



Wildridings Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the evenings getting darker and the weather getting wetter, it must mean that October half-term will soon be upon us! But before it arrives, I wanted to say how lovely it was to see so many of you at school this week engaging with the learning of your children at Parents Evening and I know that teachers really valued these conversations too! With the meetings taking place in the hall it was a new set-up for everyone but thank you to those parents who spoke to me and provided positive feedback explaining it was easier to find your way to the right place/teacher whilst also staying to time too. Just like anything new, we will reflect on the experience and see how it can be improved for next time, (a colouring table for children in the Key Stage 1 Hall really was a welcome addition on Wednesday), but a big thank you to everyone for coming along and embracing the change in arrangements.

Not only were current parents provided the opportunity of visiting school this week but we also had the first of our 'Prospective Parents Tours' and it was lovely to showcase the strengths of the school to them. Whether it was seeing pupils taking part in purposeful learning, engaging play or simply conducting themselves positively around school, the parents were impressed with what they saw and this reflected the standing the school has within the local community.

Something else I wanted to share is a policy which relates to the [Child Collection and Drop Off arrangements](#). Just like any policy, it reflects what happens on a daily basis at school and doesn't necessarily contain any 'new' information, however I think it is helpful if parents are aware of the procedures we all follow together with what we can/can't allow.

Yesterday it was the turn of three members of the Eco Council (Brea, Alexa and Mia), to represent the school with Mrs Lewis at a Sustainability Conference which looked at how as a school we can ensure we are as environmentally friendly. This will play a key role in our school moving forward so I look forward to seeing more from the Eco Council and their future plans.

Also this week our school field showed it's versatility as it was the centre of Year 3's 'Stoneage Day' on Tuesday where learning really was brought to life in the workshop that was thoroughly enjoyed by all pupils! This was followed yesterday by a high-scoring draw for the school's football team as they drew 4-4 with Meadow Vale so a big well done to all.

And finally, this morning I experienced the first, of what I hope will be many, 'Sing Loud' assemblies. Inter-linked with our 'Celebration Assembly' it made for a fantastic way to bring the half-term to an end because you could see the joy on the faces of children as they performed so a big well-done to all involved, including Mr A, (I'm already looking forward to the next one).

Just a reminder that following the half-term school will be closed on Monday 3rd November when teachers will be taking a look at our writing curriculum, but we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Have a lovely half-term!

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October 2025

Monday 27th – Friday 31st – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

November 2025

Monday 3rd – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 4th – School Re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 5th - PTA Hot Chocolate Sale

w/c 10th November – Kindness Week (Odd Socks Day)

Tuesday 11th – Remembrance Commemoration @ 11am

Friday 14th – Children in Need (School Council Fundraising)

Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner: Edie K

Class	Medal Winner	Writer of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<i>Pupils in EYFS are celebrated in a range of different ways as they start school life but they will be added to this list as we move through the school year.</i>			
Van Gogh	Daniel	Y1	97.9%
Matisse	Yoson	Lola	91.5%
Winston	Nate	Y2	96.7%
Nightingale	Sophie	Sophia	98.8%
Einstein	Freddie	Y3	99.5%
Hawking	Martin	Rianne	97.7%
MacArthur	Harrison	Y4	94.2%
Charlton	Summer	Myra	98.8%
Drake	Alice	Y5	92.1%
Fiennes	Oscar	Clark	95.5%
Rowling	Kennedy	Y6	93.3%
Shakespeare	Gina	Imogen	96.3%

The House Point results are:

Green – 1949 Red – 2040 (Half-term winners)
Yellow – 1870 Blue – 1628

Lunchtime Arrangements

Following feedback from pupils, we will put in to place the first of a number of slight tweaks to the lunchtime arrangements within school after half-term, especially for pupils in Key Stage 2, in order to create a more purposeful and engaging experience. I will be sharing these updated arrangements with children on the first day back but a few of them are:

- a rota to provide all KS2 year groups the opportunity to have lunch first (or last)
- re-opening the tyre park
- establishing a quiet(er) area of the playground for reading, colouring and drawing

One thing that will remain the same however is a rota in place for pupils to play football and basketball but moving forward school will provide the balls used so please can I ask for pupils to leave their footballs/basketballs at home.

Thankyou for your support.

Design the Mayor's Official Christmas Card!

The Mayor of Bracknell Forest invites all primary school children in the borough to design her official Christmas card for 2025!

The winning design will be used as her official card this year.

She's looking for a creative design that celebrates Christmas in Bracknell Forest.



How to enter:



- Create your design on A4 paper or card.
- Clearly write your name, age, and school on the back of your entry.
- Only one entry per pupil.

Prizes:



First Prize: £25 gift voucher and your design printed as the Mayor's official Christmas card!
Two Runners-Up: £20 gift voucher each.



Send your entries to:

Email: mayor@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or by post to: Mayoral Support Officer, Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JD

Deadline for entries: Monday, 10 November 2025. Winners will be contacted through their schools shortly after the closing date. The Mayor will personally visit the winning schools to present the prizes.



A big thank you to everyone who supported today's PTA fundraiser of 'Halloween Hair Day.' There were some truly frightening hairstyles on display from both children and staff but this money really will help the school as we look at future projects of improvement. You also won't have to wait long until the next PTA fundraiser because they will be running a...



HOT CHOCOLATE & GLOW STICK STALL

NOVEMBER 5th

Outside the Nurture room

Remember, remember the 5th of November, and join the PTA after school at our hot chocolate and glow stick stall.

CASH ONLY

Events at Easthampstead Parish Church



Pumpkin Competition

Friday 31 October • 5pm • Churchyard

Join us for an evening of autumn fun!

- Bring your carved pumpkins to enter our friendly competition – prizes awarded across different age groups!
- Come dressed in your favourite costume – grown-ups too!
- Stay for the after-party with apple bobbing, laughter, and seasonal treats.

All ages welcome. No tricks, just treats – and a whole lot of joy.




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SAT 25TH OCTOBER 11AM-3PM

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Gain new experiences.
Make new connections.
Discover new passions.

Come along to *Princess Square* to chat with us and start a new journey.

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Wildridings Primary School Menu w/c 4th November 2025 - £2.74 per meal (Key Stage 2)

Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
<p>Mains</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Dippers & Tomato sauce</p> <p>Crispy Quorn Dippers & Tomato Sauce (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Steamed Rice (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Broccoli (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Marble Sponge & Custard (choice) (V)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken (GF)</p> <p>Plant Based Sausages (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Homemade Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Carrots (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Garden Peas (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Gravy (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Beef & Vegetable Pie</p> <p>Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Savoy Cabbage (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Carrots (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fruit Crumble & Custard (choice) (V)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Fish Fingers</p> <p>Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Grill (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Chips (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Garden Peas (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Baked Beans (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Tomato Ketchup (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>