



## Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support. We have achieved so much in 2024 already and are looking forward to resuming our learning journey after half term.

### **Our Learning**

Next half term, our focus subjects are Geography and Music. The topics in each subject are shown in the table below. You can find more information about these topics on the curriculum page located on our school website.

Class	Geography	Music
Larks	Wonderful Weather	Me!
Robins	Peaks of the World	Three Little Birds
Owls	Local Study – Surveying the Area	Livin' on a prayer
Swans	Travelling Through	You've Got A Friend

### **Glow in the Dark Dodgeball!**

We are excited to welcome Sports Cool into school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to deliver a glow in the dark dodgeball taster session for every class (and Cygnets). We know how popular dodgeball is and think this will be an exciting twist to the classic game. Please ensure all pupils have their PE kits in school on Monday. Sports Cool are also hoping to start an after-school club in Spring term 2 if the uptake is positive. We will send out a flyer after their visit with more details.

### **School Library**

If you would like to visit the library – it is open every Friday after school from 3:15 – 4:00pm. Enter through Miss Tyler's classroom. We have already seen lots of you visiting this year which is fantastic!  
Owls class recommendations

Key Stage Two-page turner = The voyage of the Sparrowhawk by Natasha Farrant

Nonfiction fun = Spectacular plants and how to grow them (red 580)

Family share = The sea below my toes (yellow 551.46)

### **World Book Day**

We are extremely excited about our upcoming World Book Day event on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We encourage pupils to dress up as their favourite book character! Back by popular demand, adults will be sharing their favourite books in Collective Worship and pupils will have the opportunity to go and listen to their favourites in a story time carousel. In the afternoon, we will become authors and publishers - making our own books!

### **Eco- Council**

The Eco council will be delivering a collective worship later this half term on positive steps we can take to recycle effectively. They will also be running a competition; "How eco-friendly is your

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class?”. It will challenge pupils to take pride in being eco-friendlier; turning off lights, protecting micro habitats and recycling more efficiently. The winning class will go on a ‘plod (litterpick/jog)’ in the local community to litter pick and improve our local area.

### **Safeguarding Update**

Following on from our Safer Internet Day in school this week, our safeguarding update this month is online advice for 6-10 year olds. It focus on parental controls, safety tips, setting up child friendly devices and more. If you have any questions about online safety, please speak to Mr Varela, who is our Online Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to any of our safeguarding features please do come and speak to Mr Varela or Mrs Flatman.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caX\\_wpyGnwQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caX_wpyGnwQ)

### **Communication reminder**

It’s very important we have clear instructions regarding going home arrangements especially when this may involve a combination of attending a club or Cygnets or travelling by taxi. Thank you to all those parents who notify us promptly of any changes to a regular routine.

### **Dates for your Diary**

2<sup>nd</sup> February – PTFA Coffee Morning

5<sup>th</sup> February – Glow in the dark dodgeball

6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

12<sup>th</sup> February – Owls Trip to West Stow Saxon Village

16<sup>th</sup> February – PTFA – Non-Uniform Day – Wear what you love

7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March – Bikeability (Y5)

Mid-March – Book Fair (details to follow)

22<sup>nd</sup> March – Rocksteady Concert

22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTFA Coffee Morning

22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTFA – Non-Uniform Day – Easter egg donation

Best Wishes

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