

## Friday News - 13.02.2026

It's been a busy week for Years 4 and 5 this week! Year 4 had their class assembly on Thursday which saw them involve their parent in a game of Are you Smarter than a 9-Year-Old. The parents did themselves proud and thank you to the volunteers. It was safe to say that the parents realised they weren't smarter than a 9-year-old - or Mrs W had rigged the questions! Well done to Year 4 it was a very entertaining assembly. Year 5 had the great pleasure of going to watch OSA's performance of Frozen. They absolutely loved it and Miss Butcher and Mrs Taylor gave rave reviews on their return. To finish off the week, Miss Balaam had organised play leader training for our Year 5s as well. They were trained on how to organise and run playground activities for our younger pupils. A rota is being drawn up over half term and we'll see them all in action very soon.

### Attendance

We achieved **95.9%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 5 are our attendance champions this week with **98.9%**, well done Year 5! They were closely followed by Year 4 with 98.8% and Year 1 with 98.2%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Parents Evening

Sign up for Parents Evening on 12th and 17th March will be live at 4pm today on Arbor!

If your child's class has more than one teacher, it will show both teachers as being present. Please see timetable below for which teachers will be available when. Time slots are limited so parents are allocated one slot per child so you will not be able to speak to both teachers.

EYFS - Mrs Longhurst both evenings

Year 1 - Miss Paddon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Brown on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 - Mrs Hutchings on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Benford on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 - Mrs Jenkins both evenings

Year 4 - Mrs Weatherill both evenings

Year 5 - Miss Butcher on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Miss Balaam on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 - Mr Bassett both evenings

### School Uniform

Our school uniform suppliers have been in contact this week with a special offer.

MyClothing have a new discount code for parents to use when ordering their uniform online. All orders placed before 31st March 2026 can use the code below to receive 10% off over the next three months.

**Discount Code:** MYCQ110

See attached flyer and new sizing guide.

### Piano Lessons

We have had a piano teacher make contact with the school to say that she is able to offer small group piano lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. We are very fortunate that we have found space to be able to host her for these sessions. She has written a letter which is attached and please contact her directly if you think your child would be interested. The lessons would be on a Wednesday afternoon after 1:15pm.

## Reading

We were pleased to celebrate with 118 children who achieved the Yellow Reading Award this half term. The children received their certificates and enjoyed a non uniform day on Friday. This was less children than in the Autumn Term so we would love to see everyone working together to get the Green Award after half term. As it is a shorter half term we will be asking the children to read just 20 times.

We are reviewing our reading rewards over the next half term and would appreciate some feedback via this google form: [Reading Challenge – Fill in form](#)

## Suffolk Mind

We know that many children and families are struggling with mental health concerns at the moment. This may be anxiety related, struggling to meet need and many other concerns. Suffolk Mind are holding **FREE** parent workshops and online information sessions with advice and tips on how to support your child and yourself.

Please see their website for more details. <https://www.suffolkmind.org.uk/>

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

### PTFA Fri-Yay events - first Friday of every month

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

23<sup>rd</sup> February - Children return to school

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

5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

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

13<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA event - Dress down day for chocolate box donations

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

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

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

19<sup>th</sup> March - PTFA event - Easter Bingo TBC

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 half term everyone.

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