

Pickwick Papers – Edition 35 – Term 1 – Oct 2026

Welcome from James Passmore (CEO)

Welcome to another edition of the Pickwick Papers.

I can't quite believe that term 1 is nearly over and that half term is upon us already. Enjoy the crunchy leaves and cosy sleeves of Autumn over the half term break.

I hope you have a well-deserved rest with your families.



Winterslow National Wellbeing Award

Winterslow CE Primary School has been exploring ways to develop and strengthen their wellbeing offer, and has taken part in the 'Raising Attainment with Wellbeing Programme'.

We are delighted to inform you that the school has achieved the National Wellbeing Silver Award!

The school has embedded an attachment aware culture, with all staff trained to recognise and respond to early indicators of attachment difficulties. Ongoing staff training and CPD has strengthened staff confidence and consistency, resulting in strong restorative relationship-based responses to behaviour.

The school behaviour policy has been reviewed and aligned with restorative practice, ensuring interactions focus on repair, reflection and maintaining secure relationships.

The school has established a culture where diversity, inclusion and individuality are consistently celebrated through curriculum design, daily practice and whole school experiences.

Parents reflected on how happy their children are at the school and that they are encouraged to 'be their best selves'.

Team leader, Sandy Ghose, noted that this is a "brilliant achievement for the whole school team and community".



Pupil outcomes 2026

We are delighted to report that the Trust's overall key outcomes data is higher than national, and Wiltshire LA and Dorset LA figures again this year.

We have also improved in every outcome figure against our own already strong data from last year!

We are really pleased that our children experiencing disadvantage outcomes data was better than national data too.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard to ensure our children achieve great results!

Outcome	Pickwick (2025)	Pickwick (2026)	National (2025)
KS2 RWM	65%	69%	62%
Y1 Phonics	82%	86%	80%
EYFS GLOD	74%	78%	68%

Pickwick 2030 Objectives

- All children thrive socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically
- KS2 RWM overall outcome is 80%
- We are an employer of choice
- Our schools are all inclusive and centres of excellence
- Secure and sustainable financially
- Work towards Net Zero
- Grow to include 32 schools

A flurry of Ofsted inspections

I'm not sure what the collective noun is for Ofsted inspections, but it is fair to say that we have had a flurry of three of them in the first five weeks of this term!

Ofsted have carried out routine inspections at [Alderbury & West Grimstead CE Primary](#), [Aloeric Primary](#), and Longford CE Primary schools. In each visit, inspectors have been hugely impressed by the quality of provision in place.

Thank you to all the staff, children, governors and children who have worked so hard and supported these schools so well.

Quotes from the Alderbury & West Grimstead inspection report:

- "Kindness, justice and respect underpin daily life across the school. They show their enjoyment of school through positive attitudes in lessons."
- "Caring and trusting relationships lie at the heart of the school's success"
- "The school has improved steadily since joining the Trust."
- "Leaders carefully organise curriculum content, including across mixed-age classes, to help pupils build knowledge and skills across subjects."
- "Pupils achieve well from their starting points."

Quotes from the Aloeric inspection report:

- "The school's careful analysis of pupils' learning helps to make sure that pupils [...] receive the support they need to typically achieve well."
- "Leaders ensure that pupils learn a broad and ambitious curriculum."
- Leaders have "created a culture of ambition, where they aim to do the absolute best for absolutely every child."
- "School and Trust leaders, governors and trustees share a robust understanding of the school's context, the challenges it brings and what they need to do to provide the best for pupils."

Inspectors fed back very positively about the achievements and provision they saw at Longford. We are waiting for the report to be published.

Princecroft Primary

Princecroft Primary School's annual behaviour curriculum is now firmly embedded across the school, with children consistently speaking politely, listening carefully, moving calmly and acting kindly towards one another.

Visitors have commented on the respectful atmosphere and strong culture of learning that is evident in every classroom.

The school has high-quality, studious teaching and learning taking place throughout the day, with little time wasted, expectations clear, and everyone focused on making the most of every opportunity.

The scene is already set for another successful year, as pupils and staff work together to grow, achieve and thrive.



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