Friday News 6th November 2026

Welcome back! What an amazing first week back we've had. We had the NSPCC in school on Tuesday working with 3 classes talking about keeping themselves safe and recognising if they are in an unsafe situation. All other classes watched an NSPCC assembly. We also had our Remembrance service on Tuesday where we welcomed Tony Petersen from the Royal British Legion in to school and listened to the Last Post as the standard was lowered, followed by a moment of reflection having learnt about the symbolism behind the poppies. We still have a few poppies left to sell next week before we hold our Remembrance silence at 11am on Wednesday. Our wonderful librarians have even made a display in the library for remembrance.



Parking

We have noticed some cars parked up on the playing field by the school. First Friends have been allowed use of this in dry weather for their staff vehicles which is why you may sometimes see vehicles parked there before school. **This is not a safe parking space for parents use which is why there is no dropped kerb and we urge you to find alternative parking arrangements safely on the roads around the school.** Children and families are regularly walking up and down this slope to/from school and do not expect vehicles to be moving there. Thank you for your understanding and please stop using this as a parking space.

Attendance

We achieved **96.9%** attendance this week. This is an increase on before half term.

Year 1 are our attendance champions this week with 98.8%, well done Year 1! They were closely followed by Year 4 with 98.5% and Year 5 with 97.5%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Thanks to the PTFA

The Teachers have been very busy using their new visualisers in school this week. This equipment is a great way to share books with children and model using equipment in maths as well as having many other uses. We are very grateful to the PTFA for their donation which has allowed us to be able to double the number available for use in school.

The PTFA also subsidises school trips for each class to help with the increasingly expensive cost of coach transport. Their contributions are vital to keep these educational visits viable. If you have some time to support the PTFA in organising fundraising events, please contact them on ptfa@greatwaldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk. Their next fundraising events are FriYay on Friday 6th November and 4th December and the Christmas Discos on Friday 11th December.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 17th December this year, see attached menu.

The kitchen will be offering a choice of Roast Turkey or Vegan Festive Wellington. Jacket Potato / Pick and Mix options will not be available on this day.

Please complete this Google Form: Christmas Lunch 2026 – Fill in form to indicate whether your child will be having Roast Turkey, Vegan Festive Wellington or bringing a Packed Lunch from home. It is very important that everyone completes this form by Friday 4th December as this dictates our Cook's Christmas Lunch order.

Children in Need Fundraising

We are having a non-uniform day for Children in Need next Friday, 13th November. We ask for the children to wear spots and yellow if possible (please don't buy anything new for this event) or bright colours for a donation. Recommended donation of £1-£2.

We are also delighted to share that Albie in Year 3 is fundraising for children in need and is taking on the Run with Pudsey and Joe Wicks!

His fundraising page can be found here: https://run.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/albies-fundraising-page850?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-WA&utm_content=MPC

Doorstep Theatre Festival

Last academic year, we welcomed Doorstep Productions in to school. The children really enjoyed watching a theatre performance and participating in workshops.

Year 5 also followed up with some writing inspired by the performance and some members of Year 5 were interviewed by the production team.

It was such a privilege to welcome the performers to school. Doorstep productions have now created a video of the Doorstep Theatre Festival which includes our school and the interviews with a couple of our Year 5 children! Follow this link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yUgDLzoJ27I

Since the launch of the film, West Suffolk Council have asked if they could use some clips of the film to be put into their wider arts, culture and heritage film.

Please let the school know by 12 noon on Friday 13th November if you have any objection to this.

Attachments

Please see attached the missing attachments from last Thursday News.

We have also attached a poster from School Admissions - If you have pre-school child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023. It is very important that you make an application for a full-time school place for your child for the 2027/2028 school year by the closing date of **Friday 15 January 2027**. See attached poster for more information.

Sporting Success

Alice in Year 5 participated in the Rising Stars Halloween Challenge gymnastic competition on Sunday 1st November all the way in Lowestoft! She competed against 5 other gymnastics clubs from all over the county and received gold for her floor routine, bronze for bars and beam and came 4th in vault, which meant she came in FIRST place overall. She wore her meals with pride today and even had a huge trophy to display on her desk. Amazing talent!



Instrumental and Music Lessons

Lee Parkin Music Services has some available spaces in their Tuesday morning music lessons.

Lessons are available in: guitar, bass guitar, ukulele and singing.

If you may be interested, please email leeparkinmusicservices@gmail.com with: Parent/carer name, child's year group, instrument they are interested in and whether you would prefer an individual or paired lesson.

Parent Carer Workshops

See attached flyer for information about NHS childhood neurodivergence parent carer workshops

Have a very happy weekend.

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