



Great Wilbraham Primary Academy

Executive Headteacher: Mr David Sandford

Great Wilbraham C of E Primary School, Church Street, Great Wilbraham, Cambridge, CB21 5JQ, 01223 880408

Our Vision: 'With God, all things are possible'

Our Core Values: Love, thankfulness, courage and wonder

Dear Families,

Hi again everyone. I hope you have all had a great week. This week, I have had a very productive meeting with the PTFA and there are so many events planned for the school and community. I have the job of 'quizzier' at the annual Quiz and Chips evening. I have learnt that the team from the school is ultra-competitive! We will see.

New systems and routines are becoming established around school and the children – as ever – are so flexible and amenable to change. From the comments I have received from parents, homework seems to have been a resounding success, and you are enjoying the structure and planned regularity of it. Thank you.

New Intake Open Sessions

Attached to this letter is a poster advertising our 2 Open Sessions planned for October and November. These currently run successfully at Burrough Green and have been integral in getting the school's message out into the community and beyond.

When the poster arrives – share, share and share some more! We need to see as many interested 'rising fives' as possible. We plan to offer a talk from myself and the EYFS teacher, Mrs Leadbeter. There will be contributions from Year 6 and from the kitchen and there will be the opportunity to visit Fieldmice to see lessons in action and the wonderful facilities children at Great Wilbraham experience.

Parent Evenings

These have been planned for Wednesday 22nd October and will run from the close of school to 7.30pm. Booking will open on Arbor shortly.

You will be able to see your child's learning (books will be available) and have a 10-minute meeting with the class teacher. John Turner and myself will be available throughout the evening.

Individual Support Plan Meetings

These will happen on the 5th November and will run throughout the day. They will start at 8.30am and will run until around 4pm. The reason for running them through the day is that I feel it is vital that the class teacher and the SENCO attend each and every meeting – this is not possible if they are after school.

Slots will be allotted by the school. ISPs will not be ready to be discussed at parents evening.

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Phonics Information Sessions

Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 are invited to a phonics information session led by Mrs Leadbeter which will include experiencing a phonics lesson. These are taking place on 1st October (Year 1) and 2nd October (Reception) at 9.00 am.

Speaking and Listening

Being able to speak and listen well is something all children need to be able to do. The confidence this instils will mark them out as confident and articulate students on their journey through the education system and beyond. I am offering a debate topic every newsletter:

SHOULD WE INVEST THE SAME AMOUNT IN WOMEN'S SPORT AS WE DO IN MEN'S SPORT?

With the England Women's Football team's success in Switzerland over the summer, I thought it was a good time to bring this debate up.

My daughter, who is 20 now, said to me last week: "It's rubbish...they should be invested in equally... There is even an argument to invest more in women's sport because women's teams actually win things..."

An interesting thought – What do you think?

I hope you all have an amazing weekend, and we will see you all on Monday.

Take care.

David Sandford – Executive Headteacher

Attendance expectations

Attendance whole school 2024-25: 97.9%

Best class attendance: Hedgehog Class 98.1%

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Dates 2025 – 2026

Autumn term

Wednesday 24th September – LGB meeting

Thursday 25th September – 4.30 – 8.00 pm Linton VC Open Evening

Wednesday 1st October – Flu Vaccinations – R – Year 6

Thursday 2nd October – Badger Class trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

Thursday 2nd October – 5.30 – 8.00 pm Bottisham VC Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October – 6.00 – 8.00 pm Netherhall Open Evening

Wednesday 8th October – Team of Year 4,5,6 to Tag Rugby

Friday 10th October – Individual and sibling photos

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th – Reception Bikeability Balance course

Monday 13th October – 2.15 pm – Harvest Festival – Little Wilbraham Church

Monday 20th October – Author visiting Badger Class

Tuesday 21st October – STEM Space challenge – Hedgehog and Badger Classes

Wednesday 22nd October – 3.30 – 7.30 pm - Parent Consultation meetings

Friday 24 October – School closes

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October – Half Term

Monday 3 November – School opens

Wednesday 5th November – ISP meetings

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 18th November – Year 4 – 6 cinema trip

Wednesday 19th November – R – Year 3 cinema trip

Wednesday 26th November – LGB meeting

Monday 1st December – PTFA funded pantomime to Years R - 6

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th December – Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Flatford Mill

Friday 19 December – School closes

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January – Christmas Holidays

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Spring term dates 2026

Monday 5 January – Professional Development Day – School Closed

Tuesday 6 January - School opens

Wednesday 28th January – LGB meeting

Friday 13 February – School closes

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February – Half Term

Monday 23 February – School opens

Tuesday 17th March – Class Photos

Wednesday 25th March – LGB meeting

Friday 27 March – School closes

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April – Easter Holidays

Summer term dates 2026

Monday 13 April – School opens

Thursday 16th April – National offer date for primary places

Monday 4th May – May Day Holiday – School closed

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – KS2 SAT's

Wednesday 20th May – KS2 scootering event

Wednesday 20th May – LGB meeting

Friday 22 May – School closes

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May – Half term

Monday 1 June – School opens

Wednesday 8th July – LGB meeting

Thursday 16th July – School closes

Friday 17th July and Monday 20th July – Professional Development Days – School Closed

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