

## Friday News 05.09.2025

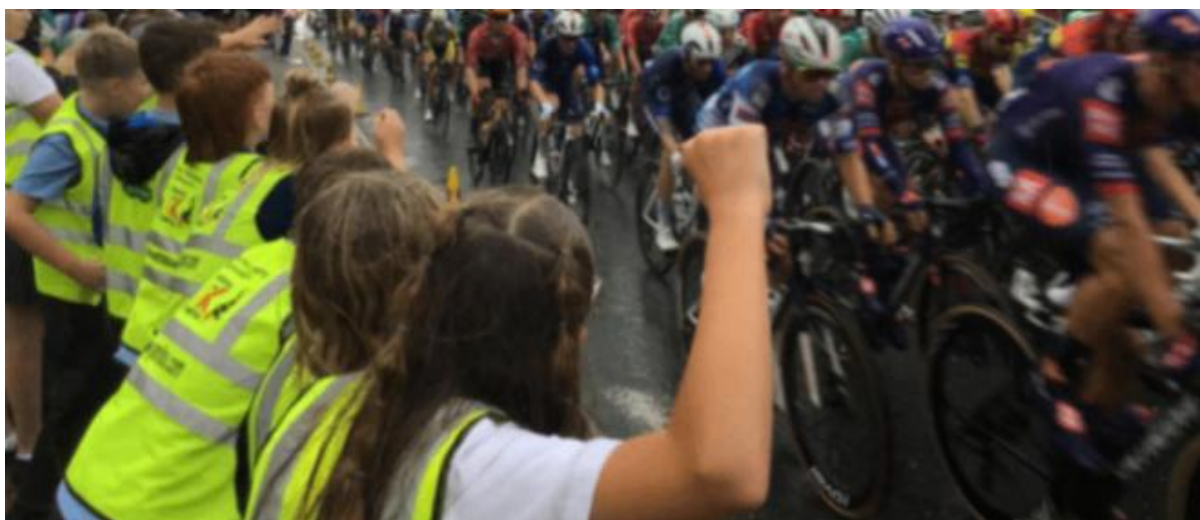
Welcome back! It has been wonderful to have the school full of children again this week. We currently have 202 children on roll, leaving the school with only 8 spaces! We have welcomed 30 new children into Antarctica this week and they have settled in very well exploring all of the different areas, meeting new friends and getting to know the adults in the room. All staff in Antarctica are really proud of how well they have settled in. This has been repeated in every class across the school. The children have arrived back to school ready to learn. I am very proud of all the children this week, they have all settled in well.

### Outdoor area improvements

You may have noticed that there have been some improvements to the outside spaces over the summer holidays. We have a new area and storage container for Antarctica class. This will allow more space for outdoor learning and working on those key gross motor skills and resilience, preparing them for learning through the rest of the school. We have also updated the playground outside Year 1 and 3. This was to remove the rubber surface which was very slippery when wet or frozen to allow more space for the children to use all year round.

### Tour of Britain

On the very first day, we took Key Stage 2, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Green Acre to watch the Tour of Britain Cycle race whizz through the village. The children loved seeing the police cars and bikes come through first. The police loved seeing the children and all beeped their horns and turned on their sirens for them. They then cheered on the cyclists and were amazed at how many there were and how quickly they were going. It may have been a touch soggy but we didn't let the weather dampen our enthusiasm!



### Arbor permissions

In our quest to try and move to being paperless we have moved our consents online. Therefore, on Monday, can you please log into your child's arbor account where, under notices, you will see all of the consents. These are the consents that you will have already agreed / not agreed to but please take your time to read them through carefully. We understand that there are a lot. Tapestry will only appear for pupils in Antarctica class.

(1) Professional Photographer - Individual Photographs

(10) Educational Visits - in village

(11) Tapestry

(2) Professional Photographer - Class Photographs

(3) Photographs - internal displays around the school

(4) Photographs - Friday News

(5) Photographs - Media

(6) Photographs - School Website

(7) Internet Responsibility

(8) Internet Usage

(9) Educational Visits - Outside Great Waldingfield

## Attendance

We achieved **98%** attendance this week, this is a great start to the new school year.

Year 2 and Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **100%**, well done Year 2 & Year 4! They were followed closely by Year 1 and Reception both with 98.7%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

## Clubs

Clubs will be beginning w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September with the last sessions being the week before half term.

We have Gymnastics Club on a Monday. This is currently full however there is a waiting list, the details were emailed out in July.

Maxim Football Club & Dance Club is on a Wednesday, the booking link was emailed out this week. Unfortunately we do not offer any afterschool clubs to Reception class at the moment.

## Out of school Clubs

We have attached a selection of fliers for clubs that are running in the local area.

Have a very happy weekend everyone!



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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