

Autumn Term 2023 – Newsletter Updates



A Big Thank You!

Dear parents/carers



IT'S CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

¶ *It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you be of good cheer. It's the most wonderful time of the year!* ¶

Thank you all for your ongoing support and contributions to this wonderful Wildridings community. On behalf of the entire Wildridings' staff, we look forward to seeing you all in the Spring term. Take care and we wish you all a safe, healthy and merry Christmas break.

We are finishing on Friday 15th December at 1:10pm. School re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January.

Mr Chandler 😊

What a great term!

What a brilliant and jam-packed term it's been.....



Nursery cadets visit

On the 7th November the Combined Cadet Force and Captain Bury visited from Brackenhale Secondary School. The children took part in a race to 'dress the cadet', they marched across the playground and sent messages via radios. A brilliant experience for all!

Other exciting activities this term include.....

Year 5 Winchester Science Museum trip

Year 4 Mill Pond visit

Year 4 Lexicon visit

Year 4 Science Museum trip

Year 3/4 cinema trip

Year 3 Stone Age Day

Xmas concerts and performances

Year 2 Bournemouth Trip

Book Fair

Year 5/6 Cinema Trip

Kapla Bricks workshop (year 4 and 5)

Nursery Autumn walk

Food Bank donations

Upper KS2 Bouldering visit

PTA Xmas fayre

Master Fundraisers

Money doesn't grow on trees, but I have to say, when it comes to fundraising, the Wildridings community is second-to-none! So, who are these Wildridings Master Fundraisers.....?

Mrs Millns – Wear it Pink

Mrs Millns drove this initiative and raised £140 for this breast cancer research charity. Well done, Mrs Millns – we're very very proud of you!

PTA – Xmas Fayre

£1800 was raised and thank you to the entire Wildridings community for supporting this fabulous event. Our PTA are truly fantastic – well done, team.

Eva Crane (Year 4 pupil)

Eva participated in a 'hair chop challenge' and raised over £170 for the *Little Princess Trust*. Well done, Eva, you are not only a Wildridings Master Fundraiser but you also have a cracking haircut, too!

Year 3 & 4 Cake Sale

Seriously yummy stuff! The Year 3 and 4 team raised over £200 by selling cakes so delicious I nearly brought the lot and opened my own *Patisserie*.

Foodbank

Again, the Wildridings community didn't disappoint and came out in force to contribute to the *Bracknell Lions Foodbank*. A massive well done and thank you to Mrs Dowling for organising.

Children in Need

We raised over £357 for Children in Need by wearing spots on 17th November. Well done everyone!

Book Fair

Approximately £800 worth of book sales courtesy of the Wildridings team and community. Fab job!

New Shed in KS1!



Shed

Sometimes it's the simple pleasures in life we get most satisfaction from - and there's nothing more satisfying than a new shed! Thanks to the PTA for making this dream come true.

Good luck, Anna Cook!

As you may be aware, our Deputy Head, Miss Cook is expecting a baby and is going on maternity leave after Xmas. We wish Miss Cook and her family all the best and we can't wait to see you back at Wildridings very soon indeed.

Staffing update

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Chambers and Miss Thomas, who have been working as TAs in the lower school. We will really miss you both and we wish you all the best with your new ventures. We are also saying goodbye to our School Business Manager, Mrs Chitty. Mrs Chitty has worked at Wildridings for 11 years and will be greatly missed. The very best of luck with the new chapter of your life.

On the flip side, we are welcoming some superb new additions to the 'Wild Bunch'. Mrs Clarke is a teacher who will be working in Year 6 and across the whole school. We are delighted to have recruited such a talented and enthusiastic professional and we are looking forward to working alongside you to secure the very best outcomes for all the children. We are also welcoming Miss Bartram back to school after a period of maternity leave – welcome back, Miss Bartram, it'll be great to have you back. Another great couple of additions are Miss Warrington and Ms Bond, who are new TAs working in KS1. Welcome to the Wildridings team. Additionally, Miss Cole will be stepping up as Deputy Head in Miss Cook's absence 😊

Jobs at Wildridings

Wildridings is a great place to work. If you are interested in any TA positions (or if you know anybody that would like to work in an education setting) then please do look on the Bracknell jobs website (see link below). Or if you'd prefer to chat with me (the Head), then I'm on the front gate most mornings.

[Bracknell School | Current Vacancies \(jgp.co.uk\)](http://Bracknell School | Current Vacancies (jgp.co.uk))

Please visit: www.wildridingsprimary.co.uk

KEY DATES (other key dates will be announced during the Spring Term)

School closes at 1:10pm on Friday 15th December

INSET day 2nd January – school closed to pupils

School re-opens on Wednesday 3rd January (start of Spring term)

Monday 15th/16th January – Year 5 NADAS Healthy eating workshop

Thursday 18th January – Year 5 Winchester Science Museum trip

Half term 12th – 16th February