



Primary School

GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 12th February 2026

Value of the term: Resilience

Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Leo, a marvellous Mathematician

Oak Class: Lochlann, an amazing Author Writer

Beech Class: Beau, a super Scientist

Chestnut Class: Sophie, a great Philosopher

Sycamore Class: Noah, an amazing Geographer



Next Week's Menu



Traffic and Parking

There was an incident this morning where two buses were unable to pass by parked cars along the triangle this morning. Please do not park where there is limited space for buses, they are a regular feature on East Gomeldon Road at that time of the morning, we must be extremely careful not to block the public highway. Please can I also remind you that we must not park over the gate entrance to the field.

Half Term Holiday

A reminder that it is now the February Half Term Holiday for children as there is a Teacher Development Day happening tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Swimming Gala Win

A huge well done to the Swimming Team who took part in the Swimming Gala yesterday at 5 Rivers Leisure Centre. I am delighted to share that they beat many other local schools to take first place, bringing medals back to school - congratulations to everyone on the team and thanks to Mrs Morgan for attending with the children as well as parents who were able to help with transport and make the event possible - your support is very much valued.



TD Days for 2026-2027 for your diary

Pickwick Academy Trust and the Governing Body have approved the following dates as Teacher Development Days for the next academic year.:

- 1st September 2026
- 19th, 20th and 21st October 2026
- 12th February 2027
- 28th May 2027

Well-being

Please see attached for helpful parent information

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY

Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.



EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may accidentally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.



PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.



IDEAS

ALL THE ANSWERS

$$12+12 = 1212$$

NEWS

MATHS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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Gomeldon dates for your diary

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

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
2.3.26	Year 1 & 2 Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
6.3.26	World Book Day
13.3.26	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!)
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



Pickwick Papers – Edition 31 – Term 3 – Feb 2026

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

It has been so good to finally see the dark, damp days of early January changing into brighter, sunnier weather towards the end of this term!

It has been a pleasure to spend time in schools across the Trust again this term and see how engaged and involved the children are in their learning.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and fantastic break – I look forward to seeing you in Term 4.



World Religion and World Views Day

Schools across Pickwick Academy Trust celebrated 'World Religion and World Views Day' this term, sharing their experiences and photos with each other via a Padlet digital bulletin board.

St George's Bourton looked at Hinduism and 'met' some Hindu Gods. Pitton took their school value of respect and looked at this in different religions, presenting their findings in assembly and creating special artwork.

Corsham explored different faiths, such as Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Humanism through assemblies, focusing on the importance of supporting each other and having respect and compassion for all.

At Winterbourne Earls they held a whole school celebration of kindness, compassion and community, exploring how world faiths encourage people to care for one another and live out kindness. This was rooted in their school's Christian message Ephesians 4:16 "As each one does their part, we grow in love".

Train to Teach with us

Do you know someone who is keen to become a teacher? We can help! We have partnered with the [OTT SCITT network](#) to train teachers through Pickwick.

We have training hubs in Corsham (North Wiltshire) and Salisbury (South Wiltshire) and our strong network of schools enables us to provide school placements which are local to trainees. We offer primary and secondary, and both full and part time routes. Find out more [here](#).

Shining Stars Pre-School

From 1 January, Bourton Preschool and Zeals Preschool became part of St George's School, and is now known as St George's Shining Stars Preschool.

The Preschool provides high-quality Early Years' experience for children aged 2-4.

Being part of the school supports strong continuity, nurturing care and a smooth transition into Reception.





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Would you like some support
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Do you need help to understand each other
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changes in your relationship?

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"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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WHY CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS*

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH FORMS THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, AND ACADEMIC WELL-BEING. WHEN CHILDREN FEEL SAFE, SUPPORTED, AND UNDERSTOOD, THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO THRIVE—BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. RAISING AWARENESS, CREATING OPEN CONVERSATIONS, AND RECOGNISING EARLY SIGNS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

FIVE TO THRIVE

THE FIVE TO THRIVE APPROACH HELPS FAMILIES:

- BUILD SECURE, RESPONSIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT EMOTIONAL REGULATION
- SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR POSITIVELY
- REDUCE STRESS AND STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE
- CREATE CALMER, MORE CONNECTED HOME ENVIRONMENTS

WHEN FAMILIES HAVE STRONG RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS, CHILDREN ARE BETTER ABLE TO THRIVE, MANAGE STRESS, FACE CHALLENGES, MANAGE EMOTIONS, AND FLOURISH SOCIA



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Five to Thrive - Primary Years 6-11 years

Five to Thrive - Teen Approach 11 years+

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IN ATTENDING A COURSE. WE WILL
CONTACT YOU WITH
UPCOMING SESSIONS IN
YOUR AREA.

[CLICK HERE](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES

HERE ARE SOME REPUTABLE UK-BASED SERVICES IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
NEEDS GUIDANCE:

YOUNGMINDS PARENTS HELPLINE - 0808 802 5544

CHILDLINE - 0800 1111

NHS EVERY MIND MATTERS - [WELLBEING TOOLS AND ADVICE](#)

PLACE2BE - [SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT](#)

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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



Contact us

admissions@swgs.wilts.sch.uk



Full details

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

**SCHOOLS GUIDE
2026**

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SCHOOL OF THE YEAR
SOUTH WEST**

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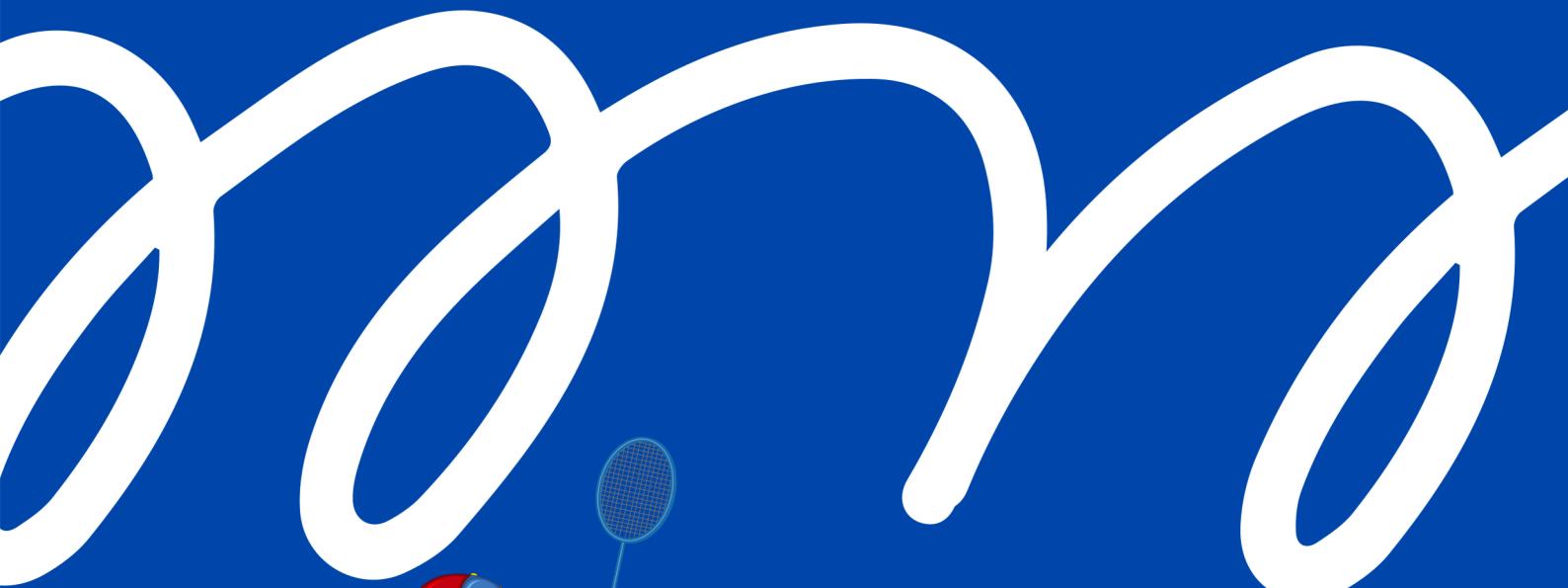
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Ms Levoir's Art Academy

Old Sarum Community Centre

9am to 3pm Drop Off

16th to 20th February

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For 7 to 11 year olds

1 day £35, 2 days £65,

3 days £95 4 days £125, 5 Days £145

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