

## Friday News - 27.02.2026

What a return to school we've had after half term! The sun was shining and we've even managed to get on the field this week without getting covered in mud. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the extra space. On Wednesday South America went off to Colchester Castle with Miss Balaam, Mrs Thacker and Mrs Mayes. They had an amazing day learning all about the Romans; what a great start to their history topic. Thank you also to the 2 parent volunteers who accompanied the trip as well. Then on Thursday we had Africa's class assembly. We are so proud of Africa class who amazed us all with their wonderfully confident performance. They have certainly raised the bar even higher for the following class assemblies. We had over 50 family members from Africa class join us! Thank you to all who attended. We also had visitors in Asia class this week as well. They welcomed performers from the Theatre Royal who delivered the next part of their training to become playwrights. Asia have then been busy working on their Tiny Plays before the selection deadline. One of these amazing plays will then be performed on the stage at the Theatre Royal at the end of March. Good luck Asia class.

### Attendance

We achieved **97%** attendance this week, this is an increase on before half term. Year 1 are our attendance champions this week with **99.6%**, well done Year 1! They were closely followed by Year 4 with 98.4% and Year R with 98.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### PTFA news

The PTFA are holding an 'Easter Bingo Night' on Thursday 19th March.

Please see attached for more details.

You can book your tickets using the link below, and then logging in/or creating an account if you have not already done so already.

[www.pta-events.co.uk/qwpsptfa/index.cfm](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/qwpsptfa/index.cfm)

If you have any questions please let them know via email on

[greatwoldingfieldprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:greatwoldingfieldprimaryptfa@gmail.com)

### NUTS

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. We have pupils and adults in school who have a severe allergy to nuts and carry EpiPens. Please ensure that all items in a child's packed lunch are nut free. If we find a lunch contains nuts, we will confiscate the lunch and provide an alternative from the kitchen. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

### World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school again this year. There will be our usual Book Swap, where we invite all children to bring in one good quality book that they have finished enjoying, to swap with another child. The children will also be joining Live

Streamed World Book Day Lessons with authors and illustrators including Anna Llenas, author of The Colour Monster.

We are also very excited to announce that the school has been chosen to be a Community Book Distribution Partner, which means we will be hosting a pop-up World Book Day Book Shop from 2nd -13th March, where children and young people from the local community can come and swap their World Book Day Voucher for a £1 World Book Day Book.



The children will be bringing their voucher home on Monday so come early for the best pick of the books.

### **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 1:15. She is offering free taster sessions for anyone who would like to try.

### **Safeguarding**

I have had an email from a parent about Huggy Wuggy from the game 'Poppy Playtime'. There have been some young Key Stage 1 pupils talking about this game in school and re-enacting it. The game is rated 12+ and is not suitable for young children. Please check what your child is watching / looking at on their devices just in case they are searching of inappropriate content.

### **Childhood Neurodiversity**

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS are offering free courses and parent information sessions for parents. Please see the attached flyer for more information. I know that these sessions have been very useful for some parents.

### **Toys in school**

We have seen an increase of toys being brought into school. Please can all children refrain from bringing these in. If any concentration aids are required, we have a great supply in school and we will provide them. These toys are creating a distraction in the classroom.

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

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

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

20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day - wear something red / crazy hair / non uniform for a donation to Comic Relief

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

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

27<sup>th</sup> March - Green rainbow reader Non-uniform day

#### **30 March - 10 April - Easter Holidays**

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

Have a very happy weekend everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Baker". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs Baker

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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