Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy

Diocese of Ely multi-academy trust

Together we work to succeed and flourish, to live life in all its fullness. John 10:10

Our school community is centred on the friendship of Christ, rooted in love and respect,

enabling all to flourish. Through the courage given to us by the Holy Spirit we will be visible children of God.

Weekly Bulletin

Autumn 2

WEEK 3 - Friday 21st November 2025



This half term's values are:

COURAGE

Biblical Quote of the Week

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the LORD goes with you and he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6



Head's Update

Fun Run Sponsor Money – Final Reminder

Thank you to all our families who have already submitted their Fun Run sponsor money. Your generosity has been phenomenal! If you have not sent in your contributions, then **please do so as soon as possible** so that the school council can do their final count next week on Monday. Each donation brings us closer to our author visit goal, enabling us to offer our children enriching experiences that develop their creativity and writing abilities, as well as help us create memorable learning moments to inspire our young writers.

Open Day

On Wednesday, we were delighted to host our second open day for prospective parents. This was another wonderful opportunity for families to see our school in action, meet our staff, and experience the warm, nurturing and calm environment we have created for our pupils. We were pleased to receive positive feedback that confirmed our approach is working well with our children at the heart of everything we do.

Attendance Cluster Meeting

On Thursday, we had our Attendance Cluster Meeting. This was an important opportunity for us to share best practice with other schools and ensure we are using the most effective strategies to support excellent attendance. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you on our approach to attendance monitoring. Mrs Wright and I work together to monitor attendance both daily and weekly. Each week, we carefully review the attendance of individual pupils, particularly focusing on those whose attendance may be continually falling. This approach allows us to identify any concerns early and work with families to address barriers to attendance before they become significant issues.

Why attendance matters: Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well academically, develop strong friendships, and build positive attitudes towards learning that will benefit them throughout their lives.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if there are circumstances affecting their ability to come to school regularly, please don't hesitate to speak with us. By working together, we can help your child achieve excellent attendance and get the most from their education.



Hub Director Visit

On **Friday**, we welcomed Kate Lund, our hub director, for a check-in visit. During this visit, we focused on our phonics practice and spellings across the school, to ensure all our children are developing strong reading skills and using accurate spellings in their writing. These focused reviews are part of our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality education for our children and ensuring our teaching approaches are effective and evidence-based.

Wishing you all a good weekend. Mrs Singh

Attendance

| This week's attendance is: | 94.90% |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Overall attendance (this year) is: | 95.70% |



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Darcy-Rae

Pine: Iola

Oak: Lydia



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool: Ezra

Acorn: Harley & Iyarna

Pine/Oak: Auralia



| Class | Learning Champ | Learning Champ |
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| Pre-School | Angus | Felix |
| Acorn | Ernest | Jack |
| Pine | Rosie | Esme |
| Oak | Ralph | Scarlett |



| COURAGE | | | | |
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| Acorn | Pine | Oak | | |
| Florence | Evie - Ann | Molly | | |

Reminders

Save the date: Christmas Carols with the Choir

Thursday 11th December. 5.45pm – 7.00pm, School Hall. Get into the festive spirit and join us for a joyful evening of Christmas Carols with the wonderful congregational church choir! The PTFA will be serving warm, and seasonal refreshments. We'd love to see lots of you there to celebrate together. More details coming soon!

Winter clothing reminder:

As we head into the colder winter months, please ensure your children come to school with weather-appropriate clothing each day. Warm coats, hats, gloves, and suitable footwear help keep everyone comfortable and ready to learn. Thank you for helping us keep our pupils safe and snug this season!

PTFA Reminders

 Please return your Elfridges slips, along with payment by Monday 24th November © Thank you!

Diary Dates (2025-2026)

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| 15pm – 7.00pm |
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| tumn Term 2 ends at 1:45pm |
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<u>Christmas Tree Festival, St Peter and St Paul Steeple Morden.</u>

Open Saturday and Sunday 11am – 4pm with a services on Sunday. Please go and visit our trees!







CLUB TIMETABLE

AUTUMN 2 - NOVEMBER 2025

See what clubs we have on offer this term!

| Day | Lunchtime | | Afterschool |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Monday | School Council Meeting Mrs Singh 12.30 – 1.00 Library | | |
| Tuesday | Drama Club Lisa 12.30 – 1.15 Library Need to book | | |
| Wednesday | KS2 Faithful Followers Club Fiona Davis (St Mary's Church) 12.15 – 1.00 Library | | |
| Thursday | Running Club Mrs Wright/Mrs Davies 12.45 – 1.15 Meet in Oak Class | Guitar Lessons Cambridge Music Service Starting at 12.45 Den Need to book | Ukulele Club Starting from 13th November Cambridge Music Service Mr Hopkinson Den /Pine Class |
| Friday | Football Club Mrs Marchetti 12.45 – 1.15 Field (weather dependent) | | Football Royston Football Club 3.15 – 4.15 Field/Playground Need to book |

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