



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 3rd October 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

What a fantastic week it has been at Gilmorton!

The children are now fully immersed in their curriculums and visiting classrooms shows them thinking hard and making excellent progress. In collective worship, we came together to celebrate Harvest, sharing gratitude and reflecting on our community which culminated today with a beautiful church service led by Starlings Class. It was also such a joy to welcome so many parents to our first Open Afternoon of the year on Wednesday - exploring all things OPAL and experiencing the magic of lunchtime play in action. Thursday brought a burst of creativity as we celebrated National Poetry Day, with every class learning and performing some truly inspiring poetry. And what a weekend we had last weekend which the children are still talking about! Last week's circus event was absolutely unforgettable - please take a look at the poster from FOGS to see the incredible amount of money you have all helped raise for our children. A truly spectacular achievement!

Wishing you all a lovely, well-deserved weekend.

Mrs Tomkins

VALUES

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

EYFS - Amelia & Gabriel
Year 1 - Chester & Poppy
Year 2 - Oria
Year 3 - Jasper & Willow
Year 4 - Molly & Louis
Year 5 - Heidi & Indiana
Year 6 - Evie & Oli V



Headteacher
Award



Thank
You!

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!](#)

Harvest Service

A huge well done to Starling Class, who led a fantastic Harvest Church Service this week. The children told the Parable of the Sower through drama, sharing the message with confidence, creativity, and great teamwork. Their performance helped everyone reflect on the importance of kindness, gratitude, and helping others.

The class would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the school and wider community who brought in donations for the local foodbank. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

All donated items will be passed on to the foodbank following the Church Service this Sunday.



Parents Evening



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

The appointments will be available to book via your Arbor account from 9am, Saturday 4th October.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Friday 10th October we invite children to wear something yellow along with their normal school uniform

We will be taking part with thousands of schools, communities and companies wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in - and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone.

Things can get better.



UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS



07/10/25 - Y5/6 Girls Football

Deadline to express interest 29/09/25

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 8/10/25

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



Thank You for Supporting Our OPAL Parent Session

A big thank you to all the parents who attended our recent OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) session. It was wonderful to have your support and to see so many of you engaging with this important part of our school life.

We hope you enjoyed seeing a session in action and witnessing the children explore, create, and collaborate in such a joyful and meaningful way. It was a real celebration of creativity, resilience, and compassion in play.

We would love your continued support!

To help us keep developing and enriching our OPAL provision, we're looking for the following items:

- **Wellies** for our communal welly rack (any sizes welcome)
- **Waterproofs** to keep children dry in all weathers
- **Pushchairs and suitcases** for imaginative and role play
- **Small world toys** (e.g. animals, people, vehicles, dinosaurs)

If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These can be dropped in the boxes under the cover at the front of school please.

- **Clean gravel and sand** (not sharp or red)
- **Wooden pallets** – we're aiming for around 30 in total
- **Hay bales**
- **Tyres**

If you have any of these latter items to donate, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable drop-off time.

Thank you once again for helping us make play a central and powerful part of our school day!

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT ON ESAFETY



What about **WHATSAPP**?

Do you know the **minimum age** to use this? What are the **risks**?



Unwanted contact

to contact somebody on WhatsApp, all you need is their phone number, which could expose you to unwanted messages or calls

Inappropriate content

messages are end-to-end encrypted which means that the content cannot be monitored. This means that your child could see or hear harmful or upsetting content e.g. pornography or violence.

Location sharing

live location feature means that your child could reveal their current location to others

Cyberbullying

children could be bullied, feel left out or deliberately excluded or removed from groups

Oversharing

privacy features, such as disappearing and 'view once' messages, might mean that your child feels safe to reveal private or risky information or images. However, there is always a risk that this could be copied and shared



SafeguardED



WhatsApp safety guide for parents



13+

WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58%

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37%

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5 tips to keep kids safe on **WhatsApp**



1 **Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



2 **Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



3 **Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



4 **Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



5 **Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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(NEW DATES ADDED)

Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day

Monday 13th October - School photo day

Monday 13th October - RESCHEDULED EYFS Parents Phonics Workshop 3:30pm

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

Thursday 6th November - FOGS PJ Party

Thursday 13th November - Year 4 Day Trip

Wednesday 19th November - Year 6 Day Trip

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

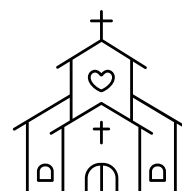
Saturday 4th Oct - Church cleaning at 10:30am - all welcome!

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

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



IPAT Vacancies

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

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: 97.6%

Year 3: 98.3% Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

Year 4: 98.6%

Year 5: 97.2%

Year 6: 98.9%

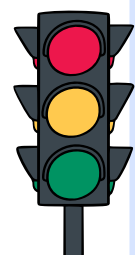
PUPIL ATTENDANCE

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

We're delighted to share that Happy's Circus raised an amazing £4,800 last weekend! With 600 seats filled, generous programme sponsors, and a fantastic volunteer team, it was truly a community success – thank you!

The money raised will go towards much-needed playground improvements as part of our ongoing investment in the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) scheme. Alongside the £20,000 already raised through grants awarded to FOGS from Severn Trent's Community Foundation and the Parish Council, this will help us continue building a richer play environment for our children.

Looking ahead to our busiest period, please see our calendar of events below.

Here are the next dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th November – PJ Party: taking place at school. Details to follow soon...

Monday 10th November – Donation Week: helping us prepare for our much-loved Christmas events...

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support!

FOGS – Friends of Gilmorton School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sep25 – Dec25

Sep	Oct	Nov
Saturday 27th 12pm-4pm Happy's Circus The Pavillion Gilmorton Family fundraiser	Monday/Tuesday 6.30pm FOGS planning meeting	Thursday 6th PJ Party EYFS/KS1 – 5pm-6.15pm KS2 6.30pm 7.45pm
Week of 10th Donations week EYFS/KS1 – Christmas pudding ingredients KS2 - tombola items	Friday 28th Dress down day All classes to bring a rainbow hamper donation. Colours will be allocated prior	Thursday 11th Christmas fair 5.30pm - 8pm at school

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Member Association

FOGS – Friends of Gilmorton School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Jan26 – July26

Jan	Feb	March
TBC	TBC	TBC
April	May	June
TBC	TBC	TBC

Friday 12th
Elfridges
Christmas gift shop
during school hours.
Children visit in their
class groups.

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Following the huge success of the visit from Happy's Circus, and of course our wonderful FOGS volunteers, a whopping £4,800 has been raised for our school.

**A BIG TOP THANK YOU
FROM US TO YOU...
THE AUDIENCE!**

**AND ANOTHER THANK YOU TO OUR
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PROGRAMME SPONSORS**

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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
BASKETBALL MINI OLYMPICS
STREETDANCE GYMNASTICS
PARACHUTE GAMES MINI ROUNDERS
CRASH-MAT GAMES TAG RUGBY
DODGEBALL CAPTURE THE FLAG
ARTS & CRAFTS AND MORE!

SIBLING ALWAYS HALF PRICE

EXCELLENT INDOOR OUTDOOR FACILITIES

HALF TERM VENUES
BROCKINGTON
OLD MILL PRIMARY
STAFFORD LEYS

8:15 am EARLY DROP 9 am - 3 pm NORMAL DAY

Leicestershire County Council Department for Education

BOOK ONLINE AT ... www.footballandfitness.co.uk



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



spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only

Musical Theatre

Friday
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm



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