



Wildridings Weekly

2025-26 No: 15 Friday 19th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the course of the past two weeks it has been wonderful to see so many of you either in school or at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead, to enjoy all of the different Christmas Performances from across the school. Earlier this week it was the turn of Key Stage 1 as they provided their entertaining spin on the nativity story with 'Secret Angel' and this was followed on Wednesday by the Year 5&6 Carol Service which explored Christmas traditions in different countries. Despite these performances being subtly different, all children should feel proud of their role and the contribution they made to make it such an enjoyable experience for the audience.

This applies to all pupils over the last few weeks too as it has been wonderful to see how children have embraced the chance to perform in front of an audience and demonstrate their speaking, acting, singing and (in some cases) dance skills. They should feel proud of their achievements in producing performances of such quality and the resilience they demonstrated when learning lines or standing in front of an audience are valuable lifelong skills too.

Another group of people who should be extremely proud of the role they played in each performance together with everything else they have done this term are the staff. They work incredibly hard each and every day to ensure both the learning and emotional needs of all pupils are met as best as possible, so that every child makes the most of their school experience. Not only that, but this term they have also had a new Headteacher to deal with so I would like to thank them for all that they do.

Sadly, two of our staff members will not be returning in January as Mrs Cheesman (Nursery TA) and Mrs Clark (Y5&6 Maths teacher) move on. Whilst we wish them both all the very best for the future, it must also be mentioned that Mrs Clark is leaving after being at the school in some capacity for almost 35 years so I want to thank her for such a level of commitment and the positive contribution she has made to the school community in that time, (including, so I'm told, having taught some parents)!

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my first term as Headteacher. Starting a new job is never easy, but this is especially the case when you have responsibility for over 400 pupils and 60 staff, but your willingness to embrace the changes that have been implemented together with your understanding that these aren't always easy is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy the Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

December 2025

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED

January 2026

Monday 5th – INSET DAY (School Closed)

Tuesday 6th – Pupils return to school for the Spring Term

Tuesday 13th – Prospective Parents Tour @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 14th – Dr Bike Health Check

Monday 19th – School Council Cake Sale (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday 22nd – Kapla Workshop (Years 1-3)

Weekly Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner:

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	Adeeva	Y1	88%
Matisse	Usaid	Oliver	79.6%
Nightingale	Lottie	Y2	90%
Winston	Ella	Magnus	93%
Einstein	Malik	Y3	95.9%
Hawking	Mia	Alex	95.8%
MacArthur	Theo	Y4	94.6%
Charlton	Myra	Layla	92.8%
Drake	Holly	Y5	92.8%
Fiennes	Aidan	Jacob	83.1%
Rowling	Trinity	Y6	94.3%
Shakespeare	Jacob	Zyan	93.3%

The House Point results are:

Green – 1394 Red – 1401
Yellow – 1252 Blue – 1194

School Improvement

We are always looking for ways in which we can improve as a school, and this is one of the reasons why children across Years 2-6 met with different subject leaders on Thursday afternoon as we tried to capture their thoughts on what is going well, what they find difficult and how we can best support them moving forward. It is vital that every aspect of school life is focussed on improving outcomes for children whilst also being appreciative about the fact everything can't be achieved at once. Therefore, a School Development Plan (SDP) is written each year which prioritises these improvements together with providing details about how they will be achieved, so to find out more, simply visit [this page of our website](#) or [open the SDP](#).



From January 2026, 1st Easthampstead Scout Group (FESG) will be opening a Squirrel Drey which will enable children who are between 4yrs – 6yrs old to take part in Scouting at Westwick Hall.

Do you have a child who falls into this category and was born between 20/08/2020 and 01/01/2022?

Would they like to join Squirrels for a free 4-week trial in January 2026?

If so, please could you add their name and details to our waiting list and we'll be in touch.

<https://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk/waiting-list/1st-easthampstead-waiting-list/edd98b8d-3511-4e04-8489-a005492dfa49/apply>

If you have any friends who also have a child who was born between 20/08/2020 and 01/01/2022 then please let them know that they too, can add their children to our waiting list

If you would like more information or have any questions, please get in touch by sending an email to: squirrels@fesg.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

The Squirrels Team (1st Easthampstead Scout Group)



Easthampstead Parish Church

St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene Church

Friday 19th December - Family Christmas Film Night: Muppets Christmas Carol @ 6pm

Come along to our festive Family Film Night for popcorn, laughter, and the Muppets' heart-warming take on A Christmas Carol!

Wednesday 24th December - Crib Service @ 3pm

Celebrate the wonder of Christmas at our joyful Crib Service—featuring heart-warming music from Children's Church and the Toddler group, plus the Annual Rector's Christmas song performed LIVE!

For further information about other Christmas Services at Easthampstead Parish Church [click here.](#)



Wildridings Socials Go Live!

The Wildridings social media accounts for both Facebook and Instagram have gone live this week so why not click on the links below and follow-us? Share these links with friends and family so they can keep-up-to-date with what is going on too!

[Wildridings on Instagram](#)

[Wildridings on Facebook](#)

Wildridings Primary School Menu w/c 6th January 2026 - £2.74 per meal (Key Stage 2)

Base Menu - Choice 4 January 2026

Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
<p>Mains</p> <p>Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V)</p> <p>VEGAN Margherita Pizza (VG)</p> <p>Spinach & Potato Curry (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (V) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>New Potato Salad (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Rice (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Mixed Salad (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fruit & Ice Cream (V) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Pork Sausages</p> <p>Plant Based Sausages (VG)</p> <p>Fisherman's Pie (GF)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Savoy Cabbage (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Carrots (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Gravy (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler (VG)</p> <p>Custard (V) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken (GF)</p> <p>Fish Finger Wrap</p> <p>Quorn Dipper Wrap (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Skin On Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Carrots (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Garden Peas (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Gravy (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Chicken Korma (GF)</p> <p>Hearty Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)</p> <p>VEGAN Hearty Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Jacket & Chicken Korma (GF)</p> <p>Filled Roll (choice)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Rice (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Broccoli (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Jam Roly Poly (VG)</p> <p>Custard (V) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Fish Fingers</p> <p>Fishless Fingers (VG)</p> <p>Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche (V)</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>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p> <p>Banana Bread (V)</p>