

Friday News - 11.09.2026

I cannot believe we've just completed our first full week back in school; it has flown by. I am so very proud of all the children as they have settled very well into school and are working exceptionally hard. Mrs Longhurst, Mrs Hyett, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Brown are very proud of the new children in Antarctica class who have now completed their first full week in school. They are settling in and learning routines very well.

Uniform

Just a reminder on school uniform as we are noticing some children are not in appropriate school uniform. Children should not be wearing any jewellery apart from a watch (not a smartwatch) and plain stud earrings. Children also need to be wearing black school shoes. There are some children wearing trainers on non-PE days. Please see the school website for further details on our school uniform. <https://www.greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=56>

Earrings during PE

All schools were issued with updated guidance last year around children and earrings during PE.

The guidance is very clear. Pupils are **not** allowed to wear earrings for PE. National guidance is also clear that tape is not a sufficient protective factor. National guidance has made it clear that beyond the initial 6 weeks, parents are not allowed to take on the 'risk' and acceptable liability.

Therefore, the school requires that all earrings are removed on PE days. If your child is unable to remove them themselves in school, they should not come to school wearing them.

If your child has just had their ears pierced and therefore they cannot be removed for 6 weeks, please see the school office to sign a letter accepting responsibility for this short period of time.

If a child is wearing earrings on a PE day, they will not take part in the lesson.

Early Birds and T-Birds

Please book your places asap as there are occasions when we reach our maximum capacity of 30 and therefore are unable to take any more.

A reminder of collection times for T Birds.

If you have booked until 4:30pm, the collection time is 4:30pm only. If you have booked until 5:30pm, the collection time is from 5pm until 5:30pm. Your child will need to be collected by 5:30pm as this is when the T Birds staff have to leave. Any late collections incur a £5 late collection fee.

In the case of an emergency, you can contact the T Birds staff via the T Birds mobile number: 07762 022895

School dinners

Please note that we require the children's meal account on Arbor to be in credit before your child orders a meal. If your child's account goes to more than £5 owed, we will not be able to offer a meal until it is cleared.

Attendance

We achieved **97.6%** attendance this week. This is an increase on last week.

Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with **100%**, well done Year 6! They were closely followed by Year 4 with 99.6% and Year R with 98.3%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Parent Workshops

The Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation trust Psychology in School Team hold regular online workshops for parents around childhood diversity and other topics that families have identified as most helpful.

Please see the link below for booking and there are also some prerecorded workshops to watch as well.

<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>

Information on Arbor

Over the weekend, please can you log into Arbor and check that the information for your child (emergency contact details, addresses etc) is up to date. Please contact the office if you need to update any information.

Key Dates:

These may be added to

28th September – Flu Vaccinations in school

7th October – Harvest Festival @ church 9:30 – pupils only

13th October – Parents Evening

15th October – Parents Evening

22nd October – Red Rainbow Reading Non-Uniform

23rd October – PD day – no children in school

26th – 30th October – Half Term

20th November – Individual Photos

7th December – EYFS nativity to school

8th December – EYFS nativity to parents

10th December – EYFS nativity to parents

11th December – PTFA Christmas Disco

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – KS1 Christmas concert @ church 2pm

15th December – KS2 Christmas concert @ church 2pm

16th December – Orange Rainbow reading non-uniform

17th December – Christingle in school – pupils only

18th December – Last day of term

Have a very happy weekend!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Baker'.

Mrs Baker

Headteacher