



Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Growing Well, Flourishing Together

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Friday 1st August 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer break and spending valuable time together as families. As we look ahead to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 26th August, this newsletter provides key information to help you prepare for the start of term. As a school, we remain guided by our vision, Growing Well, Flourishing Together, and we are excited to build ambitiously in the year ahead. Inspired by the parable of the mustard seed, we believe that from the smallest of beginnings, great things can grow, and we look forward to seeing every child thrive and flourish as part of our community in the new academic year.

2024/25 SUCCESS

Next year we build ambitiously upon our success as a school community from last year whereby together we:

- refined and saw the impact of our new school vision, celebrated our 250th anniversary and embedded our SEND strategy in its first year.
- were recognised as an excellent school in our Ofsted inspection:
<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50267584>
- significantly improved academic outcomes for our pupils from previous years. 81% achieving EXS in reading with 44% achieving GDS (14% increase); 81% achieving EXS in maths with 25% achieving GDS (14% increase).
- continued to ensure our school was full of joy, love and positivity.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Our home school agreement is attached to the email, for parents and carers to read and accept via the Arbor portal. We ask for this to be done prior to our return to school on Tuesday 26th August 2025.



WE INVITE YOU TO...

...MEET THE TEACHER



(YEAR 1 - YEAR 6 TEACHERS)

- Wednesday 27th August at 6pm
- A presentation from Mrs Tomkins including information for parents on e-safety
- An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, learn about the curriculum in their new class and classroom routines

A READING CULTURE AT GILMORTON

This year, in years 1 - 6, your child will receive a new style reading record and home reading will be a priority in all classes which will be monitored closely. We want our children to be exposed to the highest quality reading and these reading records will be used to promote lots of high quality home reading. Find out about the year group's recommended texts at the 'meet the teacher' event.

We hope children have enjoyed taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at their local libraries. Please remember to bring their certificate into school on return for 15 house points!

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

To ensure the reading record is used to promote the link between home and school reading; We kindly ask parents and carers to contact school staff via the school email, telephone, or by speaking directly with classroom staff during drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not contact staff via their personal email addresses. All communication must go through the school office. This helps ensure that messages are managed promptly, professionally, and by the appropriate members of staff.

As in previous years, staff will continue to be present on the playground and at classroom doors before and after school. We strongly encourage you to speak with them, they are always happy to listen and assist.

For families using the County Bus Service, please refer to earlier correspondence regarding communication procedures now being online. Also, ensure your Arbor account is set up and ready for the new academic year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM - IMPORTANT REMINDER

It is important to us that your child feels proud to be a part of our school community and they represent our school values through their smart school attire. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform for their return to school, further information on our uniform policy can be found on our school website.

Non PE days;

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or dress (blue summer dress acceptable)
- Light blue polo top
- Burgundy fleece, sweatshirt or cardigan (no hoodies)
- All black school shoes
- Hair accessories must be kept minimal and match the school colours or plain black.
- No jewellery, with the exception of simple earring studs

PE days;

- Navy (plain) leggings, joggers or cycling shorts of an appropriate length
- Light blue sports t-shirt
- Burgundy fleece, sweatshirt or hoody
- Appropriate trainers
- Long hair tied back
- Small studded earrings to be removed or taped
- No base layers

Make-up, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not permitted.

If your child is unable to tie their own laces, we politely ask that non laced shoes are worn.

Hair accessories must be within our school colours and kept minimal, no large bows/headbands.

Please ensure all of your children's items are clearly labelled with their name.

A water proof coat will be required each day to ensure pupils are prepared for weather changes.

Any non uniform items of clothing/accessories that the pupils wear to school will be asked to be removed and if necessary a spare item of clothing will be provided.

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

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The school gates open at 8:45am

School starts at 8:50am, when all pupils should enter their classrooms

Pupils will be marked late on the register from 9:00am, as this is when lessons begin

Late arrivals must report to the school office

The school day finishes at 3:30pm

Parents/Guardians are not permitted to collect their child early for an out of school club, such as swimming, dancing, football etc

All end of day arrangements must be communicated via Arbor or the school email address

Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 26th August 2025 - Thursday 16th October 2025 <small>(Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025)</small>
HALF TERM
Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
SPRING TERM
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026
HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026
EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM
Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026 <small>(Closed for Bank Holiday Monday 4th May)</small>
HALF TERM
Monday 1st June 2026 - Thursday 9th July 2026
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Teacher days:

- Thursday 21st August 2025
- Friday 22nd August 2025
- Friday 17th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

Please be advised that the Teacher Training Days are school closure days for pupils.

MEET YOUR NEW CLASSES!

The 2024/25 academic year saw our school refining our vision;

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EYFS

Goldfinches Class



Year 1

Robins Class



Year 2

Kingfishers Class



Year 3

Starlings Class



Year 4

Ospreys Class



Year 5

Red Kites Class



Year 6

Golden Eagle Class



Senior Leadership Team

Mrs P Tomkins, Head of School, Lead DSL

Mrs R Spadaccini, Deputy DSL

Mrs S Gates, SENCO, Deputy DSL

Classroom Teachers

Mrs O Moss, EYFS Classroom Teacher

Miss E Ward, Year 1 Classroom Teacher

Mrs S Gates, Year 1 Classroom Teacher

Miss N Franklin, Year 2 Classroom Teacher

Mrs R Spadaccini, Year 3 Classroom Teacher

Mrs S Simons, Year 4 Classroom Teacher

Miss H Mancey, Year 5 Classroom Teacher

Mr J Press, Year 6 Classroom Teacher

Support Staff

Mrs K Louch, HLTA

Mrs C Mahon, ELSA, Teaching Assistant

Mrs M Elliott, Teaching Assistant

Miss P Barr, Teaching Assistant

Miss P Smyth, Teaching Assistant

Mrs U Raman, Teaching Assistant

Mrs D Morgan, Inclusive Learning Partner

Mrs L Taylor, Inclusive Learning Partner

Mrs C Davidson, Learning Support Assistant

Mrs A Welburn, Learning Support Assistant

Mrs J Graham, Midday Supervisor

Miss S Roberts, Midday Supervisor

Mrs S Andrews, Assistant Business Partner, Deputy DSL

Mrs L MacLellan, Admin Assistant

We are currently recruiting for a Premises Officer and Learning Support Assistant!

Who's who at Gilmorton School!

Autumn Term 2025/26

Tuesday 26th August - Welcome back to school!

Wednesday 27th August - Year 1 -6 meet the teacher at 6pm.

Tuesday 2nd September - FOGS meeting 7:30pm at The Crown Inn.

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 Morning

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.

IPAT Vacancies

Please follow the below website for full details;

<https://inspiringprimaries.uk/working-in-our-trust/vacancies/>

Premises Officer - Gilmorton

Inclusive Learning Partner - John Wycliffe

Learning Support Assistant - Gilmorton

Higher Level Teaching Assistant - Dunton Bassett Primary School

PUPIL ATTENDANCE

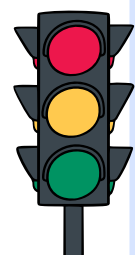
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

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

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](#)

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)