

## Friday News - 01.05.2026

Another brilliant week at Great Waldingfield Primary School. I have had the pleasure of seeing many children come to my office with huge smiles clutching their exercise books with something to share with me. This is always a highlight of my day as we look at the brilliant piece of work and even flick back to see the progress they have made. Smelly stickers are always handed out, often one for them and one for the book so the smell can remind them of their brilliant piece of work.

### Limb loss and difference awareness month

April was Limb Loss & Limb Difference Awareness Month. As we are fortunate to have a member of our school family with a limb difference, it was vitally important that we shared this with the school. So, on Tuesday, Posie stood up at the front of Assembly and shared her story. We had photos and videos of her journey learning to walk and Posie answered questions that the children had. A highlight for many was that Posie shared her old prosthetic legs with the school and we were able to pass them around so everyone could touch and feel just how heavy these prosthetics are. We are all so proud of Posie and her resilience to find a way to do just about anything! Well done Posie, it was a brilliant assembly.

### Attendance

We achieved **97.1%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week.

Year 3 are our attendance champions this week with **97.8%**, well done Year 3! They were closely followed by Year 2 with 97.6% and Years R and 5 in joint 3rd with 97.4%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Trees

When years 3 and 4 went to the Suffolk Farm and Country Fair, they returned with 3 trees. Thanks to Mr Prall who works at Siemens Healthineers, for coming along today to plant these saplings. They have been well watered in and we look forward to seeing how they grow over the years. Please see the attached PDF of some photos of the trees being watered in.

### Lost Property

You may have seen our lost property table out again today. We have accumulated a lot of lost property again. All of the items out the front of school are unnamed. If you have lost any items / need the next size up, please take as it will only go to be recycled.

Can you also please check any items that you have at home are yours, as some named items have also gone missing. With over 200 children in school, it is very easy for things to get mixed up. Please name your items as these tend to find their way back to their owners.

### Make the Rules Day

Please see the attached poster for the rules for Make the Rules Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Celebration Service

Miss Butcher will be asking for choir members to come forward for a very special performance on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Rev Faith as invited us to come and sing at the Celebration Service at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Bishop Joanne Grenfell will be joining us as well as we help the church celebrate the completion of the renovation work on the reredos mosaics. Miss Butcher will be asking for volunteers (years 2 to 6) at the end of assembly on Tuesday.

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY

8<sup>th</sup> May - Make the Rules Day

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs

15<sup>th</sup> May - KS1 and KS2 Spring Discos

18 - 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 2 SATs

20<sup>th</sup> May - Asia to Crucial Crew

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Oceania to Jimmy's Farm

24<sup>th</sup> May - Church choir performing at the Celebration Service at St Lawrence church

#### **25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May - MAY HALF TERM**

1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Times Tables Check

2<sup>nd</sup> June - Doorstep Theatre production in school (more details to follow)

8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Doorstep Theatre Production in school (more details to follow)

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sports Morning all year groups (start around 9:15 finished by 10:35 ish)

6th & 7th July - OSA transition for Y6

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July - Stour Valley transition for Y6

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July - TGS transition for Y6.

17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of school

Have a very happy bank holiday weekend. See you all on Tuesday.



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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