

## Friday News - 08.05.2026

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Sir David Attenborough! I have seen David Attenborough worksheets and reading activities around the school to mark this very special occasion. Sir David has been an inspiration to many over the years and he continues to inspire our children today. Year 2 have looked at the David Attenborough book in the Little People Big dreams series, which tells the story of his life. There is a YouTube video of it being read here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAh-UOWBfI4> which you may like to share at home.

### Pupil Dancing Success

Isabella (South America), Rose (Oceania) and Zoe (Antarctica) took part in a dance show over the bank holiday weekend. They dance with the Elizabeth School of Dance and performed in 4 shows over Saturday and Sunday. To be ready for these performances, they had to take part in extra rehearsals over many weekends and evenings. Everyone who watched was impressed with their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. Well done girls, you've shown the Waldingfield Way in your commitment to perform outside of school with such confidence. Congratulations!



If your child has taken part in or achieved something amazing that they would like to share in Friday News, please email the school office. We love to hear about their successes outside of school.

### Attendance

We achieved **96.5%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 3 are our attendance champions again this week with **99.5%**, well done Year 3! They were closely followed by Year 5 with 98.6% and Year 1 with 98.2%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Make the Rules

What a wonderful array of colours and hairstyles we've had in school today! Thank you all for taking part so enthusiastically in Make the Rules day today. Miss Prall had a sneaky count up and so far £262.45 has been raised.

### Disco

The PTFA are holding a Spring Disco on Friday 15th May.

KS1 & Antarctica - 5- 6:15pm

KS2 - 6:30 - 7:45pm

£5 per child including a good bag and unlimited squash.

You can book your child's place using the link below, and then logging on/or creating an account if you have not already done so.

You can also volunteer to help out on the night whilst making your booking, and we will confirm this with you if you are required.

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

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

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

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Many Thanks

PTFA Team

## Piano Lessons

The piano lessons led by Sarah on a Wednesday afternoon have proved very successful. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and demand has been high. Therefore, Sarah is now able to offer some more lessons, please see the attached documents for more information.

## Class Photos

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't worry, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. If you haven't purchased photographs from us previously you will need to contact the school directly for the website photo code.

## SATs

Next week sees Year 6 take their KS2 SATs. These are nationwide tests that all pupils in Year 6 are required to sit. Over 4 days next week, they will sit 6 different papers testing their knowledge in English and Maths. I would like to remind Year 6 that although these tests are important and I know you will try as hard as you can, they only test a very small part of what makes a brilliant pupil. They do not test kindness, creativity, humour, determination or how you make others feel. They cannot show how hard you've worked or the progress that you have made. This is only a small step on your journey as a learner. Remember to eat well, rest well and relax over the weekend. If something feels difficult, don't panic - difficult moments do not mean failure! You are resilient, you have worked hard and you know how to do this. Good luck!

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

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

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)

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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

16<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm - Year 6 Leaver's Service at school

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

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