

Friday News 10.07.2026

What another scorching week. We are doing all that we can to keep the children cool in this weather by keeping them in the shade and not allowing them on the dusty, dry field at lunch time to stop them running around in the blazing sun! Miss Butcher's spritzing spray has been very welcome in Year 5 and Mrs Wilson has even appeared at the end of the T-Birds with Antarctica's hose just to cool off those that are with us until 5:30. Despite the sticky classes, we are staying well hydrated and enjoying the final 2 weeks in school.

Quad Kids

This week Miss Balaam and I had the absolute pleasure of taking a group of Year 5s and 6s to Northgate athletics track where they spent the afternoon competing with well over 200 other pupils taking part in a Quad Kids athletic event. All the children had to run 600m, run 75m sprint, throw a vortex howler and do a standing long jump. All of those who took part demonstrated the Waldingfield Way as they persevered and nobody gave up - even on the 600m which is a very tricky distance to run. Well done to everyone who took part in such a big event.

Parking

I have once again had a complaint from a neighbour of inconsiderate parking. I know that the neighbour approached and spoke to the parent involved. Please be mindful when parking, 'I'm only going to be a minute' is not a reason to block someone on their drive. They may need to get out at that time. I know the heat and end of term tiredness doesn't help but please be extra considerate in the final week. We would prefer for you to be a minute late for the gate than park illegally and have an altercation with an angry resident.

Free Packed Lunches

Reverend Faith has asked me to let parents know that the Larder at the Village Hall on Fridays will be offering free packed lunches during the school holidays between 10 and 11.

Attendance

We achieved **96.8%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week.

Year 5 are our attendance champions this week with **98.9%**, well done Year 5! They were followed by Year 3 with 98.4% and Year 1 with 98.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Reading Challenge

We are very pleased to see 133 children wearing purple today to celebrate achieving their Purple Reading Award. This afternoon in Celebration Assembly we will be presenting 112 children with their Gold Rainbow Awards in recognition of their commitment to reading throughout the whole school year.

Next week we will be presenting the Spine Reading Awards to all those that have read (or heard read) the 6 class novels or picture books that their teachers recommended this year. Well done to all those children and parents who have worked so hard at home to improve their reading this year.

In response to parent feedback, we will be continuing the Rainbow Reading and Spine Reading Challenges next year.

Staffing

I would like to let parents know that sadly Miss Warnock will be leaving us at the end of the year. She is getting married in September and her and her new husband will be moving away. Miss Warnock will also be returning to her studies as she starts a speech and language therapy course. We all wish Miss Warnock the best of luck.

Reports

End of year reports for all pupils will be sent out electronically on Monday 13th of July. These can be easily downloaded and saved. You will also receive information on any statutory testing (phonics, Multiplication test etc) as well as an update on attendance. **Key Stage 2 SATs results for year 6 will be sent separately on 16th July hopefully.**

Dancing success

On Sunday, Isabella, Zoe and Betsy took part in a dance exam. Isabella took her Primary 2 Ballet exam which she passed. Zoe and Betsy took their Primary 1 Tap exam which they passed.

The girls have all worked extremely hard and practised for months for this.

We are all very proud of the girls.

Key Summer Dates (these may be added to)

PTFA Fri-Yay events - first Friday of every month

13th to 15th July - TGS transition for Y6
13th July - Reports to Parents
16th July - 2pm - Year 6 Leavers' Service at school
17th July - Last day of school
Summer Holidays

1st September - PD day
2nd September - all children return to 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