

# Autumn Term 2024 – Newsletter Updates



## A Big Thank You!

Dear parents/carers



It's that *most wonderful time of the year* again! Thanks to you all for being an absolutely wonderful community who work with the school so passionately and productively. From the fantastic kids, to the committed staff and excellent PTA, we all work together to make Wildridings the brilliant community school that it is. I hope you have a wonderful festive break and enjoy all the fantastic family fun that Christmas can bring. And remember to leave a carrot for Rudolph and a mince pie for Santa – apparently his preferred choice is Mr Kipling (or so the elves tell me).

Mr Chandler and the WPS team 😊

## What a great term!

It's been another term of great learning, enrichment opportunities and good old-fashioned fun! Other than the superb Xmas performances, concerts and parties, here's some of the other things we've been upto in the Autumn term...

KS2 Cinema Trip  
Year 3 Stone Age Day  
Year 2 Bournemouth Trip  
Whole school Poetry Day  
Year 4 Lexicon Trip  
Sing Loud  
Nursery nature walk

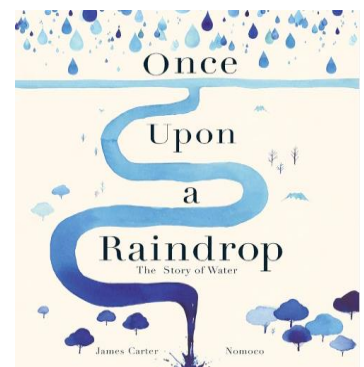
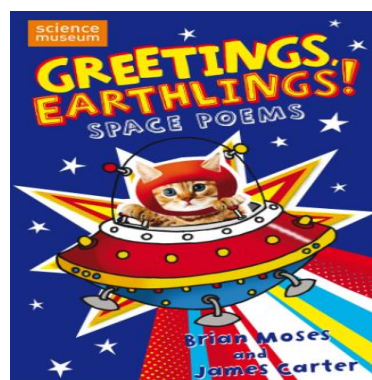
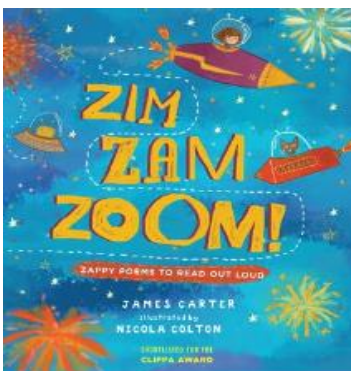


Thanks to parents and carers for attending some of these workshops/events this term...

- Year 1 and 2 phonics workshops
- Reception phonics workshop
- Year 1 and 2 handwriting workshops
- Nursery coffee and curriculum mornings



## Poetry Day - James Carter



James Carter, the renowned poet and author came to Wildridings for a day of creativity, inspiration and general fun. He worked with all year groups to help us develop the love of poetry that we try so passionately to instil in our pupils, here at Wildridings. There was a focus on performance poetry and poetry writing and the kids loved it!

*"I enjoyed poetry day because we got to write amazing poems using the inspiration from a well-known poet. We also had the privilege of purchasing an interesting James Carter poetry book."* - Robin (Year 6)

*"We loved sharing our poems with everyone else and performing them in front of people. It was so much fun!"* – Graysen & Madhura (Year 4)

*"I loved reading James Carter's poems. He read us his poems and they were brill! Some of them were really funny (Zim Zam Zoom)"* – Fern (Year 2)

## Year 2 Bournemouth trip

You can't beat a day at the seaside – even if it is overcast, windy and dreary! The Year 2 team all embarked on their yearly trip to the south coast, and what a day they had...



Marvelling at underwater worlds!



Watching a bloke feed penguins!



Enjoying Bourn-bados!

Thanks to all the teachers, support staff and volunteers who accompanied Year 2 on their Bournemouth adventures. Much appreciated, team!

*"I liked the aquarium and watching the turtles. They were so big!"* - Maya

*"The stingray was my favourite."* - Oakley

*"My favourite part was making sand-castles and being buried in the sand."* - Kwaku

## Eco-council updates

In school, this term, we have done numerous things such as: name trees, create posters and make bird feeders. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November the school raised £395 to plant 395 trees. We have fed birds and made sure that the trees are protected and no one climbs on them! – the eco-council



## Staffing update

Mrs Cox, our vastly experienced KS1 and EYFS teacher is leaving us after 24 years of magnificent service. She has certainly earned her retirement and we will all miss her a great deal. We wish her well, on behalf of all the children, families and staff at Wildridings.

We have recruited Miss Butler to work with the EYFS team as a TA, and we welcome Mr Davis, our new Outdoor Learning teacher. Welcome to the WPS team!

And a massive welcome back to Miss Cook, who has returned from a year on maternity. It's great to have you back, Miss Cook. 😊

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

**INSET day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

**Pupils back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**INSET day – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Pupils back to school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Break up for Easter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (1:10pm)**

**Easter – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

**INSET day – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Pupils back to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**School closes at 1:10pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**