



GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 20th March 2026

Value of the term: Resilience

Learners of the Week

- Ash Class: Harrison, a super Athlete
- Oak Class: Rory, a wonderful Engineer
- Beech Class: Seb, a fantastic Computer Engineer
- Chestnut Class: Autumn, a great Historian
- Sycamore Class: Darcey, a super Scientist



Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you for your attendance at these this week, it has been wonderful to share the progress children are making in all sorts of ways across their learning. Thank you also for the completion of the school survey - we are delighted that so many families are pleased with the work of Gomeldon and that our pupils are so happy here!

Next Week's Menu

WHISKED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	RIG BREAKFAST	MEATBALL PASTA BAKE	BEEF LASAGNE	HOT DOG	FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS
SIDES	BAKED BEANS	BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS	BROCCOLI	BAKED BEANS OR GARDEN PEAS
HEAT-SEE	VEGGIE BIG BREAKFAST	HAC 'N CHEESE	VEGGIE LASAGNE	VEGGIE DOG	QUORN MUGGETS AND CHIPS
DESSERTS	FROSTED BANANA SQUARE	HABBLE CAKE	FRUIT JELLY	SPRINKLE CAKE	CHOCOLATE CHIP BITES

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

WHICHMADE FRESH BREAD ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY FROM THE BREAD BY ACTION

OUR MEAT IS BEEF TRACER APPROVED

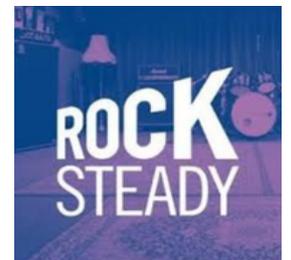
Autumn / Winter 2025-26 WEEK THREE Dates: 17/11 - 19/11

ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES

WHISKED by Catering

Rocksteady Performance

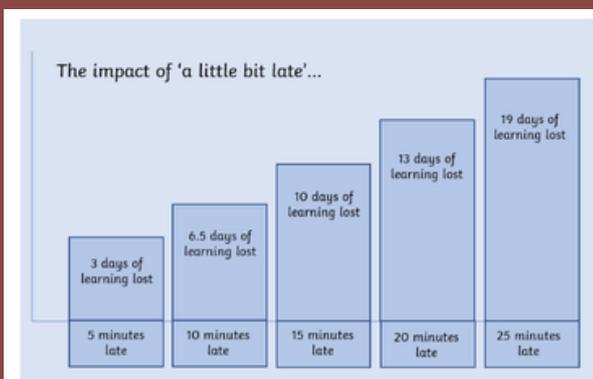
A huge well done to all of our Rockstars, who performed with confidence in our Rocksteady Concert this afternoon. We are so proud of you!



Arbor - Parent Portal

We have been in the process of migrating our administration system to Arbor and will soon be moving towards using this for parents too. In the near future this will look like a replacement for Scopay. Please look out for future communications about this - especially if you are a frequent attender at Morning Club.

Attendance Corner



Sycamore Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that this will take place on Friday 27th March at 2:45pm

Mini Marathon

A reminder to sign up for the mini-marathon which is taking place on Saturday 16th May. Please find below the information required, as well as the link to follow to register. The link will close on 26th March.

Dear Parents

Salisbury Schools' Mini Marathon 2026 Saturday 16th May 2026

The Mini Marathon competition will follow the same route as previous years from the playing fields at the rear of the Laverstock schools (Wyvern- St Edmund's and St Andrew's) across the downs and back. It is a huge event with over 1300 runners. Due to its success last year, we will again be using Ticketebo for all entries.

Race Categories and Timings:

Race	Distance	Start time
Adult(18 and over)	2300m	09:15
Y3 & 4 Girls	1900m	09:45
Y3 & 4 Boys	1900m	10:15
Y5 & 6 Girls	2300m	10:45
Y5 & 6 Boys	2300m	11:15
Presentations for all		12:00

The adults' race has traditionally been a race for parents/carers who run for their child's school along with a number of school staff. Thank you to those adults who choose to enhance the party atmosphere every year by running in fancy dress. We trust you will be entering again this year! Children run in their school PE kit to make identification easier.

Entry instructions

To enter as an adult or child in the above age groups, please follow the instructions on the Ticketebo link. Due to rising organisational costs, we have had to make a slight increase in the entry fee. The cost for adults is £12 and for children is £7. This includes a small admin fee for collating the entries and payment. You will need to enter each runner's race category, school, medical needs and emergency contact number for the day and then submit payment. Keep your tickets but you will not need to show your tickets on the day- just **arrive 30 minutes before your race**, find your school gazebo and register attendance with your school staff.

Tickets will be live from Monday 9th March and will close on Thursday 26th March . If parents miss this deadline, there will be no other way of entering for the event after this time. Entry sheets will be sent to your child's school for checking and then race numbers will be given out to you/your children at the beginning of May. Parents should receive email confirmation of entry. Any problems with entries/payment, please contact: support@ticketebo.co.uk

Here is the link for your entries. **Please do not hesitate or delay entering as there is a short window!**

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/salisbury-schools/salisbury-schools-mini-marathon-2026>

More information about arrangements on the day of the race will be sent nearer the time.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>

Gomeldon dates for your diary

Please note that some dates may be subject to change

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



London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Lessons

New Spaces Available!

Dear All,

We're excited to let you know that, we now have spaces available in our London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art- LAMDA speech & drama classes at your school.

These sessions are perfect for children who might need a boost in areas like clear speech, voice projection, or self-belief, as well as those who already enjoy drama and would benefit from developing their skills further.

What Happens in a LAMDA Lesson?

Each 20-minute weekly lesson is held during the school day usually in the afternoon, similar to how instrumental music lessons are organised.

Lessons are split into two engaging parts:

- Drama games and activities to develop confidence, creativity, and communication skills. These are enjoyable and fun!
- Performance practice focusing on vocal clarity, diction, expression and memory, through poetry or prose, which children practise and learn at home in small, manageable steps.

This layered learning builds valuable life skills such as self-discipline, independence, and presentation ability.

Optional Exams & Recognition

Our lessons prepare children for LAMDA exams, which are entirely optional. Those who do not take an exam still receive a homemade certificate in assembly to celebrate their hard work and growth. Exam fees will apply only to those who wish to be entered.

Current Schools & Feedback

LAMDA sessions are currently running at Pitton and Gomeldon Primary Schools, in my first groups last year, all 27 children got the highest score banding of 80% or above!

Both the head teachers and parents have given glowing feedback – head to the LAMDA page on www.dramaclubsalisbury.co.uk for all the testimonials!

Pricing:

£6 per lesson for small groups of up to 6 children. Childcare vouchers or tax free childcare vouchers can be used as payment. Payment is due in advance, half-termly or termly.

I'm offering a free taster session to take place before the children break up for Easter.

Spaces are limited and have been very popular so please contact me via whatsapp or email as soon as possible. Any questions please do contact me!

Warm wishes, Rosie Burgess

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EASTER

The SALISBURY MUSEUM

Hop into history with the family this Easter

Discovery Days:

Build a Community Museum

Tuesday 31 March, 10am - 4pm

Join us to build a pop-up community museum together. Design a display, try being a curator, or bring a special object to share.

Come along to spark creativity and help shape a museum made by the community.

Oak Apple Day

Tuesday 7 April, 10am - 4pm

Grovely Grovely and all Grovely! Celebrate May's Oak Apple Day a little early with us—a much-loved local tradition.

Discover the story behind this unique custom, then get hands-on making your own oak-leaf wreaths and accessories to take home.

Mini Monday - Easter Fun!

Monday 13 April, 10 - 11:30am

Hop into the Easter spirit with us! Little artists can get creative making their own seasonal crafts, including mini baskets, bunny cards and cheerful chicks. It's sure to be an EGG-cellent time for all! For ages 2–5.

Spring Fayre

Monday 4 May, 10am - 4pm

This year's Fayre brings the feel of a village fete with a full celebration of folk traditions.

Alongside favourites like Morris dancing, spinning and thatching, new highlights include live music, a kiddy ceilidh, a children's folk scratch orchestra, maypole and Longsword dancing, plus a collaborative willow art project.

Donation entry

Studio Takeover

Our studio creative space is yours! Enjoy an entire room full of dressing up, block building, Easter-themed arts and crafts, and a cosy book corner. Open to all ages **throughout the holiday!**

The Salisbury Museum is open daily, 10am–5pm

See website for further details: salisburymuseum.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)

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>



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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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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
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Full details
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