

## Friday News - 22.05.2026

WOW what a busy end to the week! As I'm sat writing this, only Years 1, 3 and 6 are in the school building. Antarctica are off out for a sunny walk to Old School Woods for their Forest School session, Oceania are at Jimmy's Farm and Europe and South America are at the Kingfisher Pool for their swimming lessons. It's always a privilege to take the children out and about. I know there are many more adventures planned for after half term. Year 6 have also been out this week as they went to Crucial Crew. This is an annual event held in Sudbury where local schools are invited to come and learn about the emergency services. It is always a very enjoyable trip.

### More Sporting Success

We had our 'local derby' last night on the school field where we welcomed a very strong Acton team who have been blowing their opposition away in the league. However, they weren't strong enough to defeat the mighty Waldingfield! Both the boys' and the girls' team were successful with the boys winning 2-1 and the girls following up with an amazing 3-1 win. This came as quite a shock to our underconfident teams who were expecting a very different outcome. I was very proud of both teams who demonstrated grit and determination. They never gave up. Well done.

### Toys from home

We are still having lots of toys from home coming into school which are causing a significant distraction. Toys may also get lost or damaged if they come into school. Please make sure toys from home do not come to school, including in book bags. We will keep toys that we find in school until the end of the day and then send them home with your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Attendance

We achieved **94.7%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week. Year R are our attendance champions this week with **99.2%**, well done Year R! They were closely followed by Year 2 with 98.8% and Year 4 with 97.8%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Blue Reading Challenge

137 children achieved the blue reading challenge, reading at least 25 times at home this half term. Well done and thank you for your support with your child's reading. It really does make a difference to their learning potential.

### Parking

We have had a report from a parent of an aggressive altercation over parking in the lay by on Folly road. The parent involved did the correct thing in calling the police to deal with the aggressive resident and I would urge anyone who is parked legitimately who faces any aggression to do the same. I know parking is a very contentious issue in the surrounding roads. If you are able to, as the weather is warmer, please think about parking a bit further from school and enjoy the sunshine by walking / scooting / biking in.

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

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

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)

**5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Skills Escalator and Sudbury visit**

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

**16<sup>th</sup> June - Year R river Stour trip**

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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 4 Theatre Royal trip (pm)**

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 Leavers' Service at school

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

Have a very happy half term 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