

Spring Term – Newsletter Updates



A Big Thank You!

Dear Families,

What a great Spring term it's been! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Wildridings' community for welcoming me so warmly and sincerely to the school. I have been so impressed with the children, the staff, the volunteers, the PTA and everyone who has contributed to such a positive and productive 12 weeks. What a truly great team! Also, a massive thank you to all the parent/carer helpers that have gone out of their way to support the school, and a huge thanks to Nick Waterton for running the school football team – this is very much appreciated! Hopefully, this newsletter captures just some of the excellent things that have been going on this term, as well as giving you some important upcoming dates.

We are finishing on Friday 31st March at 1:10pm. School re-opens on Tuesday 18th April.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and, on behalf of the entire Wildridings' staff, we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term. Take care and I wish you a safe and healthy Easter break.

Mr Chandler (and the entire Senior Leadership team) 😊

Indoor Athletics and Badminton

Badminton

On the 28th February, Mr Bradshaw was fortunate enough, with Mrs Syvret, to escort the Y5/6 badminton team to an inter-school competition at Bracknell Sports Centre. The seven children we took were a truly wonderful example of effort, kindness and sportsmanship. We played in two pools, each containing three other teams. We won both pools, beating all six schools. As final results were based on points scored, rather than wins, our final position was 5th out of 16 teams. WPS Badminton team should be extremely proud of themselves and the result. – Well done, everyone! Thank you to Mr Bradshaw.

Year 3/4 Athletics

On Thursday 23rd February we took 13 Year 3/4 children to Bracknell Sports Centre to compete in the Athletics tournament. They competed in a range of running, jumping and throwing events and all performed to a high standard and with great sportsmanship. We came 11th out of 25 schools which was a great achievement. All of the children enjoyed themselves and represented the school well. There was a great team spirit across the whole afternoon. A special thank you goes to Grace for the wonderful photographs and action shots and to Miss Holdaway and Mrs Davies.



Year 5/6 Athletics

In January, children from Year 5/6 took part in the Indoor Athletics Heats at the Sports Centre. They all performed brilliantly and qualified for the finals a couple of weeks later. At the Finals, they won the boys and girls individual races as well as three relay races. The children also competed in throwing and jumping events. Their hard work and great team spirit helped them to 5th place overall.



Netball



We had our first match of the Netball league against Whitegrove and played some brand-new members of our netball team. Everyone was very apprehensive but we had really strong positioning with our superb shooters (Talia and Lily), amazing defensive work (Caiden, Sophie and Lucy) and not to mention great work on our centre court (Esther, Yumna, Daisy-Beau, Orlando and Poppy). We scored an out-of-this-world 17 goals without conceding a single one in return. Talia won Player of the Match, which was nominated by the opposition! But a massive shout out to Poppy and Orlando for getting stuck in for their very first match against another school

Thank you to Miss Hall and Mrs Jones.

Hockey

A squad of 10 children from Year 6 participated in the Hockey Festival earlier this month. They had learned the basic hockey skills in their PE lessons but had never played a match before. Despite this, they picked up the game so quickly and drew two games and won one. It was such a great experience for the team, who all really enjoyed themselves and did Wildridings proud.

Thank you to Mrs Miller for supporting.

Science School Trips

Both Year 4 and Year 5 have had Science based school trips this term.

Year 4 visited The Science Museum in London:

Year 4 made links with their learning on friction and the human body. Charlotte in Charlton Class said: *'We went to the Wonderlab and I went down the slides. I sat down on a seat, put the seatbelt on and pulled the rope so I could go higher. There was a Science show called 'It's all Guts' that showed us how the digestive system worked.'*

Year 5 visited the Winchester Science Centre as part of 'Our Solar System' topic. The centre is amazing and the Y5's had the opportunity to visit the planetarium and explore a range of science linked activities. It was a great experience and the children loved the opportunity to get 'hands on' and explore. A brilliant trip.



Fishkeeper Fry

This term Year 3 have been lucky enough to have been part of the Fishkeeper Fry project. We have been learning how to be fish keepers, from setting up the tank, testing the water and looking after the fish. Each week, new fish have been added to the tank and the children have enjoyed learning all the about them. We even had some unexpected babies born over half term. We are now looking forward to seeing them grow.



Number Day 2023

On Friday 3rd February we took part in the NSPCC number day. Children and staff came into school dressed up in something linked to numbers and spent time throughout the day taking part in various number related activities. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and spending time doing maths activities in a variety of contexts.

Thank you, Miss Holdaway and Miss Norman, for organising.



World Book Day 2023



This year for World Book Day, pupils and staff dressed in their pyjamas so we could all 'get cosy and read.' As part of the day, classes spent some time sharing the picture book, Journey by Aaron Becker.

Other activities, on the day, included: designing and making bookmarks, scavenger hunts and book quizzes.

All of the children got the chance to snuggle under blankets and listen to a story as well as enjoy a drink and a biscuit!

It was a really enjoyable day- thank you Miss Cole and Miss Hall.



Eco Council

Our newly created Eco Council have been working on improving our school environment this term, including looking at sustainable energy and improving the air quality around school. This will all help to gain Eco School Status for Wildridings. Thank you to Clare Dowling for all her support with our work.

A big thanks to Longacres Garden Centre in Bagshot for the generous donation of gardening materials for our Outdoor Learning area. Our wonderful Teaching Assistant Claire Haydon contacted Longacres to ask for their support and without hesitation they kindly donated a box of gardening goodies! It is a great help towards the children's allotment, and we're excited to see what the children will grow!

Walk and Wheel 2023

The school is taking part in 'Walk and Wheel' from 20th-31st March. Children and staff are encouraged to walk and cycle to school if they can and every journey made will count towards us earning prizes for the school. This helps us to work towards being an 'Eco School' and the work we are doing to promote better air quality around the school grounds. A separate letter has been sent out with more details on how you can support this.

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KEY DATES

Easter

End of Spring term: Friday 31st March 1:10pm finish

INSET Day- Monday 17th April

Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July 1:10pm finish

Bank Holiday: May Day 1st May

Bank Holiday: Coronation 8th May

Summer Half Term

29th May – 2nd June