



Spring 1

WEEK 4 – Friday 30th January 2026

This half term's values are:

COURAGE

Biblical Verse of the Week

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



Head's Update

We started the week with a visit from our hub director, Kate Lund, on Tuesday. The focus of the visit was to see how well our new pupils have settled and to ensure we have the support and provision in place to ensure a successful start at Guilden. We also looked at the link between attendance and the progress our pupils are making. The visit reinforced the important connection between regular attendance and pupil progress. We know that when pupils attend well, they achieve better outcomes and this is already showing in our assessments. We are committed to working with you to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Parent Consultations – Booking Reminder

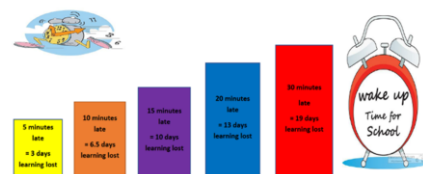
Our upcoming Parent Consultations after half term on Wednesday 25th/Thursday 26th February would be a great opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made and raise any attendance concerns. Bookings for Parent Consultations opened this week and will close on the last day of this term, Friday 13th February. Bookings can be made via the school office in person, or if you are unable to come in, please email the office.

Punctuality - The Importance of Being on Time

When children arrive late, they miss vital early morning work that consolidates their learning and prepares them for the lessons ahead. Arriving late also means missing the start of the lesson, which can leave children unsure of what to do. The school day begins at **8.45am** and arriving promptly ensures that your child does not miss key learning time and prevents disruption to teachers and other pupils. Persistent lateness can lead to significant loss of learning time, which can impact on your child's overall progress and attainment. We monitor lateness daily and will be in touch with parents if your child is persistently late to school.

Impact of Lateness

Being 15 minutes later each day is the same as missing 2 weeks of school



Houses and PE Shirts Update

We will shortly be reviewing our school houses, which are currently Saturn, Venus, Neptune and Jupiter. We would like to update the names and bring them in line with our local surroundings, as well as to complement our new class names. We will be reviewing these in the coming terms to relaunch from the new academic year in September. This will also mean a change for our coloured PE t-shirts, which currently represent the house colours. **From September 2026, we will no longer have coloured PE t-shirts, but instead a plain white t-shirt.** The office will be selling whatever remaining stock is left of the current house t-shirts but as we transition towards this change, if you need to buy a new PE t-shirt for your child, please buy a plain white t-shirt.

Uniform Reminder

It has been noticed across the school that our uniform standards are slipping. We have previously sent reminders home, and would like to inform you that starting from next week we will be checking uniform and sending messages home to parents if items outside of the uniform expectations are worn. Our uniform policy can be found on our school website: <https://guildenmorden.demat.org.uk/uniform>. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high expectations and should you need any uniform items, we have a selection of preloved uniform that you can enquire about via the school office.

Have a great weekend everybody. Mrs Singh

Attendance

This week's attendance is:	87.70%
Overall attendance (this year) is:	94.90%



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: April

Pine: Aria

Oak: Lydia



Class	Learning Champ	Learning Champ
Pre-School	Arlo	Emily
Acorn	April	Oliver. S
Pine	Rosie	Jake
Oak	Vanessa	Auralia



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool: Emaus

Acorn: Ernest, April & Luna

Pine/Oak: Lydia



COURAGE		
Acorn	Pine	Oak
Darcy - Rae	Evie	Scarlett

Reminders

Royston Town holiday club

We have been informed that Royston Town are running a holiday club, please see below link for booking details;

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/holiday-courses>

Caterlink Survey

Caterlink are carrying out an annual pupil survey to assist in improving their catering service to customers. They would value the opportunity to survey the pupils at your school.

Feedback to schools whose pupils complete the survey will be provided once results have been analysed. **Survey closes on 27th March 2026.**

Primary Pupil Survey Link -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

Diary Dates (2025-2026)

12th-16th January	Healthy You Children & Schools Week
6 th February	Bikeability Level 1 Year 3/4
12 th February	Open Classrooms Drop in from 3.15 to 4.15 pm
13 th February	Spring Term 1 ends
23 th February	Spring Term 2 begins
25 th February	Acorn parent consultations - AM
26 th February	Acorn/Pine/Oak parent consultations
20 th March	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief
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 end at 1:45pm
20 th July	INSET TRAINING DAY

Updated Clubs List – Spring 1 2026

We are pleased to announce our updated Spring 1 Club list, which offers a range of activities for your child to enjoy.

CLUB TIMETABLE

SPRING 1 – JANUARY 2026

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 Mondrian Class	
Wednesday	KS2 Faithful Followers Club Fiona Davis (St Mary's Church) 12.15 – 1.00 Library	
	Lego Club – Neptune & Saturn Mr Hopkinson 12.45 – 1.15 Acorn Class	
Thursday	Fitness Fun Club Mrs Wright/Mrs Davies 12.45 – 1.15 Hall	
Friday	Lego Club – Venus & Jupiter Mrs Marchetti 12.45 – 1.15 Acorn Class	Gymnastics Royston Football Club Coaches 3.15 – 4.15 Hall Need to book

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**Thank you for your
continued support.**