



Weekly Bulletin

Spring 2

WEEK 5 – Friday 27th March 2026

This half term's values are:

FRIENDSHIP

Biblical Verse of the Week

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13



Head's Update

We have reached the end of the Spring term, and despite it being a shorter half term, our pupils have been incredibly busy engaging with their curriculum and enrichment activities. Here are some highlights from this week:

Drama Club Performance – 'Wicked'

On Tuesday, our Drama Club delivered an amazing performance of 'Wicked'. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and support your children. The pupils have worked so hard on this production, and it was wonderful to see weeks of practice come together in such a fantastic show. A huge thank you to Lisa for leading our Drama Club and we are already looking forward to next term's performance!

House Points Reward

Throughout the term, we award house points for achievements, good work and upholding our school values, promoting positive behaviour and a healthy competitive spirit. On Wednesday, pupils in Venus House enjoyed a special treat at snack time and an extra 15 minutes of playtime as their reward for winning the most house points. This reward was chosen by our School Council. Well done to everyone in Venus!

Readers' Afternoon Tea

On Thursday, I hosted our regular Readers' Afternoon Tea, and it was brilliant to hear about all the books our pupils have been enjoying. It is so encouraging to see the enthusiasm and focus our children have for reading.



At Guilden Morden, we use Sounds Write – a structured, systematic synthetic phonics programme built on a speech-to-print approach to teach reading and spelling. For further information and support with reading at home, please visit: <https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

Support for Parents and Carers



The Sounds-Write iPad App

The Sounds-Write app will help your child to learn the spellings in the Initial Code and will enable them to practise the skills of blending and segmenting, as well as reading and writing words and sentences.

The app is available on the Apple App Store (for use on iPads only). The free version of the app provides a sample of activities, with the full version available as an in-app purchase.



Easter Service and Breakfast

We ended the week with our Easter Service at St Mary's Church this morning, led by Father Sam and Fiona. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to them both for their invaluable support in nurturing and strengthening our Christian ethos at Guilden. We are deeply grateful for the time, wisdom and care they have generously shared with our pupils and staff, and for the positive impact they continue to have on our school's spiritual life. The Easter Service was followed by a lovely Easter breakfast, and each child received an Easter egg, kindly donated by our PTFA.

Thank You

A huge thank you to our pupils, staff, parents, governors and PTFA for making this such a successful term. Your dedication, hard work and support have been invaluable in creating a positive and thriving school community. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm you have all contributed to making our school such a special place for our children to learn, grow and flourish.

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Mrs Singh

Attendance

This week's attendance is:	94.10%
Overall attendance (this year) is:	94.90%



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Eddie
Pine: Jake
Oak: Molly



Class	Learning Champ	Learning Champ
Pre-School	Wilf	Ezra
Acorn	Miller	Tristan
Pine	Iola	Alexa
Oak	Felix	Tommy



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool:
Acorn: *No certificates this week.*
Pine/Oak:



FRIENDSHIP		
Acorn	Pine	Oak
Emmie	Isaac	Darcey

Reminders

Online Safety Newsletter and Information

Please read the attached **Spring Term 2026 Online Safety Newsletter** produced by HfL for your information.



INTERNET SAFETY DAY 2026: SMART TECH, SAFE CHOICES – EXPLORING THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

INTERNET MATTERS: SAFELY USING AI

Internet Matters has produced helpful guide full of hints and tips to support parents, carers & professionals with safe use of AI.
[How to use AI safely with children | Internet Matters](#)



INTERNET MATTERS: SET UP SAFE GUIDE

Setting up devices safely works best when you layer up parental controls across networks, devices and apps alongside regular conversations.

This guide shows you how to layer up in a simple, manageable way, so safety grows with your child. [Layer up for online safety: Parental controls guide](#)

Easter Holiday Voucher Scheme

[Updated Parent Letter](#)

Royston Town – Friday afterschool club:

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/event/guilfrisum126/guilden-morden-after-school-club-football-club>

Diary Dates (2025-2026)

23 th February	Spring Term 2 begins
25 th February	Acorn parent consultations - AM
26 th February	Acorn/Pine/Oak parent consultations
5 th March	World Book Day
12 th March	EYFS – Kings & Queens Day
16 th March	EYFS – Mother's Day tea 2:30pm
20 th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief KS2 – First Aid Workshop PM
26 th March	EYFS – Easter party AM
26 th March	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
27 th March	Spring Term 2 ends at 1:45pm
13 th April	Summer Term 1 begins
4 th May	Bank Holiday – May Day
21 st May	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
22 nd May	Summer Term 1 ends
1 st June	Summer Term 2 begins
7 th July	Parent Consultations
17 th July	Summer Term 2 ends at 1:45pm
20 th July	INSET TRAINING DAY

St Mary's Church

Good Friday Service - Invitation for School Families

This year we are hosting a **very special Good Friday service (continuing through to Easter Sunday)** designed especially with families and children in mind. Rather than a traditional book-based service, it invites participants to engage with the Easter story through **hands-on, sensory experiences** that help bring the message of Easter to life in a gentle and reflective way.

The Service will provide a **warm and welcoming space** where children and their families can explore the meaning of Easter together. We would love to see members of the school community there, whether families are regular churchgoers, curious about faith, or simply open to experiencing something meaningful during the Easter season.

To make it even more welcoming, we will begin with **hot cross buns for everyone and coffee for the grown-ups**, giving families a chance to gather informally before the service begins.

Thank you very much for your support.

With every good wish,

Fr. Sam

Mobile Phone Use on School Grounds

We would like to firmly remind all members of our school community—both children and adults—that mobile phone use is not permitted on school grounds.

We do not encourage our pupils to bring their mobile phone to school, in the event they do need to bring their phone, it will only be permitted for our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Any child bringing a mobile phone to school must ensure it is switched off and kept securely in their bag when they enter the premises, and then handed to the office on arrival into the building. If parents or carers need to use their phones while on the school site, this should only be done under appropriate circumstances and with consideration for the school environment.

These expectations are in place to safeguard all pupils and to maintain a calm, focused environment. We appreciate your full cooperation in adhering to this policy.

A GOOD FRIDAY CAFÉ CHURCH Experience

Shingay Churches

"We proclaim... what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and what our hands have touched." (1 John 1:1)

APRIL 3RD 2026

TIME:
2 PM
HOT CROSS BUNS AND REFRESHMENTS
2.15 PM
EXPLORE INTERACTIVE STATIONS
SEE • TOUCH • LISTEN • TASTE • FEEL
3 - 3.15 PM
REFLECT • PRAY • LEAVE IN SILENCE

PLACE:
ST PETER & ST PAUL
STEEPLE MORDEN

Explore the story of Jesus's Passion through your senses. Activities for all the family to share.

"TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD." PSALM 34:8



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**Thank you for your
continued support.**