



Wildridings Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

When walking towards the back gate this morning I was greeted with children shouting 6 - 7, which made me think whether we'd made the right choice in supporting the NSPCC's Number Day! However, seeing the range of costumes/outfits/face paint and the quality of learning conversations between children related to numbers it certainly was the right thing to do. Numbers were the focus of the morning whether it was problem solving, painting numicon or deciphering codes (or in some cases creating them), and it has been great to see the levels of engagement from children and they have all been so keen to tell me how much they love maths – long may that continue – and a big thankyou to Miss Holdaway for arranging the day!

Whilst learning plays a vital role in school life, it is also important that children have opportunities to play, explore and engage in physical activity, and we try to support this as best as possible. With this in mind, many of you will have noticed that a small section of unused garden near the back of the Key Stage 1 playground looked distinctly different when you came in to school on Monday morning. The reason for this is because Mr Dawes had spent the weekend removing all of the excess materials and using a digger to level the ground (as best as possible) in order to make way for a play fort to be installed. The school has received a substantial grant from Wellington College to largely fund the work, (so a huge thank you for their support with this), and levelling the ground was very much phase 1 of the project, but in the coming weeks it will become a hive of activity as work on the structure itself takes place. The play fort will create extra purposeful space at lunchtime, whilst also being used by Reception pupils during their provision. Not only that, but a previously unused space has been repurposed and it will make a real difference to that area of the school. I will keep you updated on the progress of this project but once it is completed we can then move on to the next much needed redevelopment of another under used space in school...the bus!

And just a reminder that Parents Evenings are scheduled to take place next week so we look forward to seeing you on either Monday or Wednesday, but if you are yet to book an appointment then please do so via your Parentmail account.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

February 2026

w/c 9th – Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th – Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 9th – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 10th – Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10th pm – Nursery Trip to Bill Hill
Wednesday 11th am – Nursery Trip to Bill Hill
Wednesday 11th – Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm
Monday 16th – Friday 20th - HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd – INSET DAY (School Closed)
Tuesday 24th WPS Safer Internet Day

March 2026

Thursday 5th – World Book Day
Wednesday 11th – PTA Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 12th – Skip2bfit Workshop

Weekly Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner: Awa C (MacArthur)

Class	Medal Winner	Writer of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<i>Pupils in Nursery are celebrated in a range of different ways.</i>			
Attenborough	Arsh	YR	90.8%
Darwin	Ella	Luca	94.8%
Van Gogh	Affan	Y1	89%
Matisse	Alston	Alfie	85.6%
Nightingale	Edison	Y2	95.7%
Winston	Lexie	Callie	93.9%
Einstein	Fern	Y3	97.6%
Hawking	Allen	Savannah	93.3%
MacArthur	Bella	Y4	96.7%
Charlton	Ruby	Summer	95.6%
Drake	Skylar	Y5	95.2%
Fiennes	Chloe	Emily	93.8%
Rowling	Isaac	Y6	96%
Shakespeare	Thomas.K	Ella	98%

The House Point results are:

Green – 1249 Red – 1144
Yellow – 975 Blue – 910



A big well done to everyone for their calmness during the lockdown drill that took place on Monday. The children, (and staff), ensured everything went smoothly and whilst we hope we never have to do one 'for real' we are at least prepared if we do.

PTA Fundraising

A big thank you for your support with the PTA doughnut sale on Wednesday afternoon, especially considering the very wet weather conditions. These events don't organise themselves and the work of the volunteers who give up their time to ensure these fundraising events take place to help improve the school, (just like in the challenge below), really is appreciated. If you would like to learn more about the PTA or how you can get involved click [here](#) or come along to our next meeting which is taking place on Wednesday 11th March in school at 6.30pm.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wildridings-2026-challenge?utm_medium=car&utm_source=cl

Wildridings PTA 2026 challenge

2nd Feb - 27th Feb



We are challenging
each family to raise

£20.26 (or more),

so we can fix our iconic school bus
and the surrounding outdoor area.

How you fundraise is up to you!!!!



Prizes to be won!

Scan the QR code to donate
& for more information

If you have any further questions,
or are interested in hearing more
about being involved with the PTA,
please email us at

pta@wildridingsprimary.co.uk



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JustGiving Page

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

9-15
FEB
2026

Belonging

The mental health and wellbeing of our children is a key priority for our school and to support this further we will be supporting Children's Mental Health Week, which takes place across the country next week. This year's theme is belonging and the week will begin with an assembly focussed on the importance of belonging and what it means to belong. Children across the school will then engage in age appropriate activities throughout the week to explore this theme further before sharing their ideas with School Council who are hoping to create a video to help answer the question. 'what does belonging mean to you?'

Whilst we will be talking about this theme with children next week, you might also want to discuss it at home too because having a sense of belonging is vitally important for everyone to achieve good mental health, and if we collectively work towards this with our children it would be a really positive step.

Wildridings Primary School Menu w/c 9th February 2026 - £2.74 per meal (Key Stage 2)

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
<p>Mains</p> <p>Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Hand Stretched Sweetcorn Pizza (V)</p> <p>VEGAN Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza (V)</p> <p>Veggie-ball Coconut Curry (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (V) (GF)</p> <p>Jacket & Veggie-ball Coconut Curry (VG)</p> <p>Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings).</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Rice (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Spaghetti Hoops (VG) (contains gluten)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Crispy Cake (VG)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Traditional All Day Breakfast</p> <p>All Day Veggie Breakfast (V)</p> <p>The Dolce Gardeners Brunch (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Hash Brown (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Baked Beans (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Garden Peas (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Fruit Salad (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Roast Chicken (GF)</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing Tart (VG)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>New Potatoes (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Baked Beans (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Broccoli (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Gravy (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>	<p>Mains</p> <p>Pasta Bar</p> <p>Beef Chilli Con Carne (GF)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Jacket & Beef Chilli Con Carne (GF)</p> <p>Wholemeal Sandwich (choice of fillings)</p> <p>Accompaniments</p> <p>Rice (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Carrots (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Homemade Bread (V)</p> <p>Salad Bar (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Desserts</p> <p>Dorset Apple Cake (V)</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>Crispy Quorn Dippers (VG)</p> <p>Cheese, Potato and Onion Pie (V)</p> <p>Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)</p> <p>Wholemeal Sandwich (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>Lancashire Cookie (VG)</p> <p>Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)</p> <p>Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)</p>