



Weekly Bulletin

Autumn 2

WEEK 5 – Friday 5th December 2025

This half term's values are:

LOVE

Biblical Verse of the Week

Live a life of love, just as Christ loved
us.

Ephesians 5:2



Head's Update

A Week of Wonderful Experiences

We have had an incredibly busy and exciting week at Guilden, filled with memorable events that have truly brought our school vision to life!

Author Visit Success- Ross Welford

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the visit from author Ross Welford for our KS2 children. Ross was amazed by the amount of money our children raised – particularly impressive for such a small school! Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our fundraising efforts. I am sure your children came home buzzing with excitement after this inspiring experience. A huge well done to our School Council for making this happen! To get a taster of what our children enjoyed, please watch this short video clip by Ross about how choice is essential in encouraging a love of reading.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK1XKog1BPw>



Other Highlights

Beyond the author visit, there have been many other moments that have made us incredibly proud of our Guilden children:

- **Monday:** Oak class attended the DEMAT Carol Service at Ely Cathedral – a truly magical experience. You can view the service here: <https://youtube.com/live/WHbcdoCQaSE?feature=share>

• **Wednesday:**

Both Pine and Oak classes took part in the Milton Cross Country run, with many children cheering on their peers. Our Thursday running club has certainly helped build stamina and endurance, and it was wonderful to see so many of our children excelling in the event.

Acorns class attended the local tree planting event at Tween Towns Wood as part of the Woodland Trust initiative.

Living Our Vision and Values

These enrichment experiences align perfectly with our vision: *Together, we work to succeed and flourish, to live life in all its fullness (John 10:10)*. Through these opportunities, we could see our children shining and living our values of friendship, courage, respect and love.

Reception September 2026

Application Deadline: 15th January 2026

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2026.

This applies to ALL children, including those currently attending our preschool. Even if your child is already with us and continuing their learning journey at Guilden Morden, you still need to submit a formal application for Reception. **How to Apply:** Apply online at:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

For additional guidance, please refer to the "First Steps Admission to Primary School: A guide for parents 2026" [attached].

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Singh



Attendance

This week's attendance is:	95.60%
Overall attendance (this year) is:	94.80%



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn: Oliver NH

Pine: Otilie

Oak: Tommy



Class	Learning Champ	Learning Champ
Pre-School	Olly	Benji
Acorn	Miller	Maisie
Pine	Evelyn	Aria
Oak	Ralph	Auralia



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool: Bobby

Acorn: Ernest & Jessica

Pine/Oak: Aria



LOVE		
Acorn	Pine	Oak
Oliver S	Esme	Darcey

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!

Santa Dash Reminder! **12th December**

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

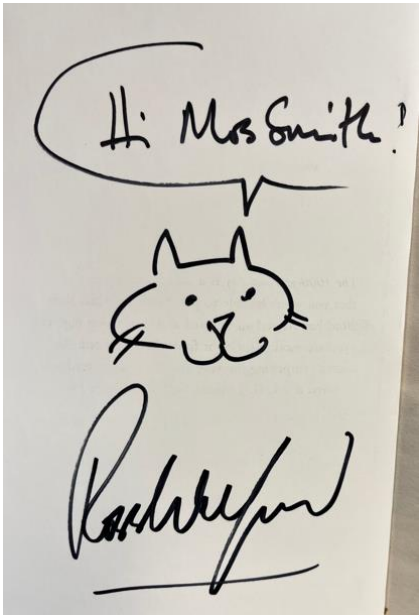
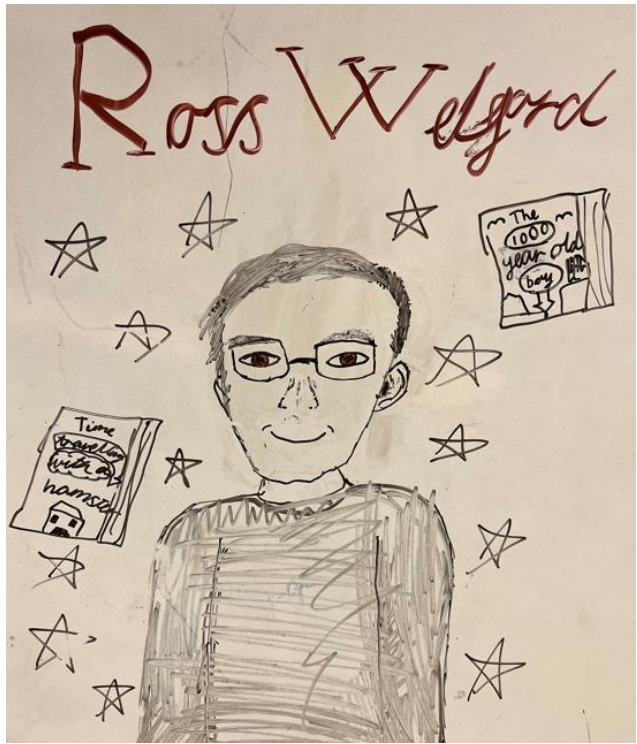
Helmets must be provided for children to ride on scooters.

Invitation from Father Sam

This coming Sunday (second Sunday of Advent) we will have the odd occasion to have a communion service oriented to families and toddlers. This means that while adults are more than welcome, the level of engagement in the worship will be cognitively adequate for children and toddlers too. Some of the students live in the respective school villages and are baptised Christians in the Church of England. **It will take place on Sunday (7th December) at 10.00am at All Saint's Church, Wendy.** Thank you for your consideration. Fr. Sam.

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





Dear Guilden Morden

Thank you so much for welcoming me to your school yesterday.

Compared with the huge and rather anonymous academies I often visit, it was such a pleasant change to go a school like Guilden Morden. I left feeling as though I had met every student (I more or less had!) and I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you all.

Please pass on my thanks to the children for making it such a memorable day.

With very best wishes

Ross Welford

KS2 – Cross Country event at Milton Country Park



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

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**Thank you for your
continued support.**