

Friday News 10.10.25

Firstly, Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Longhurst would like to thank the parents who attended the phonics information session on Thursday morning. Thank you for coming along to learn about how we teach phonics at Great Waldingfield; we hope you found it useful. It's strange to think about next September so early but I have been talking to our Year 6s about their visits to secondary school and I've shown around the first group of parents looking for a primary school place in September 2026. It is always a pleasure to be able to show perspective parents around our calm and purposeful school. If you know anyone with a child due to start in September 2026, please let them know there are tour dates available on our website and to contact the school office to book.

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that it is parents evening next week. You will be given the opportunity to look at your child's work in class before talking to the class teacher. Please allow time to do this. The class teacher will then collect you from the classroom at your allotted appointment time.

Attendance

We achieved **97%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week.

Year R are our attendance champions this week with **98.9%**, well done Year R! They were very closely followed by Year 4 with 98.8% and Year 2 with 98.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Parent Information sessions

We have had an increase in the number of parents who are asking about neurodivergence in their child (autism / ADHD). We recognise that often parents will see the more concerning behaviours at home and what works in school, won't always work at home. There are courses / information sessions designed specifically for parents. These can be accessed here: <https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>

Woofyt festival

Year 5 had the privilege of going to the Sudbury Art Centre in town on Tuesday. They were invited to take part in a Woofyt project where they learnt about how music and technology go hand in hand. The class came back buzzing from the experience and we have had an incredibly positive email about the class and how engaged and enthusiastic they were. Well done Year 5, you represented our school brilliantly.

More information about Woofyt can be found here: <https://www.woofyt.org/>

Harvest parcels

4 members of Year 6, our 2 school councillors and their 2 deputies joined Reverend Faith and I this afternoon walking around the village delivering the harvest parcels to those in need. It is such a wonderful opportunity to give back to our local community. Thank you all once again for your donations.

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

- 14th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm
- 16th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm
- 24th October - PD day no children in school
- 27th - 31st October - Half term
- 3rd November - Children back to school
- 4th November - Remembrance service in school
- 6th November - North America to the Fitzwilliam museum
- 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

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