

## Friday News 25.10.2024

What an amazing half term we have had! North America ended their half term with a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. I know that Miss Butcher was very impressed with how well they represented the school but more importantly with how enthusiastic they were to learn more about the past from the artefacts in the museum. We had our final No Outsiders session with Antarctica class which was once again very well attended. We were lucky to finish off today with visit from Siemens Healthineers who have turned up with a team of volunteers to help tidy the forest school area and paint sheds and fences. A huge thank you as well to Mr Snelling who sourced our new seating logs for the children.

### **New Website**

We have a new updated website! It has now launched and can be found here:  
<https://www.greatwoldingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/>

We will be adding more over the next half term.

### **Dropped Kerb / Parking**

I would like make a plea to all parents / carers who are collecting children by car to please be mindful of those around you. Parking has become an issue around the school and I receive regular complaints from residents and other parents about the inconsiderate parking of a few.

We have a disabled parent in a wheelchair who has been unable to collect their child because someone has parked across the dropped kerb on Badley's close near to the junction with Folly road. This is the only dropped kerb that can be used by this parent to get into school.

There have also been complaints about people parking across driveways and blocking residents in as well as parking on double yellow lines.

We all want the children to be safe coming to school. We have a staggered drop off period from 8:35am until 8:45am to try and ease the congestion in the morning. Please think carefully about where you park your car.

### **Red Reading Challenge**

128 children achieved the red reading challenge, reading 30 or more times to an adult during this half term. Let's see if we can beat this for the orange reading challenge.

### **Attendance**

We achieved **92.36%** attendance this week which is a decrease on last week. Years 2 & 3 are our attendance champions this week with **97.53%**, well done Years 2 & 3! They were followed closely by Year 4 with 97.41% and Year R with 96.4%.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone well rested and feeling well after half term.  
#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

### Autumn Term Key Dates

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - PD day no children in school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Phonics information session for parents (EYFS / Year 1)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Open morning 9:30 - 11:30 for parents and children who are due to start school in September 2025

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Individual school photos

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle in school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Antarctica nativity to parents - pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Christmas concert for parents at the church pm

Happy half term!



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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