

# Summer Term – Newsletter Updates



## What a Great Year!

Dear parents and carers

What a term! What a year! What a school community! There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for this year - and your part in making it such a successful year should never be understated or taken for granted. Thank you to all the volunteer readers that come into school and work with our children, thank you to all community members that come in to run clubs and a massive thank you to everyone for your continued community spirited positivity. Wildridings is a very special place, indeed.

Thank you, everybody – and have a great Summer.

Mr Chandler 😊

## Look at all the great stuff we've been up to!

Here's just a few of the things we've done this Summer term.....

Wellington Country Park trip  
Cotswold Wildlife Park trip  
Legoland trip  
Mill-on-the-Brue residential  
Rainforest trip  
Year 6 productions  
Anglo-Saxon workshop

Nursery Daddy Day Tea Parties  
Roman day  
Choir Hexagon theatre performance  
Recorder and violin concerts  
Tournaments include: rugby, athletics, footgolf, tennis, cricket, chess

....and that's just a snapshot! Thanks to all the parent/carer volunteers that make these trips and events possible.

## Young Voices Concert at the Hexagon Theatre

Our choir is quite simply superb. Yet again, they performed with all their might and personality at the Hexagon theatre in Reading on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The event was a brilliant showcase of not only well practiced singing voices, but of how Bracknell schools offer such wonderful experiences and opportunities to our young people. Thank you so much to Mr Amoah, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Secombe for organising the event and giving up so much of their own time to make this important event happen.



## Year 6 Residential



Mr A up the creek...

What a place Mill-on-the-Brue is, and how we enjoyed it. From zip wires to canoeing, and then jumping off a 50-foot tower, the Somerset residential experience is one never to be forgotten. The kids loved it and will treasure their memories forever. Thank you so much to Miss Hall, Mr Amoah and Miss Holdaway for giving up a whole week of their time to make this happen.



Getting the camp fire going...

Other activities included:

- Orienteering
- Assault Course
- Archery
- Leap of faith
- Raft building

## Sports Excellence



Netball champions 2024!!!

What a great series of sports days we had. And what weather! Like I said on the day, sports day is about fun, participation, opportunity and community. We are all winners here at Wildridings. Well done to all the kids and staff for making the events so memorable – but also a massive thank you to Mrs Miller for all the hard work she puts into making the days such a fantastic, well-run spectacle.

Also, well done to our netball team for winning the Bracknell Netball League – what an achievement. Thanks to all that participated, and thanks for Miss Hall, Mrs Jones and Miss Dell for taking their time to run the team.

## Summer Safety

Just a quick reminder of some essentials about keeping safe this Summer. I have spoken to the children in assembly about **water safety** (never swimming outdoors unless supervised by an appropriate adult), **online safety** (see our SMART advice on the school website) and **road safety**. Please reinforce these messages at home.

## PTA

The Summer Fair was a spectacular success and thank you so much to Mr Dawes, the entire PTA team and all the volunteers for putting it all together. The money raised was significant and the PTA will inform you of the amount raised when they have the figure. I'm sure the funds will be put to good use for the betterment of the children at Wildridings, as always. Thank you so much to the staff, parents/carers and families that helped out, attended and contributed. You all super-stars!



Robin, Year 5, soaking staff

## Classes and teachers next year

A new year, a new teacher and class (for the most part). Here is a list of a classes and teachers for next year. There will be an opportunity to meet your class teachers early in September....

Current Class		New Class	Teacher
		Nursery	Mrs Crawford
Nursery	Mix move up to	Attenborough	Mrs Clapton
		Darwin	Mrs Taylor
Darwin	Moving to	Van Gogh	Miss Norman
Attenborough	Moving to	Matisse	Miss Dakovic
Matisse	Moving to	Winston	Mrs Dalton
Van Gogh	Moving to	Nightingale	Miss Cole
Winston	Moving to	Einstein	Mrs Miller
Nightingale	Moving to	Hawking	Mrs Davies
Einstein	Moving to	Charlton	Mrs Lewis/Ms Bartram
Hawking	Moving to	MacArthur	Miss White
MacArthur	Moving to	Fiennes	Miss Russell
Charlton	Moving to	Drake	Mr Dodds
Drake	Moving to	Shakespeare	Mr Bradshaw
Fiennes	Moving to	Rowling	Ms Holdaway

## Sad Goodbyes and Exciting Arrivals!

And now some sad goodbyes to some wonderful staff. Mrs Holland is retiring and we will miss her so much. She has worked at Wildridings for 10 wonderful years and has been an inspiration to us all. Put your feet up, Mrs Holland – you've earned it.

*"Mrs Holland is a fantastic teacher and we don't want her to go! She has taught us so many lovely things and her Art is outstanding! She has been in this school since my brother was here (and that's a long time!) so we really don't want to have to say goodbye. She is such a sweet teacher and we will really remember our Roman Day which she planned because it was so much fun."* Eva Crane - Charlton class

*"I have known Mrs Holland for over 25 years, so although we've only worked alongside each other for 7 of those years, I am well aware of how much she deserves her retirement! It is very difficult to think about her no longer being the ying to my yang (who is going to teach all the Art lessons?!) but no-one deserves the freedom to follow all of her desires more than she does. She will be thoroughly missed by everyone at Wildridings but we all wish her well and send her lots of love for the future. Thank you for being a great teacher but an even better human being."* Mrs Lewis - Year 4 Teacher

Ms Hall is also leaving us to start an exciting new adventure in senior leadership at Charvil Piggott Primary School. Ms Hall has been an incredible teacher and her new school is so lucky to have her. Having got to know her whilst away on the Year 6 residentials, I can say she is one of the most passionate and driven teachers I have ever worked with. Come back at visit, Miss Hall!

*"Miss Hall is such an amazing teacher and works so hard with everything she does. She is hilarious (and pretty too!) I have shared some of my favourite school memories with her and I am so grateful for all she has done for me (and the whole class). The job she does is just as special as she is to me!"* Poppy – Year 6

*"Miss Hall has been a great colleague and member of the Wildridings team over the years. She is extremely hard working and brings a wealth of ideas, which she is always highly motivated to implement. She has never shyed away from tackling new school trip destinations, innovative curriculum ideas and challenging school productions amongst many other things. I'll miss her as a colleague and friend and wish her every success in her new role!"* Mr Dodds – Year 6 Teacher

Mrs Adams, our legendary lunchtime controller, is also off to experience life away from Wildridings. Mrs Adams has worked at the school for 25 years and will be sadly missed on the KS1 playground by pupils and staff alike.

*"I remember Mrs Adams was always cheerful and always makes me laugh. She loved to play football with us."* Renee – Hawking class

*“Mama Adams! Loving, supporting and caring. Always listens when you have a problem.”* Emma the Cleaner (a legend herself); *“I thought she was 3 different people, every time I saw her she had different hair! Had some amazing wigs!”* Mrs Dalton – year 5 Teacher

And last but not least, Ms Stubbs is also leaving us. Ms Stubbs has run our outdoor learning provision for many years and she will be a great loss to the school. Bracknell’s loss is Thailand’s gain, as Ms Stubbs is off to the far reaches of Asia to start a new adventure. Jammy, or what!

*“Outdoor Learning is the best. It’s fun, it’s educational and Tina makes it so much fun. We will miss you so much!”* Bobby – Fiennes class

*“Tina has been such a great addition to the Wildridings team. She has enabled a wide range of children to experience outdoor learning and has sparked a real interest in learning about the world around them. She has a warm, engaging, passionate and calm personality that has brought out the best in the children. Many thanks for all she has done and we wish her all the very best for her new ventures. Bye...for now....”* Miss Hall – Year 6 Teacher

And now for some happy welcomes! We have 7 new staff members joining us in September. Welcome to Miss Thomas (Year 4 teacher), Miss Russell (Year 5 teacher), Miss Dakovic (Year 2 teacher) as well as Miss Witney, Miss Springett, Mrs Wisniewski and Miss Hampton who will be joining us as TAs. We warmly welcome you to the Wildridings gang!

#### KEY DATES

**Last day of term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July break up at 1:10pm**

**INSET day: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Term starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Half term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**INSET day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

#### Summer Holidays

**Prestige will be running their Summer Holiday Camp this year.**

**Please go to the link: <https://prestigesportscoaching.co/holiday-camps>**

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