

Friday News 17.01.2025

This week has seen our pupils in Antarctica have forest school for the first time today. They were balancing on lines between the trees, swinging in hammocks and learning how to use some of the tools. They had an amazing time in our forest school area and they should all sleep well tonight hopefully. Our pupils in Europe class went swimming for the first time as well this week! As Kingfisher pool is closed, we have worked with Suffolk Schools Swimming to secure a place at Hadleigh pool. The class came back tired but happy with their first lesson. Swimming is such a vital life skill and is always something that we prioritise in school.

Class Assemblies

These are due to start this term, please see the dates below. The class assemblies are an opportunity for parents to see what the children have been learning in class. They will start at 9am and last approximately 20 minutes. If you are unable to attend any family member or family friend is welcome to attend on your behalf.

Parking

We have noticed that some parents are pulling up outside the gates to the staff car park to drop off their children. This is causing a hazard as the car is then trying to reverse around the corner where parents and small children are crossing the road having parked in a safe and secure way. Please be mindful when you are parking and dropping off. I would hate for there to be a serious incident for the sake of saving a couple of minutes in the morning.

Parent / Carer Workshops

Please see the attached leaflet from the psychology in schools' team. They are running parent workshops on supporting children and adolescents with mental health and wellbeing.

Attendance

We achieved **95.5%** attendance this week, this is the same as last week.

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with **98.5%**, well done Year 4! They were followed closely by Year 2 with 98.3% and Year 6 with 97.5%.

Attendance certificates have been emailed out this week, this is so that you can monitor your child's attendance. If you did not receive an attendance certificate, please email admin@greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk so that we can check we have the correct email address for you. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Sickness

There have been a few bouts of sickness across the school this week. We are continuing to encourage the children to wash their hands before eating and after going to the toilet. We are following our cleaning protocols as well. Just a reminder to parents that we will be following a strict 48 hours policy if a child has been sick at home. Meaning that a child cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

Staffing

Miss Balaam is off on maternity leave at February half term. Therefore, the following changes to staffing will be made to cover this. Miss Ballam hopes to return in September.

Year 3 - Mrs Jenkins

Year 1 - Mrs Brown and Miss Paddon

Key dates

Thursday 30th January - Year 1 Class Assembly.

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February - Children's Mental Health Week.

Thursday 6th February - Year 3 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th February - Thursday 27th February - Year 5 Bikeability.

17th - 21st February - Half Term

Thursday 27th February - Year 2 Class Assembly.

Thursday 6th March - Year 4 Class Assembly.

Thursday 13th March - Year 5 Class Assembly.

Tuesday 18th March - Year 4 to Sutton Hoo.

Thursday 20th March - EYFS Class Assembly.

Tuesday 25th March - Parents Evening **YR-Y5 only**

Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 to Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds

Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands

Friday 28th March - Year R to watch the Gruffalo at Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds.

Tuesday 1st April - **Year 6** Parents Evening 3:30 - 5:00

Thursday 3rd April - Year 6 Class Assembly.

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Friday 4th April - Last Day of term

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