

Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Nel a super Scientist

Oak Class: Theo, an amazing Mathematician

Beech Class: Layla, a marvellous Mathematician

Chestnut Class: George, a fantastic Mathematician

Sycamore Class: Daniel, a great Scientist



Next Week's Menu

WHISKED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	PASTA BOLOGNAISE Pasta, tomato sauce, mince, mushrooms, onion, garlic, herbs	CHEESEBURGER Beef, cheese, onion, bun	HOT DOG Beef, cheese, onion, bun	PIZZA PEPPERONI Pepperoni, cheese, tomato sauce	FISH 'N' CHIPS Fish, chips, tartar sauce, bread
SIDES	GARLIC BREAD Spring green beans	SUMMER PEAS	NEW SEASON POTATO WEDGES	ROAST NEW SEASON POTATOES	BAKED BEANS
HEAT-FREE	VEGGIE BOLOGNAISE Veggie, tomato sauce, mince, mushrooms, onion, garlic, herbs	VEGGIE BURGER Veggie, cheese, onion, bun	VEGGIE HOT DOG Veggie, cheese, onion, bun	PIZZA MARGHERITA Mozzarella, tomato sauce, basil	QUORN NUGGETS Quorn, onion, bun
DESSERTS	FRUITY ETON MESS Fruit, cream, chocolate, marshmallows	LEMON DRIZZLE Lemon, sugar, cream	TIFFIN Chicken, vegetables, rice	CHEESECAKE Cream cheese, sugar, biscuits	BETROOT BROWNIE Betroot, chocolate, cream
AVAILABLE DAILY	<p>FRESH BAKED BAGUETTE Freshly baked, served warm, 12 months supply.</p> <p>NOT PASTA BAR Pasta, tomato sauce, mince, mushrooms, onion, garlic, herbs.</p> <p>OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO Oven baked, served with butter, salt, and herbs.</p> <p>FRUIT Wedges of fresh fruit available instead of a dessert.</p> <p>SALAD TABLE Salad, dressing, croutons, cheese, tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce.</p>				
	<p>ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES All children have their own food allergies and intolerances. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances, please inform the school in writing prior to sending any food with us. We have a list of allergens on the 1st page of our primary school menu. Link on our website: www.gomeldon.sch.uk</p> <p>OUR MEAT IS RED TRAFFIC LIGHT APPROVED</p> <p>WEEK ONE 1 Spring - Summer 2025 Dates: 21/9 - 19/10, 21/10 - 19/11, 23/11 - 19/12</p> <p>WHISKED by Clearidge</p> <p>SCAN ME FOR ALLERGEN INFORMATION</p>				

Year R and Year 6 Heights and Weights

If your child is in Year R or Year 6 there is a letter for you to read on the app from the school nursing team with a link inside for you to action.

GPA Fundraiser

Sorry to mention Christmas so early (!) but the children will soon be bringing home their Christmas Card designs. Please bring completed designs back to school where they will be processed. Instructions for completing these can be found at: xmas4schools.co.uk

Contact Data

It's that time of year when we are updating contact information held on file. Please email the office on admin@gomeldon.wilts.sch.uk with any updates to telephone numbers, emergency contacts or any other amendments you would like recorded.

Harvest Food Collection

We are pleased to be supporting the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Pantry this year. If you are able to make a donation of essential food and hygiene products, please bring items to school where we collect them in the school office for donation on Friday 3rd October.



Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that we are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our friendly and welcoming Local Governance Committee. There is an application for this on the app. If you would prefer a hard copy, please make contact with the school office.

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.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>



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Gomeldon Diary Dates

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

Additional Dates in BOLD.

8.10.25	Individual photographs
14.10.25 & 16.10.25	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00 pm
15.10.25	Oak Class curriculum showcase
23.10.25 – 2.11.25	October Half Term Holiday
3.11.25	First day of Term 2
24.11.25	Image Theatre Productions in school
12.12.25	Flu Vaccines
16.12.25	Christmas Carol Concert for Years 4, 5 and 6 @6pm
22.12.25 – 4.1.26	Christmas Holidays
5.1.26	First day of Term 3
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
5.3.26	World Book Day
17.3.26 & 19.3.26	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00pm
30.3.26 – 12.4.26	Easter Holidays
13.4.26	First Day of Term 5
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
17 – 19.6.26	Avon Tyrrell Residential for Years 5 & 6
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

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

At Gomeldon Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We work together following the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy to ensure this, respecting all members of the school's community and treating information with confidentiality.

September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Open Evening – Wednesday 24th September

We are delighted to announce the arrangements for our Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 24th September, 5.00pm – 7:00pm.

This is an event for students, Parents/Carers currently looking at secondary schools in the area, and is designed as a "Introduction to WSE". Therefore, if you haven't taken part in any of our recent Open Events, this is the perfect event for you to attend.

During the evening there will be an opportunity to hear from our Senior Leadership team, and to tour our school, led by some of our wonderful students. Whilst normal lessons will not be taking place, we will provide you with a glimpse into our school and an opportunity to explore our learning spaces.

After the tour, there will be a further opportunity to ask any questions you may have for our Senior Leadership Team and Students.

Refreshments will be available from our PTA.

If you would like to attend please book your place via the link below:

[Open Evening Booking Form](#)

If you are unable to make this event, we do still have some spaces available on our Year 6 Open Morning on Wednesday 17th September. Please follow the link on our Website.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Burley
Acting Headteacher

★ Year 6 Parents and Students ★ ★ - Come and see us? ★

Open Events for Year 6 Applicants

Open Evening

Thursday 25 September 2025

16:30-19:00

- no booking required

School Tours

Monday 6 October -
Thursday 23 October
2025. Book via the
QR code or visit our
website

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Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 4 October 2025, 1pm-6pm



Does your child love singing? If so they may enjoy the chance to become a chorister for a day. Children in years 2, 3, and 4 are welcome to enjoy a fun afternoon of singing and music at the Cathedral school and in Salisbury Cathedral, after which they will sing with the current choristers at an Evensong service.



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For more information contact
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or visit **salisburycathedral.org.uk**





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)

**Join us virtually on
Microsoft Teams;**

Wednesdays 10am-12pm

**8th October - 3rd December
(no session during October Half Term)**

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