



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

## MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

It's been a busy and vibrant week here at school, full of autumnal energy!

A personal highlight for me has been hearing children around school confidently discussing their maths reasoning in their classrooms – such fantastic progress. All children in KS2 now have their TimesTables Rockstars logins, and Miss Ward is buzzing with excitement to set up some friendly battles across the school – so get practising!

This week also saw our children take part in golf and football competitions, as well as enjoying a fun visit from the book bus today.

A huge thank you to all the parents who completed our parent survey – we've shared some of your wonderful feedback on the school Facebook page. We truly value the time you took to share your thoughts, and as a leadership team, we are reflecting carefully on your input so we can continue to grow and improve.

I hope to see many of you at the circus this weekend – not something you get to say every day!

Mrs Tomkins

## VALUES

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

- EYFS - Boden & Orla**
- Year 1 - Rosa & PoRo**
- Year 2 - Whole Class**
- Year 3 - Franco, George & Liberty**
- Year 4 - Kate & Florence**
- Year 5 - James & Elliott**
- Year 6 - Remy & Isla**



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 FESTIVAL**

Year 3 Starling class invite the wider community to Harvest festival on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9:15am

It will be a service of thanks incorporating our school value of thankfulness led by the Starling Class children.

The retiring collection will be donated to the local food bank along with the produce kindly gifted by the families of Gilmorton Chandler Primary School and local community. If you feel you can bring an item to donate that would be great.

All Saints Church harvest is on Sunday 5th October at 11am, they will also be hosting "Little Saints" which is a service for families with pre-school children at 10am.



Today we welcomed the Book Bus to our school and the children had a wonderful time looking through the books and choosing their latest reads!

Thank you to all the parents who bought books, your generosity means lots of new books for our school library.

**THANK YOU!**



## **UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS**



**01/10/25 - Y5/6 Boys Football**  
Deadline has passed

**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

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

## WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT ON ESAFETY

### SCREENTIME

Lots of parents worry about it, but we don't think you should worry about screentime - it's not **how long** they are online but **what and when they are doing** that counts (and the same goes for grown-ups, like in the Will Ferrell video above). You can use the control settings near the top of this page to regulate screen time in general and on specific apps, but beyond that we recommend you follow the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital 5 A Day' and help your children to aim for each of the targets in this pie chart.

**Children's Commissioner**

**Digital 5 A Day**  
Simple steps to a balanced digital diet and better wellbeing

The UK Chief Medical Officers agree - check out their version of what counts.

### WORRIED about their SCREENTIME??

Do you know **HOW LONG YOUR CHILD SPENDS** online daily?

Visit [screentime.lgfl.net](http://screentime.lgfl.net) for advice and tips to manage screentime

**39% Agree** **44% Disagree**

"I find it hard to control my child's screen time"

Agreement by age of child

Age Group	Agree	Disagree
3-4	24%	32%
5-7	32%	37%
8-10	46%	45%
11-17	45%	45%

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Children spent an average **3 hours 5 minutes per day** accessing the internet, across smartphones, tablets and computers
- Four in ten (39%) parents of children aged 3-17 report finding it **hard to control their child's screentime**

“ When I grow up, I want to be an iPhone so my mum will talk to me ”

~ London pupil

Download the app from [screentime.lgfl.net](http://screentime.lgfl.net)

**MAKES YOU THINK...**

Talk to your child about their device use, but remember yours, too



## Autumn Term 2025/26

(NEW DATES ADDED)

- 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
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Church Service 9:15am - All Welcome
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October - School photo day
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 - London
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bosworth Battlefield
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Staff Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED

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

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November - FOGS PJ Party
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Year 4 Day Trip
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Day Trip
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - FOGS Dress Down Day
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - EYFS Nativity Production
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - EYFS Nativity Production
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Panto EYFS/Year 1
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December - FOGS Christmas Fayre
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - FOGS Elfridges
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Choir Concert 3pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Guitar Concert 3pm
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Panto Year 2-6
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Church Service - Year 5 to lead

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**Christmas Holiday**

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



### NOTICES FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH

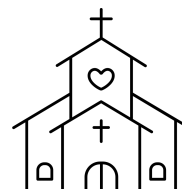
**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Church cleaning at 10:30am - all welcome!

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 11am** - Holy Communion

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Harvest lunch at the Village Hall

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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/>

**Director of Finance & Operations - IPAT**  
**LSA - John Wycliffe**

### 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: 99.4%**
- Year 2: 97.9%**
- Year 3: 98.5%** Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.
- Year 4: 98.5%**
- Year 5: 97.2%**
- Year 6: 99.3%**

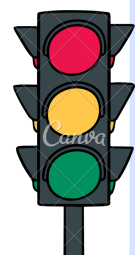
## PUPIL ATTENDANCE

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](#)

# FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS



Happy's Circus – Sold Out!

Wow—600 tickets gone! If you missed out, don't worry—you can still join us this Saturday at The Pavilion from 12pm for fun, games, tasty food, and drinks.

Don't forget to grab your circus programme! It's bursting with local discounts, special offers, and a competition to win a £40 Joseph Morris voucher.

Every penny raised goes towards the playground renovation project – thank you for your support in helping make it happen!

Coming soon...

Exciting FOGS events are on the way – watch this space!

## STEP RIGHT UP!

★ ★  ★ ★  
**THE GREATEST LITTLE  
PROGRAMME ON EARTH!**


**CIRCUS PROGRAMME – £2.50**

Packed with fun and fabulous local vouchers!



★ Includes exclusive offers from: ★

-  The Snug at Gilmorton Village Shop
-  The Dog & Gun
-  Celsius Tanning
-  The Facial Clinic
-  Lutterworth Leisure Centre
-  Mandy Spurr Reflexology

Plus...

 Your chance to WIN a £40 Joseph Morris Voucher 

or a sweet treat to make your day extra magical!

 All proceeds go to Friends of Gilmorton School   
Supporting our Playground Renovation Project—  
let's build something wonderful together!

## 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](http://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](mailto:gemma.foreman@leics.gov.uk)



spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only

# Musical Theatre

Friday  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

07971073530 / 07849168639  
[www.funstareducation.co.uk](http://www.funstareducation.co.uk)