



Wildridings Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this week it was wonderful to showcase the learning taking place at our school with Monday being the visit of our STEP (School Standards and Effectiveness Partner) from Bracknell Forest. These visits take place every half-term and each one focuses on a specific area of learning, and this week we were able to celebrate the significant development in the quality of writing across the school, especially of handwriting since the introduction of the 'Kinetic Letters' programme.

The celebrating of pupil progress didn't stop there because we had also invited a local 'English Hub' to carry out a reading audit on Tuesday which focussed on how the 'Sounds Write' Phonics Programme is used to help our youngest children to read together with the 'Master Reader' approach to reading as we move in to Key Stage 2 and the feedback provided was overwhelmingly positive. Just like any other organisation in society it is vital that external 'experts' quality assure what we are doing in school to improve pupil outcomes and whilst there were many positives to highlight, including the engagement of pupils throughout the school, there were areas for development and we will focus on these in the coming months. However, the continued success of the implementation of these programmes is due to the diligence and responsibility of staff, so a big thank you to them, and this is also extended to Miss Cole for her continued skilled leadership of both reading and writing across the school!

Miss Cole was also kept busy on Thursday morning as she co-ordinated the Key Stage 1 trip to the cinema to watch Garfield, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, (and the adults too)! A family trip to the cinema is never cheap so it was great that Cineworld provided this experience for 'free' and the walk to the Lexicon also ensured a fair bit of exercise too. The only downside was that when they returned to school 'lasagne' wasn't on the lunch menu, but a big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made this trip possible.

The freezing temperatures of this week is in stark contrast to last Friday when there had been torrential downpours of rain, but despite the wet and (incredibly) muddy conditions the Cross-Country relay event still took place with 12 pupils across Years 4-6 taking part against other school in Bracknell Forest. The pupils should feel incredibly proud of their resilience in the race as the course was 1.1km long, with this long distance coming as a bit of a shock to some of the participants and being a little longer than they thought! However, they also showed wonderful teamwork in the way they supported team mates, especially when things got challenging, but the smiles on faces and significant splatterings of mud contributed to a great experience for all who took part.

And finally, after much anticipation Oliver (MacArthur Class) was announced as the winner of the School Council 'Sweet in a Jar' competition in assembly which has helped raise over £100 for the school so once again a big thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

November 2025

Tuesday 25th – Key Stage 2 Cinema Trip
Tuesday 25th – Coffee Morning -Helping your child with fears & worries
Friday 28th – Y6 Citizenship Day @ Garth Hill College

December 2025

Monday 1st – Prospective Parents Tour @ 10am
Friday 5th – PTA Elfridges Event
Tuesday 9th – Nursery Nativity @ 9.15am
Wednesday 10th – Reception Nativity @ 9.15am
Wednesday 10th – Year 6 SATs meeting 2:30-3pm
Friday 12th – Year 3&4 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church @ 10.00am
Monday 15th – Year 1&2 Nativity @ 9.15am
Tuesday 16th – Year 1&2 Nativity @ 9.15am
Wednesday 17th – Year 5&6 Christmas Service at St Michael's

Weekly Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner: Finleigh C (van Gogh)

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	Oliver	Y1	93.5%
Matisse	Sofiya	Mara	91.5%
Nightingale	Arthur	Y2	90.4%
Winston	Sachi	Tommy	95.6%
Einstein	Savanah	Y3	99%
Hawking	Abigail	Ava	95.9%
MacArthur	Leanne	Y4	96.5%
Charlton	Kian	Ivy	96%
Drake	Jacob	Y5	98.6%
Fiennes	Emily	Adela	92.8%
Rowling	Ella	Y6	97.7%
Shakespeare	Ellie G	Elian	98.3%

The House Point results are:

Green – 656 Red – 650

Passport Requests

Recently, some teachers across the school have been asked to complete passport applications for children, or in some cases parents, and unfortunately these requests have been declined. Whilst there will be teachers at school who may have known children or parents for more than the two years required, the passport application itself requires personal information, including a mobile phone number and passport number, and this is something that understandably cannot be provided. Other organisations may suggest that teachers can complete these forms but hopefully the reasoning above helps to understand why we politely decline.

Warm and Dry Clothing Please!

With the picturesque flurry of snow that greeted us all at the start of the school day on Wednesday it is clear that winter is upon us so can we take this opportunity to remind parents to send your child in to school with weather appropriate clothing. This time of year, a warm waterproof coat will ensure children can enjoy the outdoor environment at breaktime and lunchtime in relative comfort, and hats, gloves and scarves are vital to provide that extra layer of warmth. However, as always, please make sure you label the clothing in case they get lost! Thankyou for your continued support.

Music Mark Recognition

A big well done to Mrs Taylor and Mr Amoah who have achieved the Music Mark of Recognition for 2025-26. This achievement acknowledges their dedication and hard work when delivering delivery high quality music teaching for the children, together with their commitment to making it even better in the coming academic year and beyond. Whilst the core skills of reading, writing and maths are obviously vitally important, it is also essential that children have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and at Wildridings the provision for music is incredibly strong, both within and beyond the curriculum, so thankyou to Mrs Taylor and Mr A for all you do in this area.



A Visit from the Fire Service

On Monday, Year 5 were taught a wide range of facts during a visit to the school by the Fire Brigade including:

- different sized hoses are used for different fire sizes
- stop, drop and roll if there is a fire on you
- you should have two smoke detectors maximum in your house and test them frequently
- be aware of different safety hazards in the kitchen (electrics, wires including daisy chains) and leaving on devices and candles.
- The Fire Service don't only put out fires, they also save people and animals.
- Call 999 or 911 (this will work also) to report a fire and they need to know your address.

Year 5 had lots of fun with the visit ending somewhat abruptly due to the crew needing to go on a real-life emergency call out!



Wildridings Primary School Menu w/c 24th November 2025 - £2.74 per meal (Key Stage 2)

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
<p style="text-align: center;">Mains</p> <p>Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)</p> <p>Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (V) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accompaniments</p> <p>Green Beans (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Desserts</p> <p>Vanilla Ice Cream (V) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Desserts</p> <p>Marble Sponge & Custard (choice) (V)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken (GF)</p> <p>Plant Based Sausages (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Desserts</p> <p>Raspberry Jelly & Peaches (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Desserts</p> <p>Fruit Crumble & Custard (choice) (V)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">Desserts</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>