

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 - 25th September

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

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November - Half Term

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