

Friday News 12.09.2025

It is the end of the children's first full week back at school. We have welcomed back Ian from Maxim for PE across Key Stage 2 as well as County Music Service. It is a privilege to be able to provide this specialist teaching for our older pupils. All classes have been busy starting their new topics and Asia class have even had their first swimming lesson this week. It has been amazing to see so much learning happening so quickly and I am very proud of how well the children have all settled in.

High School Open Evenings

For parents in Years 5 and 6 I wanted to share the dates of the local secondary school open evenings. I would encourage Year 6 parents to attend as many as possible to get a feel for what the secondaries are like. If your child is in Year 5, I know the school would also be more than happy to welcome you as well.

Ormiston Sudbury Academy - 25th September

Thomas Gainsborough - 24th September

Stour Valley - 2nd October.

Parent Support

The Psychology in Schools team have a set of free virtual workshops for parents on how to support your child / adolescent. These are run by child and adolescent mental health professionals. They will cover topics such as; sleep, anxiety, building confidence, emotional regulation, emotional school avoidance and understanding and supporting behaviour.

You can book the courses here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/psychology-in-schools-team-nsft-32627846273?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo#events

I have also attached the information poster as well.

Things from home

A reminder that children should not be bringing toys from home into school. This is because they cause a distraction in the classroom and often lead to fall outs and arguments amongst friends. Schools are incredibly busy places and we cannot guarantee that a precious toy will not be lost.

All stationery that the children need is provided by the school. Children do not need to be bringing in their own pencil cases as these are often very bulky and there is no room for them on the tables.

Jewellery - earrings and PE.

Just a reminder that school policy on jewellery is that children should only wear a watch which is not a smart watch. If your child has their ears pierced, then small, plain sleepers or studs can be worn. However, these cannot be worn on PE days. ALL earring must be removed for PE. This is guidance that is given to all schools. Taping earrings is no longer acceptable as it does not reduce the risk of serious injury. If your child cannot remove their earrings themselves, please remove them before they come to school on PE days. If your child has not had their ears pierced for longer than 6 weeks and is therefore unable to remove their earrings, please see the office where you will need to sign a letter with an agreed date at which the earrings will be removed.

Arbor Consents

As mentioned in last week's Friday News, in our quest to try and move to being paperless, we have moved our consents online. If you have not already done so, please can you 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 when your child started with us but please take your time to read them through carefully. We understand that there are a lot. Thank you.

Attendance

We achieved **98%** attendance this week, this is the same as last week, we are very impressed!

Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with **99.2%**, well done Year 6! They were followed closely by Year 4 with 98.4% and Year 2 with 98.2%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

PTFA

Please find attached a newsletter and poster from the PTFA

Key Dates - Autumn term (these may be added to)

24th September - TGS Open Evening

25th September - OSA Open Evening

25th September - Flu vaccinations in school

2nd October - Stour Valley Open Evening

3rd October - Harvest Festival at the church (this will be children only but we may need some parents to help walk)

14th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm

16th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm

24th October - PD day no children in school

21st November - Individual photos

4th December - Live nativity walk (tbc) (Antarctica, Africa and Oceania classes)

9th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

11th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

16th December - KS2 Christmas concert at the church pm

18th December - Christingle in school

19th December - Last day of term

5th January - PD Day

6th January - Children back to school



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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