



Primary School

GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 23rd January 2026

Value of the term: Resilience

Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Imogen, a wonderful Author Writer
 Oak Class: Adalyn, a super Author Reader
 Beech Class: Otis, an amazing Engineer
 Chestnut Class: Steph, a wonderful Athlete
 Sycamore Class: Amelia, a fantastic Athlete

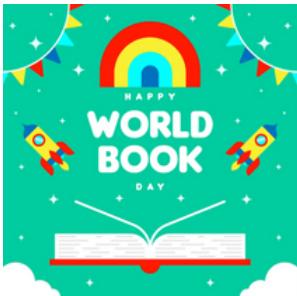
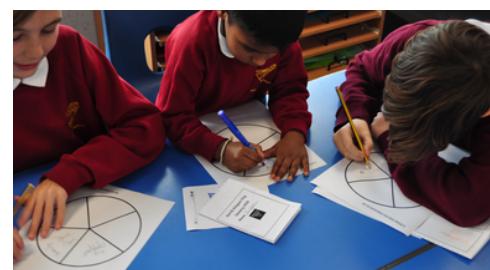


Next Week's Menu



Rocksteady

Rocksteady is up and running at Gomeldon, with positive reviews from both pupils and parents. If you're interested, do have a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter, there are a limited number of spaces remaining!



World Book Day

Although still a little way off, I wanted to share with you our plans for World Book Day. We will be celebrating this year on Friday 6th March. Children are invited to dress in something inspired from a favourite book. We are excited to share that there will be a disco hosted by GPA after school to make the most of our outfits - more information will follow.

District Sports After School Club - Fridays

I am delighted to report that today we are running our first after school club on a Friday. We really need more children to attend if this is to be a viable option going forward. If this would be useful to you, but you are not yet signed up, please do make contact with District Sports on the following link to book for future Fridays!

<https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/term/210>

Well-being

Please see attached for helpful parent information

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents & carers need to know about...

PLAYSTATION 5

The PlayStation 5 is the next-generation video game console from Sony. It offers improved graphics, sound and much quicker loading times. It also has a new controller with motion- and force-feedback features for a more immersive experience. Parents should note that there are two different versions available that support discs or digital downloads.

Safely setting up your Playstation 5

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray

PlayStation 5 Blu-ray is the larger of the two consoles, although not by a lot. It enables you to play games on disc or by digital download. Although all new games are available digitally, the disc drive is still useful to watch movies from discs as well as play most existing PlayStation 4 games you own. It also enables you to purchase second-hand games on a disc, which is often much cheaper.

Family Settings

Both PlayStation 5 models offer important family controls that should be set up before your family starts using the system. Although this can take a little time, it ensures that children have their own accounts and sets limits on spending, interactions and age ratings. If done correctly, children cannot circumvent these controls that require the parent's password to alter.

Setting Limits on Play Time

You can specify how long, and at which times of day, the console can be used to play without needing a password. Talk to your children and agree how long is appropriate, then set this on their profile, so it's something they understand and accept. You can set different time limits on each of the users on the system.

Managing Spending

You can set a limit on spending via Parental Controls. This means that any additional purchase requires your password. Another alternative is not to put credit card details into your account and instead add credit as they need it using the book token-like cards in-store or online. A nice feature on the PlayStation is setting an amount of pocket money to spend on games each month.

Setting Age Ratings

You can set a limit that stops any older-rated games being played without a password being entered. This is not only a good way to ensure children are playing appropriate content but is a good chance to talk about the games they are playing.



Set up Parent Accounts

Setting up a parents' account is important so you can manage the console for your family. After plugging your console in, connect to the internet and wait for updates to finish. Once updated, create a parent user account with an email address you regularly check and password specified.

Types of Accounts



Set up Child Accounts

Setting up child accounts are important to be able to limit play time, spending and apply age ratings automatically. Separate accounts for each child user can be set up. It's a good idea to specify a password for the guest account so children cannot access this also.



Meet our expert

Andy Robertson is a freelance family technology expert who often works for the BBC. He runs the Family Gamer TV YouTube channel and contributes to a range of national media on the topic of video games and family.



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Gomeldon dates for your diary

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

2.2.26	NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. campaign
10.2.26	Safer Internet Day
13.2.26	TD Day – no school for pupils
16.2.26 – 22.2.26	February Half Term Holiday
23.2.26	First Day of Term 4
6.3.26	World Book Day
17.3.26 & 19.3.26	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00pm
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!)
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

**ROCK
STEADY**

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



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98%

**OF PARENTS SAY
THEIR CHILD LOVES OR
ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY
BAND LESSONS**

94%

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IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE**

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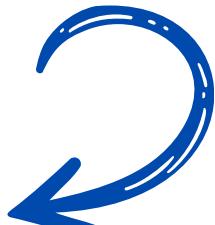
JOIN US FOR FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FUN!

ACTIVITIES CAMP



ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, XANTEN WAY, SP2 9FL
08:30AM – 15:30PM

SCAN TO BOOK



AGES 5-12 YEARS

FREE BREAKFAST PROVIDED FOR ALL

**FREE LUNCH PROVIDED FOR THOSE
CHILDREN IN RECEIPT OF FSM.**