday

YEAR 3 - Monday & Tuesday

YEAR 4 - Wednesday & Friday

YEAR 5 - Wednesday & Thursday

YEAR 6 - Monday & Thursday

Spotlight on a member of staff!

Miss Ward

Year 1 Teacher
& Maths Lead



I am really excited to have joined the Gilmorton Chandler team, working with the Year 1 children alongside Mrs Gates. I know that we'll have a fantastic year full of exciting learning opportunities and plenty of chances to show just how brilliant they are!

I graduated from the University of Gloucestershire with a BEd (Hons), completing placements across a range of settings from EYFS to Year 6. I've been teaching for seven years now, with five of those spent in a mixed Year 1/2 class at Sharnford—an age group I particularly enjoy, as I love watching children grow in confidence and curiosity as they develop their passion for learning. My university specialisms were PE and English, and I later became PE lead at Sharnford, where I supported curriculum development and helped increase participation in sporting competitions, including progressing to final events and receiving the Outstanding Primary School for PE and Sporting Opportunities in 2023.

Outside the classroom, I enjoy keeping active and have previously competed in Taekwondo at both national and international levels. I now play netball several times a week and enjoy supporting Birmingham City FC at weekend matches. I also love spending time with friends and family, whether that's going for walks and coffee, seeing a show, or doing something more adventurous like paintballing or a Wolf Run!

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(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! More info to follow.

Saturday 27th September - FOGS Circus.

Wednesday 1st October - Open Afternoon

Tuesday 7th October - EYFS intake 2026 - 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

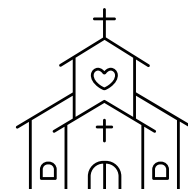
Friday 17th October - School Closed.

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



NOTICES FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday 7th 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/>

Teacher - Ullesthorpe
HLTA - Sharnford

Class Attendance Data
Average this year.

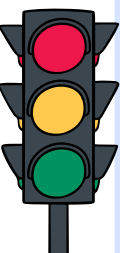
EYFS: N/A
Year 1: 99.0%
Year 2: 100%
Year 3: 96.1%
Year 4: 98.4%
Year 5: 97.3%
Year 6: 99.2%

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
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

funstar

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

FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS

Friends of Gilmorton School (FOGS) was created a number of years ago to raise additional funds for our wonderful Primary school to enrich opportunities for our children through a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year. FOGS has grown year on year and is run by a fabulous group of parents who are always looking for new members.

If you would like to get involved please join them at the next meeting.....



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>

Only 5 weeks left to our circus family afternoon. Don't miss out book your tickets on www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus



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!

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

PLEASE NAME YOUR UNIFORM



Non PE school day, the children wear;

- Light blue school polo shirts (school branded or non branded)
- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or dresses
- Sky blue gingham check dress
- Burgundy sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan (school branded or non branded) - NO HOODIES

Socks should be black, white or grey

Earrings should be small studs and removed for PE



Children wear black school shoes, these must be fully black with no other colour showing.

Hair accessories can be worn in school uniform colours, hair accessories need to be small - NO BIG BOWS please.

Smartwatches, play tattoos or nail varnish are not allowed.



PE school day, the children wear;

- Light blue t-shirt (school branded or non branded)
- Navy joggers, leggings or shorts (plain clothing, no brands)
- Burgundy hoody or fleece (school branded or non branded)
- Burgundy sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan (branded or non branded)