

Spring Term 2025 – Newsletter Updates



Dear Families,

I've said it before and I'll say it again – Wildridings is the most fantastic community I've ever worked with and I'm certainly going to miss working alongside you all after the Summer term. However, there's still plenty to do and many exciting weeks ahead for myself, the children and the staff. A big thank you to all the volunteers who come into school and help with trips, listen to children read and those you contribute so much to the Wildridings school community. And a big thank you to all the staff whose commitment, passion and expertise helps to make WPS the brilliant place that it is.

Have a great Easter break. 😊

Paul Chandler

We are finishing on Friday 4th April at 1:10pm.

Pupils return on Wednesday 23rd April.

Wildridings Enrichment, Opportunity and Fun Stuff

Pupils have had some amazing and exciting enrichment opportunities this term, and I would again like to thank all the staff and volunteers for their efforts in providing these opportunities - without all your hard work and giving up your time, these things would not be possible. Some of the excellent events that we have partaken in are listed below:

- Year 5 Winchester trip
- Year 1 Bill Hill walk
- Year 2 Lego workshop
- Year 5 St Michael's Easter Experience
- Year 5 Fire Service visit
- Athletics tournaments (we were finalists!)

- Number Day
- World Book Day
- Football club
- Year 3 and 4 cake sale
- Year 3 Beale Park trip
- Year 4 Roman Day

Eco-Council

"This term, we have taken part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch - some of us did this at home as well! It was quite a windy day but we still saw lots of birds including pigeons, robins, and blackbirds. We have also spent time putting together information leaflets about the birds we might see around school that we will be sharing with our classes soon."

Emily Figzal - Year 4

Staffing update

Mr Whittle, our wonderful TA, is leaving us this term and won't be returning after Easter. Mr Whittle is off travelling the world and we wish him all the best in his adventures. Remember to send us some postcards, Mr Whittle!

Mr Davis, our outdoor learning teacher, has also left. We wish him all the best in his future outdoor learning career – he really is very good at it.

Ms Ash, our nursery assistant, is also leaving. Thank you for all your contributions, Ms Ash, you will be missed.

And finally, the Wildridings legend that is Mr Dodds will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Mr Dodds has made such an incredible contribution to the school over the last 9 years and he is, in my opinion, an irreplaceable teacher, character and senior professional. The pupils love him, the staff love him and I love him. He's not going just yet, but I just thought I'd let everybody know of his decision.

Finally, welcome back Mrs Jones (who returns from maternity). She will be job sharing with Mrs Clarke in Year 5 (Drake) until the end of this academic year. It's great to have you back, Mrs Jones.

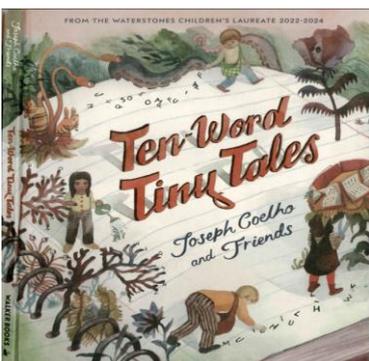
Master Mathematicians: NSPCC Number Day 2025



NSPCC Number Day was held on the 7th February and was a roaring success. Pupils did a range of creative, exciting and enriched maths activities across the day, raising the profile of mathematics (in different contexts) and raising money for the NSPCC. Thank you to Miss Holdaway and Miss Norman for organising this excellent event.

World Book Day 2025

World Book Day was held on Thursday 6th March and it was such a great day! The book at the centre of our activities was *Ten Word Tiny Tales* by Joseph Coelho and Friends. Thank you to all the staff and children for their passionate participation, and a big shout-out to Miss Cole for organising the event (as always).



Book details:

Is it possible to spin a tale using just ten words? It most certainly is! In this unique and magnificent compendium designed to spark the imagination, Joseph Coelho brings us stories of underwater worlds, demon hamsters, bears in outer space, and portals to paces unknown...all in just ten words.

tenwordtinytales.com

Sing Loud

Yet another couple of fantastic whole school Sing Loud performances this term. In Spring 1 we had 'duets', with a particular favourite of mine being *Especially For You* by Kylie and Jason.

Fact(s) of the term....

So many children in the school have been sharing interesting facts with me this term, and I thought we could make it a feature on our termly newsletters!

- Fact 1: Did you know whales and dolphins (more specifically, their ancestors) used to be four-footed land animals (about 50 million years ago). Well, that figures, as they are mammals after all!
- Fact 2: One million Earths could fit inside the Sun – and the Sun is considered an average-size star
- Fact 3: If you were able to fold a piece of paper in half 42 times then the paper would be the same length as the distance from the Earth to the Moon. 94 foldings makes the paper the length of the entire visible Universe!!

If you have an interesting fact to share, come and chat to me on the front gate, and I can look at include it in the summer term newsletter!

Red Nose Day



Thank you for all your donations for Comic Relief. The school raised £258.55. This adds to the other charity donations we have contributed: £220 (NSPPC number day), £287.21 (Children in Need) and £379.48 (Just One Tree). Well done, team.

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KEY DATES

Spring term ends: Friday 4th April 2025 (1:10pm finish)

**Summer Term begins: Wednesday 23rd April 2025
(INSET day on Tuesday 22nd April)**

Bank Holiday/May Day: Monday 5th May 2025

Year 6 SATs week: 12th May 2025

Summer Half Term: 26th May – 30th May

Summer Term ends: Wednesday 23rd July 2025 (1:10pm finish)