

Friday News 19.09.25

We have ended the week on a high as we had the first of many football games as part of the Sudbury school's Year 5 /6 football league that we are now part of. Yesterday, we welcomed Boxford, Wells Hall and Bures to our school field. Bures and Wells Hall played a boys match followed by a girls. We played Boxford with our boys kicking off first. They were very successfully managed by Miss Balaam and won this match convincingly 3-2 ! At half time, Miss Balaam challenged a few individuals to score a goal and they all did! A fantastic team spirit and a great match to watch. Next came the girls. We had a very inexperienced side this week who were nervous. Sienna having just played for the boys, joined the girls team and led them to victory as well 4-0. All children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can't wait for the next match. Luckily, they only have to wait until 2nd October when we face Glemsford. Teams will be selected the week before. A huge thank you to those who stayed to watch and cheer on our teams. They really appreciated hearing your words of encouragement. Thank you to Prestige for organising and running these events. Next Thursday we aren't in action but we will see St Gregory's versus Acton on our school field 3:45pm kick for the first match.

If you want to follow all of the results, Prestige post these on social media. They can be found on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PrestigeSportsD>.

Parking

We have had a number of complaints this week about parents parking inconsiderately. I know the majority of you park in a manner that does not obstruct our neighbours. However, there are a few that aren't or do not realise that where they are parking may cause an issue. Please can you check when you park that you aren't blocking a dropped kerb for someone's driveway, a junction or parking so that emergency services would be unable to get down the road. Thank you.

Attendance

We achieved **97%** attendance this week, this is above the national average.

Year 6 and Year 3 are our joint attendance champions this week with **98%**, well done Year 6 and Year 3! They were followed closely by Year 5 with 97.3% and Year 4 with 97.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

New Reception Tours

I know it feels like we have only just welcomed our newest members of the school community but we have set dates for tours for any prospective parents with children due to start school in September 2026. If you know anyone who has a child due to start, please point them to our website where they will find the dates for the tours. These can be booked by calling the office or emailing admin@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk

Backpacks

Just a reminder that pupils do not need to bring a backpack for school. Due to the restrictions on space, please use the school bookbag / rucksack provided. There is not the room for bulky backpacks in school. We now have over 200 children in school and space is

definitely at a premium! Thank you for your understanding. The only exception to this is when the children are swimming as they will need a separate bag for swimming kit to ensure it doesn't leave everything else soggy!

Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team are in school on Thursday. They will be contacting any parents who have not responded so please use this link to give your consent or submit a decline <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/suffolk> you.

Parents Evening

Now that the children are more settled, we will be giving you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how they are getting on. You will be able to book these on Arbor from 4pm today. Due to the high number of children in school and many with split parents, we are only able to offer one slot per pupil.

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