

# Spring Term – Newsletter Updates



## A Big Thank You!

Dear Families,

Another great term with so much to celebrate and so many thank yous. Below is just a snapshot of some of the great things that have happened across the school during the Spring term, as well as some information updates. As always, a big shout-out to the entire community for your ongoing support – it means a lot to the pupils and staff here at WPS. Have a great Easter break. 😊

Paul Chandler

**We are finishing on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1:10pm.**

**Pupils return on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Wildridings Enrichment, Opportunity and Fun Stuff

Pupils have had some amazing and exciting enrichment opportunities this term, and I would 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 1 Bill Hill walk (pretty wet!)
- Year 5 Winchester Science Museum trip
- Year 5 healthy breakfast workshops
- Nursery Mother's Day tea-parties
- Year 2 Great Fire of London demo
- World Book Day
- Number Day
- Year 5 and 6 cake sale (yummy!)
- Year 5 fire brigade visit
- Eagle House Maths competition (Year 6)
- Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip
- PTA disco
- Big Walk and Wheel (walk to school initiative)

- FSA nursery coffee morning and afternoons
- Year 3 Greek Day
- Year 4 Marwell Zoo trip
- Library book sale
- Athletics tournament
- Badminton tournament
- Football inter-school matches
- Netball inter-school matches
- Rugby tournament
- Red Nose Day fundraising
- Sing Loud
- Lift Off Dance Festival
- Inspirational Women assemblies



Year 5 Fire Brigade visit



Year 3 Greek Day



The Badminton team



World Book Day

## Sports and Tournaments



The Netball team

Our sports teams have participated in many matches and tournaments this term and have been wonderful ambassadors for the school and fantastic role models for others. Highlights included the football team beating The Pines 3-2, the netball team putting in a wonderful performance against Kings Academy Oakwood (winning 4-1) and the badminton team putting on a cracking display at their tournament, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 16 – superb effort!

## Eco-Council



School Eco-Council

School Eco-Council have been very busy indeed. They have been designing and sending posters to Bracknell Forest Council about protecting wild-life in the local area (as well as suggesting practical ideas of how to make the world a better place). They have also been bird watching to see what birds are present in the local area. Liaising with Mrs Wort about purchasing some essential new playtime equipment has also been an important task entrusted to the council, and they in-turn are talking to classes to get their ideas and thoughts about this new equipment. Well done, team.

## Staffing update

We've made some excellent new additions to the Wildridings team: Mr Whittle is our new TA in upper KS2, whilst Mrs Casey is our new TA working in lower KS2. Ms Parker has taken up post as our new School Business Manager. Welcome everybody.

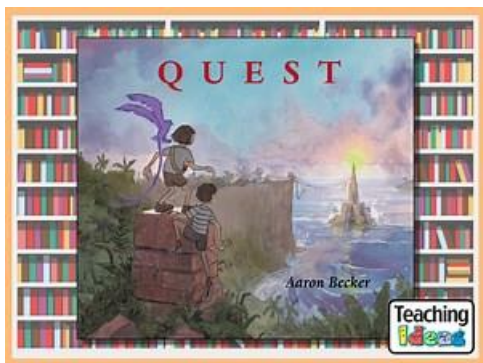
Mrs Hinton is leaving us after Easter and we wish her all the best – she will be greatly missed. We will be welcoming Mrs Ash, who will be working in nursery after the Easter break.

## Master Mathematicians: NSPCC Number Day

NSPCC Number Day was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February and was a roaring success. Pupils did a range of 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 2024

World Book Day was held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Wildridings celebrated this fantastic day by getting everyone to come into school in PJs, with a much-loved book of personal choice. The book we learned about and used for all our activities across the school was 'The Quest' by Aaron Becker. What a day! Thank you to Mrs Cole for organising this event (and all the staff for making the day truly special).



[Aaron Becker » QUEST \(storybreathing.com\)](https://www.storybreathing.com/aaron-becker-quest/)

### The Quest by Aaron Becker:

A king emerges from a hidden door in a city park, startling two children sheltering from the rain. No sooner does he push a map and some strange objects into their hands than he is captured by hostile forces that whisk him back through the enchanted door. Just like that, the children are caught up in a quest to rescue the king and his kingdom from darkness, while illuminating the farthest reaches of their imagination. Coloured markers in hand, they make their own way through the portal, under the sea, through a tropical paradise, over a perilous bridge, and high in the air with the help of a winged friend. *Journey* lovers will be thrilled to follow its characters on a new adventure threaded with familiar elements, while new fans will be swept into a visually captivating story that is even richer and more exhilarating than the first.

## Sing Loud

Yet again, Music and singing at Wildridings continues to be of the highest quality. During the first half term our Sing Loud theme was **Garage**, which was a wonderful exposure and opportunity to experience and appreciate this genre of music (Mr Dodds thought it was something to do with where you put your car and bike). This half term the theme was **Film Music**. Thank you to Mr Amoah, Mrs Taylor and all the staff and pupils for making the sing loud experience so special and unique to Wildridings. It has to be seen/heard to be believed!

## Wildridings Dance Team



On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, our school dance team took to the stage to perform 'A Blast 2 The Past' at the **Lift Off Dance Festival**. They've worked amazingly hard to learn the routine and develop their stage presence and teamwork. As you can see they nailed their facial expressions, resulting in lots of incredible audience feedback. They all represented Wildridings with style and flair. We are incredibly proud of them! Thanks to Mrs Miller, Mr Amoah and Mrs Bellon.

## School dinners

Please talk to your children about what they do and don't want for their lunch. We are still having issues with hot dinners and packed lunches where children are simply not eating their lunch.

Can we also remind you that snacks should be a piece of fruit or veg and there should be **NO** chocolate bars or sweets in the children's lunchboxes and please **NO NUTS!**

Thank you for your support.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available from 07:45– 08:40 – you must book your place on PMX parentmail and parents must sign their child in the register in the hall. The cost for breakfast club is £3 per session payable in advance no cash on the day.

Please visit: [www.wildridingsprimary.co.uk](http://www.wildridingsprimary.co.uk)

## KEY DATES

**Summer Term: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (1:10pm finish)**

**INSET Day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
Pupils return on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bank Holiday/May Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 SATs week: 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Summer Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**End of term: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (1:10pm)**