



GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 6th March 2026

Value of the term: Resilience

Learners of the Week

- Ash Class: Aria, a wonderful Mathematician
- Oak Class: Dotty, a marvellous Mathematician
- Beech Class: Tahny an amazing Historian
- Chestnut Class: Naomi, a fantastic Author Reader
- Sycamore Class: Amelia, a super Mathematician



Next Week's Menu

WHISKED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY <i>The delivery</i>	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	PEPPERONI PIZZA	CHICKEN BURGER	ROAST CHICKEN	PASTA BOLOGNAISE	FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS
SIDES	SWEETCORN BAKED WEDGES	CRISP SALAD BAKED WEDGES	VEGGIE BUN	SALAD BREAD	BAKED BEANS OR GARDEN PEAS
MEAT-FREE	MARGHERITA PIZZA	VEGGIE BURGER	NUT LESS ROAST	VEGGIE BOLOGNAISE	QUORN MUGGETS AND CHIPS
DESSERTS	STRAWBERRY MOUSSE	SPRINKLE CAKE	FRUIT JELLY	FRUIT YOGHURTS	CHOCOLATE COOKIES

AVAILABLE DAILY: FRESH BAKED BAGUETTE, HOT PASTA BAR, OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO, ALTERNATIVE DESSERT, SALAD TABLE

WEDNESDAY: HOME MADE FRESH BREAD ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY FROM THE BREAD STATION. OUR MEAT IS RSP-TRACTOR APPROVED.

Autumn / Winter 2025_26
WEEK ONE
Dates: 31st - 2nd

WHISKED by Linn

World Book Day

Thank you all for your participation and support with wonderful dressing up - it has made it a special day at school to keep our positive focus on the importance of books and reading as well as share some of our best books and inspiration with each other. All children have been gifted a book to enjoy reading with you at home. We hope the children enjoyed the disco as another way to mark the day and make the most of costumes! Our thanks to DJ Kez and the GPA team for organising both the disco and the books.



Parent Consultation Meetings

Booking for our Spring Term consultation meetings will be available on Monday. We will send you a message on the App when they are live so that you can book.

Reporting Absences

When reporting your child's absence to school, please do ensure you leave enough information about why they are unwell and not able to attend school. Thank you.

Oak Curriculum Showcase

A rescheduled time for this is Friday 13th March at 2:45pm, we look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the children's enquiry learning.



Attendance Corner 100% attendance!

A huge achievement today - all pupils are in attendance at Gomeldon Primary School today! Well done everyone!

In other attendance news, letters are coming home with children today if you are at risk of persistent absence. Please do give them a read and let us know how we can support you.

Well-being

Please see attached for helpful parent information

At the National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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Source: Spending Habits of Children, page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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Gomeldon dates for your diary

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

13.3.26	Oak, Beech and Chestnut Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
17.3.26 & 19.3.26	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00pm
27.3.26	Sycamore Class Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
27.3.26	GPA Easter Bake Sale
30.3.26 – 12.4.26	Easter Holidays
13.4.26	First Day of Term 5
17.4.26	GPA first Frozen Friday (weather permitting!)
28.4.26	Book Fayre
11.5.26	SATs week for Year 6
18.5.26	Class Photographs
25.5.26 – 31.5.26	May Half Term Holiday
1.6.26	TD Day – no school for pupils
2.6.26	First Day of Term 6 for Pupils
11.6.26	Sports Day
17 – 19.6.25	Avon Tyrrell Residential – Year 5 and 6
3.7.26	Summer Fayre
16.7.26	End of Year Disco and Y6 Leavers party
20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers assembly @ 2:40pm
21.7.26	Last day of school for pupils
22.7.26	TD Day – no school for pupils

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SPACE FOR OUR
NEURODIVERGENT
COMMUNITY & 
THEIR SIBLINGS



INCLUSIVE PLAY

IT'S TIME TO BE FREE

Sunday 8th March

CHILD LEAD PLAY

A space with no judgment or expectation where children feel completely free to be themselves, to explore, express, make decisions and grow.



INFORMATION



JOIN US & EXPLORE

Bouncy Castle
Train set
Giant Lego
Tuff trays - sensory play
Swivel chairs
Wheelie boards
Sensory den
Soft play
Balance boards
Sensory steps
Colouring corner

 Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre

 £5 per child // £3 per sibling
(Email us for sibling discount)

 wiltshireinclusiveactivities@hotmail.com

 12 years & under // 10.30am - 12.30pm

 To book - scan the QR code



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Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works - not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

Call us for more information or to ask for a space on: 0800 970 4669 or use the code opposite to sign up directly.

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/alltogether>



Family Hub
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March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance	26 Mar 7-8pm



Within My Reach

Time for Us

Would you like some support communicating as a couple?

Do you need help to understand each other and be better listeners to make positive changes in your relationship?
If so, then come along and join our group of like minded couples.

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Triple P Family Transitions

**Struggling With
Co-Parenting?
You're Not Alone.**

**Are you finding co-parenting challenging?
Can't agree on the decisions being made for your
child?**

Parenting after separation isn't easy — but you don't
have to go through it alone.

Join our co-parenting programme and connect with

other separated parents/carers on a similar journey.

This supportive programme is designed to help you navigate the
challenges of shared parenting and will empower you to put your
child's wellbeing first.

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Meet your FAMILY NAVIGATOR

"My name is Sam,
I am your local Family Navigator from Wiltshire Family Hubs, I will be here in the Library and the local community, come and talk to me about what life is like looking after children and young people, and come see what children's groups, events and support we have on offer. I look forward to meeting you."

**Salisbury Library 10-12pm Monday
and Friday**
**Wilton Library 10-12pm 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month**
**Tisbury Library 10-12pm 2nd and 4th
Tuesday**
**Old Sarum pantry 9.30-11.30
Wednesday**



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SOUTH WILTS
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YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

This event is an exciting opportunity for you to visit our school and talk to students, staff and subject leaders. There will be a presentation from our headteacher, subject and enrichment information, and tours of the school.

No booking required



Wednesday 25 March 2026
17:30 - 19:00



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