



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

5th May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School,

What a joy it is to welcome the month of May. The longer days, brighter mornings and sense of renewal are very much reflected in the energy across our school. This newsletter brings together key updates, celebrations and reminders for the weeks ahead.

Safeguarding Update – Staying Safe in the Longer Evenings

With the arrival of lighter evenings, many children are naturally spending more time playing outdoors after school. This is a wonderful part of childhood, and we want every child to enjoy this time safely and confidently. As part of our ongoing safeguarding commitment, we are sharing some key reminders that we will also be reinforcing in school.

Children should always know **where they are allowed to play** and which areas are out of bounds. Setting clear boundaries helps them make safe choices and ensures you know where they are at all times. Agreeing a **specific time to come home** is also important, especially as daylight can make it harder for children to judge how late it is.

We encourage children to **stay with friends** rather than wandering off alone. Playing in small groups not only makes activities more enjoyable but also significantly safer. Please remind your child about being alert near roads, driveways and parked cars, particularly when cycling or using scooters. Traffic can be unpredictable, and children can easily become distracted when playing. It is also vital that children know **what to do if they feel unsafe**. This might include coming straight home, going to a trusted adult, or calling for help if needed. Reassure them that it is always right to act on their instincts.

As a school, we continue to teach children how to recognise safe and unsafe situations, how to seek help, and how to look after themselves and others. Working together, we can ensure that the longer evenings remain a positive, enjoyable and safe part of their daily lives.

Year 6 SATs Preparation

Our Year 6 pupils are working exceptionally hard as they approach their SATs. Their focus, determination and maturity have been evident in every lesson, and we are incredibly proud of the way they are rising to the challenge. Over recent weeks, they have demonstrated resilience, teamwork and a genuine desire to do their very best.

Staff have been providing targeted support, small-group sessions and plenty of encouragement to help pupils feel confident and well-prepared. We know that SATs can feel daunting, but our Year 6 children have shown a calm, positive attitude that reflects their readiness. At home, simple routines such as early nights, healthy breakfasts and reassurance make a real difference. Please continue to remind them that their wellbeing matters more than anything else.

Whatever the outcomes, we already know that this group of children are capable, thoughtful and

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hardworking. Their efforts speak for themselves, and we are cheering them on every step of the way.

No Outsiders – A Reminder of Our Philosophy and future dates

As part of our ongoing commitment to inclusion, we continue to deliver our *No Outsiders* curriculum. This programme teaches children that **everyone is welcome**, everyone is valued, and everyone has a place in our school community. Through stories, discussion and reflection, pupils learn about respect, kindness, equality and celebrating difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a school where every child feels they belong.

It was fantastic to see so many parents joining us our first Fieldmice assembly for No Outsiders. The assembly was based on *Blue Chameleon* by Emily Gravett and explored important themes of friendship, acceptance and being true to oneself, and the importance of trying to blend in or change to please others. We are very proud of how confident the children shared these messages with such enthusiasm.



Upcoming No Outsiders Live Lesson Dates

- **Hedgehogs – 15th May at 9am**
- **Badgers – 18th May at 9am**
- **Squirrels – 19th May at 9am**

Parents are warmly invited to attend these sessions in the hall.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. May is a month full of growth, celebration and community spirit - and it is a joy to share it with you all.

Warm regards,

David Sandford the GW Team

Attendance expectations

Attendance whole school 2025-26: 96.0%

Best class attendance: Squirrel Class: 100%

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Dates 2025 – 2026

Summer term dates 2026

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – KS2 SAT's
Wednesday 20th May – KS2 scootering event
Wednesday 20th May – LGB meeting
Thursday 21st May – Badger Class to Cambridge Literacy Festival
Friday 22nd May – School closes

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May – Half term

Monday 1 June – School opens
Friday 5th June – Year 3 / 4 Invasion Games Festival
Thursday 11th June – Year 5 / 6 Bottisham Cup
Saturday 20th June – School Fete
Monday 22nd June – Whole School trip to Felixstowe
Wednesday 8th July – LGB meeting
Thursday 16th July – School closes

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

