

Friday News - 25.09.2026

Well, that was an eventful week! Ofsted have been and gone. I am incredibly proud of the Great Waldingfield team who pulled together to show case the amazing elements of our school. The inspectors were very complimentary about the children they interacted with and observed. They said they were, thoughtful, honest and enthusiastic with their responses to any questions that were asked. We could not have asked any more from them. A big thank you to the school governors as well who were a great support. A big thank you to our new Chair of Governors Richard Stuart - what a start to your term of Office as Chair! The lead inspector has gone away to write the report which we will share with you as soon as we are able to. This may be before half term but is more like to be just after. We are not able to share any provision findings that have been fed back to the school until the final report has been published.

What have we been up to?

I've spoken to children around the school today to share some of their favourite learning this week. This is what they would like to share with you.

Antarctica	We have loved playing with our toys, especially the outside toys. We loved making apple pies for our 'a' phoneme. Outside we were washing and matching socks to hang on the line.
Africa	We made our own version of the story of The Three Little Pigs. We had crocodiles and sharks.
Oceania	We loved our story of Jack and the Bean Stalk. We have used the laptops! We learnt about the greater than and less than sign in maths.
South America	I loved the history where we learnt about the Stone Age. We really liked the numberlines in maths. I loved the 3D models in art.
Europe	I really liked the sketching and drawing we were doing in art. We are working really hard on our handwriting. We are also writing our own version of the Beowulf story which we have loved.
North America	We met our buddies for the first time! We also enjoyed writing our warning stories and learning how to round numbers to 10,000.
Asia	I loved learning about the American Airbase near the village of Great Waldingfield. The history of World War II was really close to us.

Attendance

We achieved **96.8%** attendance this week. This is an increase on last week. Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **98.9%**, well done Year 4! They were followed by Year 3 with 98.7% and Year R with 98.2%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Census Day

Thursday 1st October is Census Day - please see attached letter.

Whether or not your child usually takes a school meal on a Thursday, if your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, we would appreciate it if they could take a meal on Thursday 1st October.

The menu for Thursday 1st October is below:

Option 1 – Sausage Roll with Chips
Vegetarian – Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
Jacket Potato
Pick & Mix – Tuna, Ham or Cheese
Dessert – Iced Sponge

Harvest

We have our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 7th October. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods from next week. We will then take these to the church for our harvest service to add to their collection. Hopefully some of our Year 6 pupils will be able to deliver them to members of the community. It was a big hit last year!

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!



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