

## Friday News - 23.01.2026

This week saw Antarctica class have their first forest school session on school grounds. Despite the rainy weather, they all had a fantastic time in the mud! We also welcomed another visitor to school this week who spent time looking in classes. She works for the Diocese and Mrs Hutchings and I very much enjoyed showing off how amazing Great Waldingfield is. She left very impressed and kept saying how polite, and wonderful our children are. We are very proud of them all.

### Attendance

We achieved **94%** attendance this week.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **99%**, well done Year 4! They were followed by Year 5 with 95.7% and Year 1 with 95.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Community Larder

A huge thank you from Reverend Faith who collected the donations from the front office this week. They were very welcome additions to the community larder.

### Bird Boxes

Please see the attached leaflet from Gail and Ray Baxter who have organised a bird box making session on the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### Holiday activity

Holly's Forest School - Holiday Club, 16th Feb 2026

If any of your students are interested I have the following holiday club at half term.

Holly's bushcraft holiday club, 16 Feb 26, 10-3pm, age 6-12, Loshes Wood, Henny, CO10 7LX.

Bookings in advance via [hollysforestsessions.com](http://hollysforestsessions.com)

Many thanks, Holly

### Key Spring Dates (these may be added to)

5<sup>th</sup> February - Oceania Class Assembly

10<sup>th</sup> February - North America to OSA to watch Frozen

12<sup>th</sup> February - Europe Class Assembly

### 16<sup>th</sup> - 20th February - Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> February - South America to Colchester Castle

26<sup>th</sup> February - Africa Class Assembly

2<sup>nd</sup> March - Secondary School Offer Day

2<sup>nd</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> March - North America Bikeability

5<sup>th</sup> March - South America Class Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening

16<sup>th</sup> March - Europe to West Stow

17<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Evening

19<sup>th</sup> March - Antarctica Class Assembly

25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March - Asia at Thorpe Woodlands Residential

27<sup>th</sup> March - North America Class Assembly

### 30 March - 10 April - Easter Holidays

16<sup>th</sup> April - Asia Class Assembly

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