



Great Wilbraham Primary Academy

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Dear Families,

What a great start our children have had in their first few weeks back at school. The classes are all settling in nicely and there is a lovely atmosphere around school. We have enjoyed the last of the summer sun – it certainly seems autumnal today!

Parent Drop Ins

It was wonderful to see so many families in school for our parent drop in events. All information shared at each event will shortly be sent out via email so do look out for that. It was a great opportunity for families to get to know our new members of staff. A big thank you to staff for putting this information together.

Summer Reading Challenge

Huge congratulations to our children who managed to complete the Summer Reading Challenge – with Fulbourn Library. We were lucky to have the librarian come in to school before the holidays to launch the event and she visited us again last week to award the children with their certificates and badges.



Reception

Well done to all our Reception children for settling in so well. Their buddies from Badger Class have been doing a lovely job helping them with their lunches and supporting them in the playground. A great start to the term!



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Date Changes

There have been a couple of date changes so please do have a look at all the dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

Bumblebees

The youngest members of our community, our Bumblebees, have settled into life at school brilliantly and we are excited to see how this class develops over time. They were having great fun in our hall this morning taking part in a movement session led by Mrs. Plumb. Congratulations to all our Bumblebees on their first few weeks of nursery with us.



Values

We have been working hard in Collective Worship to begin to learn and embed our core school values: Love, Thankfulness, Courage and Wonder. Last week, we were particularly focused on thankfulness.

School Parliament

In classes, over the next few weeks, the children will be discussing what makes a good representative for School Parliament. Elections will take place for children from Y1 – Y6 and each year group will have two representatives. We are excited to get their first meeting set in early October and see what an impact they can make on their school community.

Website

We are excited about our new website and are working hard in the background to keep it up to date and engaging. We had a professional photographer visiting last week and we eagerly await the images which will go on to our website as soon as possible. He captured lots of lovely moments and commented on how happy our children were. It was easy to catch them smiling!

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

Kim Holtby

Attendance expectations

Attendance whole school 2023-24: 98.6%

Best class attendance: Squirrel Class 99.6%

Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 2nd October – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Thursday 3rd October – Census Day – all KS1 children to be offered lunch

Thursday 3rd October – BVC Professional Development Day and Open Evening

Thursday 10th October – Individual and Family photos

Friday 11th October – Badger Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Week beginning 14th October – Parent consultations – more information will be emailed soon

Wednesday 16th October – Vision Screening for Reception pupils

Wednesday 16th October – 2.15pm Little Wilbraham - Harvest Service and Collection for Jimmy's

Friday 25th October – School closes

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term

Thursday 31st October – National closing date for Secondary places

Monday 4th November – Professional Development Day – School Closed

Tuesday 5th November – School opens

Friday 8th November – Squirrel Class trip to cinema

Wednesday 13th November – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Friday 15th November – Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Friday 22nd November - Hedgehog Class Sharing Assembly & Book Look

Tuesday 26th November – Hedgehog and Badger Class trip to cinema

Monday 2nd December – 2.00 pm – Panto Scroogical to school

Friday 6th December - Fieldmice Nativity – Dress Rehearsal – 9.30am

Monday 9th December - Fieldmice Nativity – Performance – 2pm

Tuesday 10th December - Fieldmice Nativity – Performance – 6pm

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December – 2.30pm – Christmas Service – Great Wilbraham Church

Friday 20th December – School closes

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Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January and Tuesday 7th January – Professional Development Days – School Closed

Wednesday 8th January - School opens

Wednesday 22nd January – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February - School opens

Wednesday 5th March – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Tuesday 18th March – Class photos

Wednesday 19th March – Life Education Centre

Friday 4th April – 2.15pm – Easter Service – Little Wilbraham Church

Friday 4th April – School closes

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – School opens

Wednesday 30th April – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Monday 5th May – May Day – School Closed

Friday 23rd May – School closes

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June – School opens

Wednesday 18th June – 3.30 – 5.30 Local Governing Body

Thursday 17th July – 2.30pm - Leavers Service – Great Wilbraham Church

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd July – Year 6 Residential at Burwell House

Wednesday 23rd July – School closes

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