



# Great Wilbraham Primary Academy

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

Our Core Values: Love, thankfulness, courage and wonder

Dear Families,

Hi again everyone. It has been another excellent week here at Great Wilbraham. Children are working so hard. We are all looking forward to the harvest festival on Monday – we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Please send any donations for Jimmy's in with your children in the morning.

## Parental Questionnaire

Please complete the parental questionnaire (like the one OFSTED will give you when the time comes) which can be found on the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/Jt5Hy5eY19> . The aim is to give us vital information regarding how you view school. Your views are always important to us and we look forward to seeing the data – we will report the highlights after half term. Thank you for your continued involvement.

## Safeguarding

With half term fast approaching (just 2 weeks to go!), I wanted to give this newsletter a safeguarding focus – particularly the minefield of online safety. I attach a few links to useful websites for parents so they can stay informed in this ever-changing digital world:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

[https://www.ofcom.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0027/255852/childrens-media-use-andattitudes-report-2023.pdf](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/255852/childrens-media-use-andattitudes-report-2023.pdf)

The final one of these is a hugely interesting report that analysis children's online use and what they do when they are online. The final document caused me to have searching conversations with my own children (aged 20 and 15!).

I have a responsibility to communicate with the local community when the need arises regarding safeguarding and I have been made aware of the following. We received an email in school yesterday from Sara Rogers, the Education Safeguarding Manager for Cambridgeshire:

Dear all

We have been made aware of a potential issue with a website link found in some copies of the **SpY Dog** children's books by Andrew Cope. The web address has been taken over by a third party and now leads to an adult pornographic site. Consequently, the publisher Puffin and author Andrew Cope have halted sales and distribution of these books and are working to have the site removed through legal channels.

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*The publishers are aware and have recommended withdrawing all copies of the book. Our advice would be to simply remove the page from the book and make parents aware as children may also have the books at home.*

*This is a good opportunity to remind children about safer internet use and telling a trusted adult if they have accidentally visited an inappropriate site and to remind parents about actively engaging with their children's reading.*

[Spy Dog: Children's books pulled over explicit weblink - BBC News](#)

Sara Rogers

Education Safeguarding Manager

My understanding is that these books are popular amongst younger readers – please be vigilant.

## **Tag Rugby**

Earlier this week, Mr Brown and Mrs Plessers took a Year 5/6 team to a tag rugby tournament. The children were hugely excited and played extremely well. They won 5 out of 6 games, placing second overall. Many competing schools were large primaries so to come second out of 12 is a huge achievement. Well done to all.



## **Parents Evenings**

These will be happening later this month. Booking is open on Arbor.

## **Flower Planting in Little Wilbraham**

Mrs Leadbeter led Fieldmice on a trip to Little Wilbraham to plant wildflowers. She was accompanied by Mrs Plumb and Mrs Williams. The children had a great time. Contributing to the community is such an important thing to teach our children. Thank you to all concerned

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## Speaking and Listening

Here are two conversation starters. Research tells us that it is so important that we engage in meaningful conversations with our children. It helps them to grow as both speakers and listeners.

- 1) If you paint a room, does it get smaller?
- 2) If you could make one decision for our world, what would it be?

These are just fun ideas for a discussion to have with your family or friends. The intention is to provide an opportunity for fun discussions as a family. Hope they are useful! Enjoy!

Take care all

**David and the GW team**

## Attendance expectations

*Attendance whole school 2024-25: 97.4%*

*Best class attendance: Squirrel Class 98.6%*

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## Dates 2025 – 2026

### Autumn term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 2.15 pm – Harvest Festival – Little Wilbraham Church – **All Welcome**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Author visiting Hedgehog and Badger Classes

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – STEM Space challenge – Hedgehog and Badger Classes

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 3.30 – 7.30 pm - Parent Consultation meetings

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6 to STEM event at AstraZeneca with Year 6 from Burrough Green

Friday 24 October – School closes

Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October – Half Term

Monday 3 November – School opens

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – ISP meetings

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Cooking and Food Waste Workshops

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 – 6 cinema trip

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – R – Year 3 cinema trip

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – whole school trip to Ely (please see separate letter)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Panathlon event

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – LGB meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – PTFA funded pantomime to Years R - 6

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

Friday 19 December – School closes

Monday 22 December to Friday 2 January – Christmas Holidays

### Spring term dates 2026

Monday 5 January – Professional Development Day – School Closed

Tuesday 6 January - School opens

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – LGB meeting

Friday 13 February – School closes

Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February – Half Term

Monday 23 February – School opens

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photos

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – LGB meeting

Friday 27 March – School closes

Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April – Easter Holidays

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## **Summer term dates 2026**

Monday 13 April – School opens

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – National offer date for primary places

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Holiday – School closed

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SAT's

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 scootering event

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – LGB meeting

Friday 22 May – School closes

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May – Half term

Monday 1 June – School opens

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – LGB meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – School closes

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Professional Development Days – School Closed

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