



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 19th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM MRS TOMKINS

This week we have loved welcoming Harold the giraffe and his friends from Coram Life Education to Gilmorton! Every class enjoyed engaging workshops carefully aligned with our PSHE curriculum, exploring important themes such as Online Behaviours, Calming the Busy Mind in a World of Technology, and Protecting Ourselves, Body and Mind. These sessions supported our children in understanding the opportunities and risks of living in a digital world, building on the guidance we also shared with you during our Meet the Teacher evening. As mentioned then, the website ParentSafe is a fantastic resource to help you continue the conversation at home and ensure your children are safe and supported online.

We were also delighted to welcome Phil from church earlier in the week, who led our collective worship and continued our theme of People of Faith. He shared more of the story of Ruth, helping us reflect on loyalty and how we can support others in our daily lives. Meanwhile, Mr Press accompanied a group of children to the South Leicestershire Schools' table tennis tournament. He was incredibly proud of their determination and teamwork - well done to everyone who represented Gilmorton!

Amongst the staff, the Great Gilmorton Bake Off is still in full swing. Last week Mrs Tomkins rose to the challenge of French Fancies, and this week Mrs Elliott wowed us all with her chocolate hobnobs! Bake Off fans will know that we are bravely taking on the technical challenges each week - with delicious results.

We hope you all have a fabulous weekend, and don't forget to keep spreading the word about our upcoming circus event - it promises to be spectacular, and there are still tickets available!

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 - Lulu & Poppy

**Year 2 - Francesca &
Autumn**

Year 3 - Willow & Hollie

Year 4 - Kairo & Leo

Year 5 - Lottie & Neave

Year 6 - Austin & Annabelle



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



What **RULES** do **YOU SET** about being online?
What do you do that **WORKS**?

While parental concerns in some areas have increased considerably, their **enforcement of rules appears to be diminishing**, partly due to parents' **resignation** about their **ability to intervene** in their children's online lives.

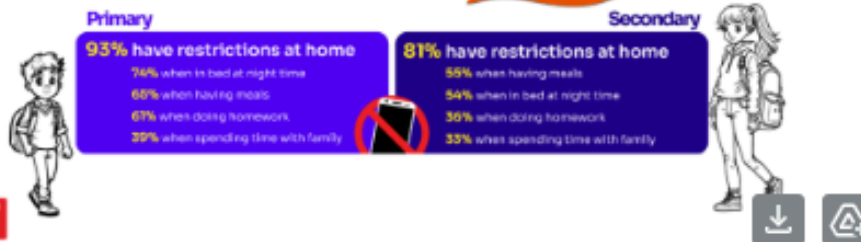


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Source: Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2025



Do you **RESTRICT** their **MOBILE PHONE USE**?
If so, have you found it **CHALLENGING**?



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Why not have a family agreement to:

- clarify what is allowed...or not
- establish ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time
- agree shared expectations to reduce arguments and keep everyone safe & healthy



Download it at parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement

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We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit Your paragraph text from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen



On Friday 26th September we will welcome the Book Bus to our school.

The bus will be with us from 11am until 4pm with all classes having the opportunity to step aboard throughout the day.

Parents & Carers are invited aboard from 3:10pm to purchase from the hand picked selection of quality books with up to 70% off RRP. Every book sold helps provide free books for our school classrooms and library, supporting a love of reading for all!

Payments can be made by cash or card or you may [Buy A Voucher](#) which can be redeemed by your child on the bus

UPCOMING PE COMPETITIONS

25/9/25 - Y5/6 Small Schools Football
Deadline has passed

01/10/25 - Y5/6 Boys Football
Deadline to express interest 24/09/25

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

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(NEW DATES ADDED)

- Friday 26th September - Book Bus
- Saturday 27th September - FOGS Circus
- Tuesday 30th September - EYFS Parents/Carers Phonics & Fine Motor Workshop
- Wednesday 1st October - Open Afternoon
- Friday 3rd October - Harvest Church Service 9:15am - All Welcome
- 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 - Staff Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED

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

- Thursday 6th November - FOGS PJ Party
- Wednesday 19th November - Year 6 Warning Zone
- 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
- Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
- 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



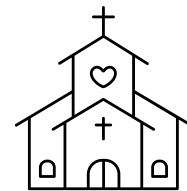
**NOTICES FROM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

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



IPAT Vacancies

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

Director of Finance & Operations

Class Attendance Data
Average this year.

- EYFS: 99.9%** 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: 98.9%**
- Year 3: 98.1%** Primary Education sets the foundation for further education and is fundamental for your child's academic achievement, wellbeing and wider development.
- Year 4: 99.0%**
- Year 5: 97.4%**
- Year 6: 99.5%**

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

spaces available, pay for remaining sessions only

Musical Theatre

Friday

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm



Education Through Performing Arts
07971073530 / 07849168639
www.funstareducation.co.uk

FRIENDS OF GILMORTON SCHOOL - FOGS

STEP RIGHT UP...

**IT'S
COMPETITION
TIME!**

**WITH JUST 1 WEEK TO GO, WE WANT TO SEE
EVERY SEAT UNDER THE BIG TOP FILLED
WHEN THE CIRCUS ARRIVE!**

**SO TODAY WE'RE KICKING OFF OUR
INTER-SCHOOL TICKET
CHALLENGE**

**THE FIRST CLASS TO SELL 50 CIRCUS TICKETS WILL
WIN A 'TREAT FRIDAY' CELEBRATION FOR
THE WHOLE CLASS!**

**ALL PARENTS NEED TO DO IS BOOK TICKETS THROUGH
PEOPLES FUNDRAISING – AND TO TELL THEIR CHILD
TO UPDATE THE CLASS REP IN THEIR YEAR, THEN
WE'LL DO THE REST**

TICKET

**GRAB YOUR TICKETS HERE:
[https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/
event/happys-circus#purchase](https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/event/happys-circus#purchase)**