

Friday News - 09.01.2026

Welcome back! What a start to the beginning of the year with freezing weather, ice and snow. The children really enjoyed their outside playtime on Tuesday playing in the snow; such a memorable time for them. I am really proud of how well the children have come back to school, ready to learn. The children have settled in well and are enjoying their new topics in class.

Attendance

Despite the snow, attendance has been really good this week. We achieved **97.2%** attendance.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **98.4%**, well done Year 4! They were followed by Year R with 98.1% and Year 2 and 3 with 98%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Parking

My usual start of term reminder about parking and cars around school.

There has been a lot of parking on yellow lines, corners and yellow hatching. These areas are not for parking and even though you may feel like you are only there for a few minutes, it still matters. Any inconsiderate parking can result in harm for others as they are not able to cross the roads safely.

Please also be aware of dropped kerbs and driveways. The school receives regular complaints about the parking of parents around school. Drop off is between 8:35 and 8:45, giving plenty of time for everyone to drop off safely.

Meal Change

Next Thursday is Census day so there will be a slight change to the menu on that day.

Option 1 - Beef burger Vegetarian - Vegan burger. These will be served with chips and baked beans or sweetcorn. Jacket potatoes and Pick N Mix will be available as usual.

Brownies / Rainbows

There are new Brownie and Rainbow units opening in Sudbury that are looking for new recruits.

Please see the message below from Caroline at South West Suffolk Guiding.

We are opening new Brownie and Rainbow Units in Sudbury in the New Year and need to recruit girls to have fun and earn badges. £40 per term for one evening a week. Please register on the girl guiding website if you are interested.

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Parent Support

Attached you will find some information leaflets from SENDIASS and the Psychology in Schools Team offering a variety of information sessions for parents. If you are concerned about your child / want to understand their behaviour and emotional struggles more, I can recommend these sessions as I know many parents have accessed them in the past and feedback was positive.

Pavilion Development

The Parish Council have asked if parents could complete a survey about the redevelopment of the pavilion. I would like to clarify that there is an error on their form and that they are talking about the redevelopment of the parish's pavilion that sits on the school playing field.

You can access the survey here:

<https://forms.gle/e6yEG376LPh8WqNC6>

Class Assemblies

The spring term brings the return of class assemblies. These will generally be on a Thursday morning (please see dates below). They will start at 9am and last approximately 15 - 20 minutes. This is an opportunity for you to come into school to see what your child's class have been learning about. It is also an opportunity for your children to work on confidently presenting to an audience.

Key Spring Dates (these may be added to)

15th January - Deadline for Primary Applications

23rd January - Antarctica forest schools

5th February - Oceania Class Assembly

10th February - North America to OSA to watch Frozen

12th February - Europe Class Assembly

16th - 20th February - Half Term

25th February - South America to Colchester Castle

26th February - Africa Class Assembly

2nd March - Secondary School Offer Day

2nd- 10th March - North America Bikeability

5th March - South America Class Assembly

12th March - Parents Evening

16th March - Europe to West Stow

17th March - Parent Evening

19th March - Antarctica Class Assembly

25th - 27th March - Asia at Thorpe Woodlands Residential

27th March - North America Class Assembly

30 March - 10 April - Easter Holidays

16th April - Asia Class Assembly

Have a very happy weekend everyone and stay warm.

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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