

Guiden Morden CofE Primary Academy

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

Summer 2

WEEK 1 – Friday 5th June 2026

This week's values is:

LOVE

Biblical Verse of the Week

I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

Psalm 52:8



Head's Update

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the glorious hot weather. It has been a joy to see how brilliantly the children have settled to the start of this term and we are so pleased with how well the first week of swimming has gone.

What's Happening This Term

We have lots of exciting things planned ahead for this final term of the school year. Please do take a look under Diary Dates to see all the key events coming up. You can also find out what your child is learning this term by visiting the Curriculum section of our school website on: <https://guidenmorden.demat.org.uk/curriculum>

Exciting Staffing News

As you know, our school has grown exponentially this year with in-year admissions, and we are thrilled to share that we now have at least 12 pupils who have accepted a place for Reception in September. This is such positive news for our school community!

With this growth in mind, we are absolutely delighted to announce that **Mrs Taran will be joining our teaching team as the new Reception class teacher in September.** You already know Mrs Taran as a long-serving and valued member of our staff team in her role as HLTA. Mrs Taran also holds full qualified teacher status, and we are so pleased she will be taking on this exciting new role.

New Temporary Classroom

We are working closely with the local authority to provide a temporary classroom to house our new Reception class in September. The temporary classroom will be a separate building adjoining our existing preschool. We are hoping for all the work to be completed ready for September. However, in the event that this is not ready in time, Reception will be housed in the Preschool building to begin with.

Class Structure for September 2026:

- **Preschool** – Kristy and team
- **Acorn Class (Reception)** – Mrs Taran
- **Willow Class (Year 1/2)** – Mrs Davies
- **Pine Class (Year 3/4)** – Mr Hopkinson
- **Oak Class (Year 5/6)** – Mrs Wright

Support staff will be carefully placed across classes throughout the school and will work across classes to provide the best possible support for all our children.

We are enormously grateful for the support we have received from the Trust in making these important and positive changes as Guiden continues to grow and thrive. A huge thank you to our school community for your ongoing understanding, patience and support as we continue to make these exciting developments together.

Wishing you all a fantastic final term ahead. Mrs Singh

Attendance

This week's attendance is: **94.90%**

Overall attendance (this year) is: **95.20%**

LEARNING
CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

Class	Learning Champion	Learning Champion
Preschool	Ezra	Sonny
Acorn	April	Joseph
Pine	Esme	Isaac
Oak	Felix	Vanessa

Values Award

LOVE	
Acorn	Hugo
Pine	Alexa
Oak	Pine



Sports Awards of the Week

Acorn	Maisie
Pine	Isaac
Oak	Auralia



Dance/Gymnastics Stars of the Week

Preschool	Ciara & Arlo
Acorn	Hugo
Pine/Oak	Esme

Reminders

We have been delighted with how well the children have settled into their first week of swimming. The focus has been on building water confidence, developing familiarity with the pool environment, and most importantly, having fun in the water.

As we move into structured swimming lessons next week, it is important that all children come to school with the correct swimming kit. Having the appropriate swimwear helps to ensure lessons can run safely and effectively, allowing all children to participate comfortably and confidently.

Please ensure your child brings:

- Well-fitting swimming trunks or swim shorts (loose-fitting styles are not permitted)
- A one-piece swimsuit (no bikinis or swimsuits with zips)
- A swimming hat (required for all children)

Unfortunately, children who do not have the required swimming kit will be unable to take part in their swimming lesson.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Diary Dates

1st June: Summer Term 2 begins

1st – 5th: June Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

10th June: Class photos

8th – 12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

18th June: Pre school Sports Day

20th June: PTFA Summer Fair

22nd June: EYFS Father's Day games

25th June: EYFS Open Afternoon – 2:00pm
EYFS Ark Farm visit

2nd July: Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:00pm

7th July: Parent Consultations

8th July: Step Up day 1:30pm – 3:00pm

9th July: School trip to Shepreth (Reception - Yr 6)

10th July: Year 6 Leaver's Party; Pizza & Pool 3.30 - 5.30pm

14th July: Rising 5's Graduation party

16th July: Pre school leavers & end of term party

17th July: Summer Term 2 ends at 1:45pm

20th July: INSET TRAINING DAY

Packed Lunch Guidance for Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to all parents who have welcomed and supported our request to encourage balanced and healthy packed lunches for our pupils. As requested by some parents, we will not be providing a definitive list of 'allowed' and 'not allowed' items. Instead, we would like to share some further guidance below to help bring clarity.

Official UK government guidance recommends that healthy, balanced packed lunches include foods from key nutritional groups. They should feature starchy carbohydrates for energy, a portion of protein, dairy (or alternatives), fresh fruit and vegetables, and a healthy drink.

A well-balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy Carbohydrates: Base the main item on wholegrain bread, wraps, pittas, pasta, or rice to provide lasting energy.
- Protein: Include lean meat, fish, eggs, beans, or hummus (e.g., chicken, tuna, or hard-boiled eggs).
- Dairy or Alternatives: Add a portion of calcium-rich food such as a cheese portion, plain yoghurt, or a fortified dairy-free substitute.
- Fruit & Vegetables: Include at least one portion of veg (e.g., carrot sticks, cucumber slices, or cherry tomatoes) and one portion of fruit (e.g., an apple, satsuma, or berries).
- Healthy Drinks: Water, semi-skimmed milk, or unsweetened fruit juice.

What to Limit or Avoid

National standards for school lunches strongly restrict foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. It is advised to avoid:

- Sweets, chocolate, and sugary or fizzy drinks
- Heavily processed savoury snacks should be restricted and not included daily
- Treats should be limited to once a week.

Further Resources

For full details, meal-planning tips, and school policy recommendations, you can consult the [School Food Standards Practical Guide](#) on GOV.UK. You can also browse family-friendly ideas on the [NHS Healthier Families Lunchbox Planner](#).



Our staff will look at each packed lunch as a whole to make sure it is balanced. Any items not permitted will be based on the overall balance of the lunch. Any items not permitted will be decided as a duty staff team decision, to ensure that there is consistency across the school in our decision making. **On Fridays**, we will be permitting **one small treat item only**, such as a small chocolate bar or a mini packet of Haribos.

About Our School Dinners

Some parents have asked questions about how our school meals are prepared, and we would like to reassure you. **Our school dinners are carefully planned by Caterlink to meet national school food standards across the whole week.** Every ingredient and meal choice is thoughtfully mapped out to ensure nutritional balance for your child.

We really appreciate your partnership in supporting your child's health and wellbeing.

Summer 2 Club List

See what clubs we have on offer this term!

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	Arts & Crafts Mrs Wright 12.30 – 1.15	After School Club Swim Sessions
Tuesday	Drama Club 12.30 – 1.15 Lisa	PTFA Fun Swim Sessions
Wednesday	Gardening Club 12:30 - 1pm Mrs Davies and Mrs Marchetti	PTFA Fun Swim Sessions
Thursday	Rounders Club 12:30 - 1pm Mr Hopkinson	PTFA Fun Swim Sessions
Friday	Football Club 12:30 - 1pm Mrs Marchetti	Royston Town Fc - Multisports <i>(subject to sufficient bookings)</i> 3.15 – 4.45 Hall/Playground