



Weekly Bulletin

Autumn 2

WEEK 4 – Friday 28th November 2025

This half term's values are:

RESPECT

Biblical Verse of the Week

Pay others the honour and
respect you owe them.

Romans 13:7



Head's Update

Christmas has started at Guilden!

This week has brought the first real signs of Christmas at school, with our Christmas Carol Service and Nativity practice now well underway. The children are working hard and we are looking forward to sharing their performances with you soon. We hope that many of you were able to attend the Christmas Tree service last weekend and see our trees being showcased at St. Peter and St. Paul, Steeple Morden. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate the start of the festive season.

Hub Day Collaboration

On Wednesday, I attended one of our hub schools for our termly headteacher hub day. The focus this term was to review our pupil premium strategies and provision in our schools. This was an excellent opportunity to share good practice and discuss how we are supporting pupil premium children across our hub, ensuring we are doing everything we can to help all our children succeed.

Staying Safe as the Seasons Change

As we move deeper into winter, with darker mornings and earlier evenings, we wanted to share some important safety information to help keep our children safe during their journeys to and from school. **Visibility is Key**. With reduced daylight hours, visibility drops significantly, making it more important than ever to stay alert whether you are walking, cycling, scooting, driving, or catching the bus.

Continued under Reminders

Exciting News from the School Council!

We are delighted to announce that author **Ross Welford** will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 2nd December** for an in-person visit with Oak and Pine classes. This is an exciting opportunity for Oak class to meet the author of the book they have been reading this term, *"The 1,000 Year Old Boy"*, and for Pine class to be able to recall this day when they move to Year 5/6.



This amazing opportunity has been made possible thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our School Council. Through their organisation of a cake sale and sponsor fun run, our small school raised almost **£700** - an incredible achievement!

Thank you to everyone who supported these events, and a special thank you to the School Council for their hard work and dedication in planning and running these activities.

We wish you all a wonderful week ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Christmas events.

Mrs Singh

Attendance

This week's attendance is:	95.60%
Overall attendance (this year) is:	95.00%



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Jessica

Pine: Delilah

Oak: Peggy



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool:

Acorn: Sadly Lisa was unwell this week ☹️

Pine/Oak:



Class	Learning Champ	Learning Champ
Pre-School	Ezra	Arlo
Acorn	Martha	Florence
Pine	Patrick	Rex
Oak	Remy	Lydia



RESPECT		
Acorn	Pine	Oak
Jack	Patrick	Mila

Reminders

Save the date: Christmas Carols with the Choir

Thursday 11th December. 5.45pm – 7.00pm, School Hall. Doors will open at 5:45pm, where drinks will be sold by the PTFA. The choir will begin the evening singing a series of songs, which will then be followed by Christmas music, mingling and group carol singing. We hope to see lots of our children join in, putting all their practice into their performance!

PE Winter clothing:

Please can we ask that jumpers and sweatshirts worn on PE days are still in keeping with either our school uniform colours, or your child's school house colour. Many thanks.

Santa Dash Reminder!

We're excited for our upcoming Santa Dash event! Where children are invited to bring a Christmassy decorated scooter and/or helmet to school, which they will whizz around the playground on during break and lunch to festive music. We look forward to an active, fun and festive day!

PTFA Reminders

Diary Dates (2025-2026)

1 st December	DEMAT Ely Carol Concert – Oak class
2 nd December	Ros Welford Author Visit
3 rd December	Milton Country Park Run – AM: KS2 Tree Planting Event – AM: KS1
10 th December	Christmas School Lunch
11 th December	The Ark and Acorn class Nativity 9:30am & 2:30pm performances
11 th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
11 th December <i>Change of date</i>	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
11 th December	Christmas Carol Concert 5.45pm – 7.00pm
12 th December	Santa Scooter Dash
17 th December	PTFA Christmas Pantomime Trip
19 th December	Autumn Term 2 ends at 1:45pm
12 th February	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
26 th March	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
21 st May	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
7 th July	Parent Consultations

Staying Safe as the Seasons Change -continued

Cycling Safely in Autumn and Winter

Be Weather Wise

- Check the forecast before heading out
- If it's icy or stormy, consider walking or using alternative transport
- On milder days, waterproof layers and a warm hat under helmets work well
- Make sure children can hear traffic as well as see it

Pack Smart Keep a small kit in school bags:

- Spare gloves
- A reflective rain cover
- A snack for energy
- A plastic bag for muddy shoes or wet gear

Buddy Up

- Cycling with a friend or sibling is safer and more fun
- Children can help each other stay visible and alert
- It's a great way to start the day with fresh air and conversation

Stay Seen, Stay Safe

- Use lights even in the morning and late afternoon
- Wear something bright
- Reflective ankle bands are excellent for moving visibility
- Decorate bikes with reflective stickers or colourful spoke lights

Watch for Slippery Surfaces

- Be aware of wet leaves and frost
- Ride slower in these conditions
- Check tyre grip regularly
- Make sure brakes work properly

Bike Maintenance

- Clean off grit regularly
- Lubricate chains
- Inspect brakes and lights
- Choose well-lit, familiar routes

General Safety Tips

- Make eye contact at junctions
- Avoid distractions
- Plan safer routes, avoiding flood-prone areas
- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings



With the right preparation and awareness, we can all help keep our children safe as they travel to and from school during these darker months.

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 13 th 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

Guilden Morden C of E Primary Academy

Part of the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust (DEMAT)

Office/Cool Club: 01763 852318

Pre-School: 01763 853911

Email: office@guildenmorden.cambs.sch.uk

Website: www.guildenmorden.demat.org.uk

**Thank you for your
continued support.**