

## Friday News - 19.06.2026

The week in the life of a primary school can be very varied. This week something happened that I have never seen before in over 20 years of working in primary schools; a spontaneous fire drill. During lunch earlier this week, there was a car alarm or a lorry reversing which created a beeping noise. This noise was mistaken by some as the fire alarm (don't worry ours is much louder). This news spread like wildfire. However, it did not cause panic in the children, all they did was what they know they should do and all came on to the field and began to line up in their classes! As I was outside, I addressed the school, thanked them for their calm actions and reassured them that there wasn't a fire and it was all safe. They happily returned to their play. This demonstrates to us and to them that all of our fire drills are worth the effort. Well done everyone!

### First News

Our Key Stage 2 children enjoy reading First News in school and as part of an ongoing initiative to encourage reading, they have offered the digital copy for free each week over the summer break.

To sign up to receive it, please follow this link:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/?fn=JYJOPYB8>

### Attendance

We achieved **93%** attendance this week, this is a decrease on last week.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **99.2%**, well done Year 4! They were closely followed by Year 3 with 98.9% and Year 2 with 96.3%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Reception trip

Antarctica went on their class outing to the River Stour this week. They came back full of tales of their adventures. Thank you to the parents who helped out on the trip. We really do appreciate it and can't run these trips without you.

### Maxim Tournament

Members of Asia class represented the school at the Maxim football tournament today. They won one of their games and scored in every match. Mr Bassett was very proud of their behaviour and the resilience that they showed throughout the whole tournament; they never gave up. Well done to the team. Thank you to Mr Bassett for coaching.

### Cricket

Earlier this week, some year 6s represented the school at a cricket tournament. They travelled to Boxford Cricket Club to take part in a tournament with other local schools. Again the team, with very little cricket experience, played very well and we came second! An amazing result and well done to the cricket team. Thank you to Miss Balaam for coaching.

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

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

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Doorstep Theatre Production in school

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)

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 1 to Bradfield Woods

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 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