

GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 17th October 2025

Value of the term: Relationships

Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Aria, a fantastic Author Writer Oak Class: Leo P, a wonderful Philosopher Beech Class: Eryk, an amazing Author Writer Chestnut Class: Hugo, a super Mathematician

Sycamore Class: Harry Noyce, a marvellous Mathematician





Harvest Donations

In case you missed it on social media, a big thank you to those of you who were able to donate towards our harvest donations this year. We are delighted that they have gone to a great local pantry!



Halloween

A reminder of our dress down day and bake sale on Wednesday 22nd October.

Children are invited to wear Halloween themed clothes for a £1 donation to GPA, but **NOT masks or face paints please**. If they don't fancy dressing up, simple non-uniform is also welcomed! If you are able to bake for the sale at the end of the school day, we would be very grateful! Please bring some money along to buy a tasty treat to start the half-term break.

Next Week's Menu



New menu coming next term! This will be uploaded on Wednesday of next week.

End of term

A reminder that Wednesday 22nd October marks the end of the first term at school. School begins again on Monday 3rd November!

Start of School

Just a gentle reminder for some that the time we expect all children to be in school to start the day is 8:50am. Please ensure that you are here in time for the lower gates so that your child can start the day with their peers when learning activities begin at 8:50am. Thank you.

Wrap-around Care

We are keen to add Friday after school to our wrap around care offer here at Gomeldon. If this is something that you would like to book, it will be available again after half term. If we have enough to run the club, we will get going in the first week!

A reminder that we have our own Morning Club running from 7:50am where you can drop at any time before the start of the school day for £4 a session. This can be booked on Scopay in the usual way.

After School Club is available Monday to Thursday until 5pm. This is booked directly with District Sports using the following link:

https://district-sports-south.classforkids.io/

Secondary School Applications - deadline!

A final reminder that the deadline for Secondary School applications is on 31st October. <u>https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home</u>

Christmas Box Appeal

Christmas Box Appeal
Bring joy to a life this Christmas

This week we enjoyed an assembly from the House of Opportunity and their Christmas box appeal. Each family has received a leaflet about how you can contribute to the appeal, making up a Christmas present to send. Last year we were pleased to donate approximately 30 boxes and would love to beat our personal best! The collection takes place on Monday 17th November. Thank you! https://houseofopportunity.org/what-we-do/christmas-box-appeal/

Years 5 and 6 Residential Trip

We are excited to share the news that our residential trip for Years 5 and 6 will be taking place again this year to Avon Tyrrell. Communications have gone home with information about how to secure your place on the trip in June!

https://avontyrrell.org.uk/





Remembrance

Every year at Gomeldon, we mark Remembrance with a display in school. This includes photographs of service personnel both past and present who have links with Gomeldon. If you have a family member who we can add to our display, we would love to hear from you! Please email a photograph to the school office.

Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 18th November, all parents are invited to take part in a reading workshop at school at 2:45pm in the school hall. It will cover ways you can support early reading with phonics as well as share our reading approach at Gomeldon.



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast

MASKED MESSAGES

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

may seem light-heartea, it can carry message that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to

PERMANENT DIGITAL

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Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



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FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE



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Gomeldon dates for your diary

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

22.42.25		
22.10.25	GPA bake sale and Halloween non-uniform day	
23.10.25 – 2.11.25	October Half Term Holiday	
3.11.25	First day of Term 2	
18.11.25	Parent Reading Meeting 2:45pm	
20.11.25	Beech, Chestnut and Sycamore Curriculum Showcase 2:45 -	
	3:15pm	
24.11.25	Image Theatre Productions in school	
12.12.25	Flu Vaccines	
12.12.25	Christmas Cafe	
16.12.25	Christmas Carol Concert for Years 4, 5 and 6 @6pm	
17.12.25	Christmas Lunch	
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 – 19.6.25	Avon Tyrrell Residential – Year 5 and 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	



OCTOBER HALF TERM 2025 JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS



Run by qualified tennis coaches and tennis leaders
Action packed sessions with lots of coaching, playing, & prizes
A great way to have fun and make friends.

Mon to Wed, 27 - 29 October, 3 mornings (9.30am to 12.30pm) or 3 shortdays (9.30amto 3.00pm)

Morning camp: £69.50 per child Short day camp: £99.50 per child

Players are placed in groups according to age and ability:

Mini Red: age 4 - 8 years
Mini Orange: age 8 - 9 years
Juniors: age 10 - 16 years

To book go to victoriaparktennis.org.uk, click on HOLIDAY CAMPS and then on the booking link. Or get in touch if you can't make all 3 days.

Victoria Park Community Tennis | 07865 049723

mail@victoriaparktennis.org.uk | www.victoriaparktennis.org.uk

No. 9 North Street Wilton, Salisbury SP2 OHA

01722 741444 Call to book a table



Monday 09:30 - 14:30

Tuesday 09:30 - 14:30

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 09:30 - 14:30

Friday 09:30 - 14:30

Saturday 09:30 - 15:30

Sunday Closed

Open until 15:30 in school holidays

Coffee | Creativity | Community

Speciality drinks, sweet treats and light bites with the option to craft

Allergy friendly options
Courtyard space
Child friendly
Takeaways welcome
Dog friendly

Adult craft workshops

Children's holiday 'crafternoons'

Family and friends time-together activities

Seasonal craft packs, busy baskets and colouring for all ages

Private hire available

Visit our website below for more information



www.thecraftycup.co.uk thecraftycup@myyahoo.com

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Monday 13th October10-11:30am

Tuesday 11th November 7-8:30pm

90 minutesession.Recordingavailablefor48hrs **£24.**

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk









Wiltshire Council

Support We Offer

We are here to help with a whole range of topics including:

Ideas around implementing routines and setting boundaries.

Help to understand your child's needs and build your confidence as a parent.

Help around finances, housing applications, debt support and accessing benefits.

Supporting you 'back to work'

Volunteering opportunities

We can help families access:

Healthy start vitamins

3-4 Year old Bookstart packs

Advice on local childcare and applying for funding.

Introductions to other services

Facebook

Our Wiltshire Family Hub
Facebook page is another way for
families to stay up to date with
current services. Make sure you
like and follow to stay in touch
with us.
Simply click here:



Get in touch with us

If you have any questions or would like more information about our services please call us on one of our numbers below or check out our website:

Freephone: 0800 970 4669

wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org

Other useful numbers:

Health visitor - Single Point of Access 0300 247 0090

National Breastfeeding helpline 0300 100 0212

Fearfree (Domestic Abuse support Service)
01225 775276

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Click here to visit our website

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk

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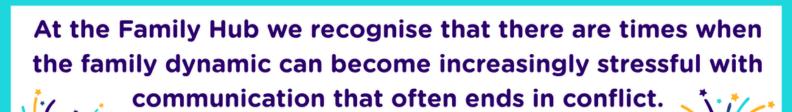
Family Hub
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Support for Families to Build Healthier </r>
Relationships

www.wiltshire family hubs.org.uk



Why not try Within My Reach?

Within My Reach is a four-week programme offered by Wiltshire Family Hubs, designed to support parents and carers living under the same roof who are seeking help in rebuilding a healthier relationship.

This program is ideal for couples and individuals alike—the flexibility allows either joint or solo participation.

Want to Get Involved? Here's How:
Request your place online. Sign-up is
easy:

Why not try - Triple P Family Transitions

Triple P Family Transitions is a five-week programme where co-parents can come along, separately, to learn strategies and skills to manage their emotions, learn coping strategies during separation and divorce and balance play, work and life as you transition through the change.

CLICK HERE

Choking and Strangulation

Did you know?

- Asphyxia (which also includes <u>choking</u> and <u>strangulation</u>) is the third most common cause of child accident deaths in the UK. Most of these accidents happen to children under 5.
- It takes just a few minutes for a baby to suffocate, and they are too
 weak to move themselves out of a position where they can't breathe.
 - For some top tips to avoid risk for your little one click the link -







MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Early Bird Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 – 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£128.25
Extended Club (15:00 – 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 – 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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