

## Friday News 13.09.2024

The first full week in school has been an amazing success. We have welcomed back Ian and his team for our PE lessons in years 3 to 6 and our music teachers from Suffolk County Music Service for their whole class music lessons in years 3 to 6. These specialist teachers mean that the children experience the very best specialist teaching in these areas. It was a pleasure to welcome them back as I know how much the children enjoy these specialist lessons.

A very special well done to our Antartica class as well on their first full week in school. I know there are many very tired children but they are really settling in well to their new routines, the Antartica team is very proud of them all.

### Midday Supervisors

We are on the lookout for some more Midday Supervisors to add to our brilliant team who are keeping your children fed and well looked after at lunchtimes. If you know of anyone who may be interested please encourage them to contact the school office or send them the link to the vacancy on our website here: <https://www.greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

### Forest School Area

We are looking at redeveloping and making more use of our forest school area now that the new fencing has been put in place. The logs we use for sitting on are now very old and starting to rot. If you know of anyone who has any spare logs we can use for sitting on, please speak to the office. We would love to take them off your hands!

### Attendance

We achieved **97.8%** attendance this week which is above the national average.

Year 4 are our attendance champions with **100%**, well done Year 4! They were followed closely by Year 2 with 99.6% and Year 1 with 99.2%.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best exam results. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Open Evenings

I know we have only just started, but it is that time where we have to think about the next steps for our Year 6s. Our 2 local secondary schools have their open evenings this month. I would encourage all of our Year 6 parents to visit as many secondaries as possible to see which school would best suit your child. If you are a parent of a child in Year 5 I would also encourage you to start visiting. I know OSA are welcoming Year 5 parents as well.

OSA - 25<sup>th</sup> September

TGS - 26<sup>th</sup> September

Please see their websites for more information.

### No Outsiders

We are welcoming parents into school to experience one of our 'No Outsiders' lessons with their child(ren). Come and see what No Outsiders is all about and how it is taught in a child friendly way through stories. They are brilliant, engaging lessons encouraging the children to think and form their own opinions about some challenging topics.

For some more information, please see our school website for details on PSHE, RSE and No Outsiders. It can be found here: <https://www.greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/pshe-3/>

## Autumn Term Key Dates

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Oceania (Y2) to Boxford Fruit Farms  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September - North America (Y5) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Europe (Y4) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September - South America (Y3) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Asia (Y6) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Flu vaccinations in school  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Africa and Oceania (Y1/2) to see The Gruffalo at the Mercury Theatre  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Whole school to Church for Harvest Festival (children only)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Oceania (Y2) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening - invite will go out on Arbor closer to the time  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Africa (Y1) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2pm  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents' Evening - invite will go out on Arbor closer to the time  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - North America (Y5) to Fitzwilliam Museum  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Antarctica (YR) parents invited in for No Outsiders 2:30pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - PD day no children in school  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Open morning 9:30 - 11:30 for parents and children who are due to start school in September 2025  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Individual school photos  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle in school  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Happy weekend!



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***“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”***

MATTHEW 19:14