



# Great Wilbraham Primary Academy

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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 Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope you had a restful and joyful Christmas break. As we begin 2026, we are excited about the opportunities this term will bring and the learning journeys ahead for all our children.

## A Positive Start to the Spring Term

The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with energy and curiosity. Our focus this term is on consistency, stability, and high-quality learning experiences for every child. We know how important routine and continuity are and we are committed to ensuring this across all classes.

## Staffing Updates

We are delighted to share that we now have firm plans in place for staffing. From Monday 19th January, Squirrels Class will have a qualified teacher in place consistently, bringing much-needed stability and continuity for the children. A separate letter will be sent out to families today with full details and families will have the opportunity to meet the new teacher next week. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have worked hard to secure the right arrangements. Thank you for supporting us during these changes – your partnership makes a huge difference.

## Supporting Wellbeing – ELSA Provision

We continue to prioritise emotional wellbeing alongside academic progress. Our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions are now fully up and running. Children receive timetabled support every Monday, and this provision is now fixed and will continue throughout the term. If you feel your child would benefit from ELSA support, please speak to your class teacher or contact the school office. ELSA usually runs for 6-8 weeks and is carefully monitored by the SENCO, Mrs Chaudhry,

## Year 6

Refreshed from not only a fabulous residential but also a Christmas holiday, Year 6 have been doing Mock SATs this week. They have been incredible and I have been impressed by their application and willingness to succeed. They have shown such resilience and tenacity – great values to display. I am proud of every single one of them.

## Thank You

Finally, thank you for your continued support. Important policies are currently being written and implemented - these will bring further consistency. Together, we can make this a successful and

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positive term for every child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a great weekend everyone.

**Warm regards,  
David Sandford and the GW Team**

## **Attendance expectations**

*Attendance whole school 2025-2026: 93.3%*

*Best class attendance: Squirrel Class 97.2%*

## **Dates 2025 – 2026**

### **Spring term dates 2026**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 and 6 athletics event

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

**Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February – Half Term**

Monday 23 February – School opens

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Years 1 – 4 Rise Gym event

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Vision Screening

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

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

**Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April – Easter Holidays**

### **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

**Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May – Half term**

Monday 1 June – School opens

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

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

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