



# Great Wilbraham Primary Academy

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Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to everyone! It was so lovely to see all our Year 1 – Year 6 children back today. They were all eagerly waiting at the gate to come in. We are excited to welcome our Reception and Nursery children next week.

## Vision, ethos and values

As we embark on a new academic year, our team has been working hard on our school vision, ethos and values. For me, education is about opening doors to our young people and giving them the very best start to their lives. We believe that through our Christian based vision, ethos and values our Year 6s will leave us with the world at their feet. We truly believe that:

*'With God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26)*

To underpin this vision we have chosen four core values which we think will help our children succeed in life. These are: love, thankfulness, courage and wonder and we have begun exploring these with the children today. We are excited to see these values embed into all that makes our school such a wonderful place to be.

More information about our vision, ethos and values is available on our website.

## Website

Speaking of which... we have a new website! Our current website is still live at the moment as we wait for some of the background technicalities to be completed. We are hopeful that our new website will be live by the end of the week or early next week. Once it is, please do take a look!

## Drop ins

We would love to welcome as many parents as possible to a parent drop in opportunity. Class teachers will be available to talk parents through some of the key information for the year ahead including routines, expectations and curriculum. The meetings are being offered on the following dates and times (all information will also be sent to any parents unable to attend):

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 8:50am – Badger Class – Mrs. Chaudhry and Mr. Lewis

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 8:50am – Hedgehog Class – Miss Steley

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 6:00pm – Fieldmice Class – Mrs. Forshaw (this evening will include information on phonics)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 8:50am – Squirrel Class – Miss Roberts-Taira

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## PE

Mrs. Crisp kindly sent out this information yesterday but just to reiterate, the following days are PE days and we would ask children to come to school dressed in their PE kit. PE lessons will start from next week.

Fieldmice - Thursday

Squirrels - Tuesday and Wednesday

Hedgehogs - Tuesday and Wednesday

Badgers - Thursday and Friday

Please remember, my door is always open so please do get in touch if you need to see me.

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## Dates 2024 - 2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Nursery home visits

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – School opens for children in Nursery and Reception

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Before and after school clubs begin

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 8:50am – Badger Class Parent Drop In

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Vaccinations R – Yr6

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 8:50am – Hedgehog Class Parent Drop In

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 6.00pm – Fieldmice Class Parent Drop In / Phonics Evening

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 8:50am – Squirrel Class Parent Drop In

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 2.30pm Little Wilbraham - Harvest Service and Collection for Jimmy's - tbc

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Census Day – all KS1 children to have lunch

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – BVC Professional Development Day and Open Evening

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Individual and Family photos

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Badger Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parent consultations – more information will be emailed soon

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – School closes

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

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – National closing date for Secondary places

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Professional Development Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – School opens

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 2.00 pm – Panto Scroogical to school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Fieldmice Nativity – Dress Rehearsal – 9.30am

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Fieldmice Nativity – Performance – 2pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Fieldmice Nativity – Performance – 6pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15 am – Christmas Service – GW Church

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes

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## **Spring Term 2025**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Professional Development Days – School Closed

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School opens

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - School opens

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Class photos

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – School closes

## **Summer Term 2025**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School opens

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – May Day – School Closed

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School closes

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – School opens

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School closes

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