



Wildridings Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Wildridings, and this has included wide ranging engagement with schools from across Bracknell Forest and this was encapsulated with approximately 300 children visiting our school to take part in a combined choir singing rehearsal yesterday. Our Year 4 pupils made the other schools feel incredibly welcome and a big well done to Mrs Taylor for organising it, but I look forward to seeing how it all comes together at the Junior Music Festival held at The Hexagon in Reading later in the year.

A sign of the improving weather is that the sporting calendar is well underway with both our netball and football teams having fixtures this week. In their first game of the season Miss White was incredibly proud of the resilience and determination of the netball team as they valiantly lost 12-3 away at Ascot Heath earlier in the week. However, our football team continued their unbeaten start to the season as they emerged 10-3 winners in a home game against Owlsmoor yesterday afternoon. A big well done to all of the children who took part in these fixtures and I look forward to sharing more successes with you all in coming weeks.

And finally, thankyou to the parents of Shakespeare Class for coming along to the rearranged Parents Evenings this week, and to Mr Bradshaw too for ensuring they had the opportunity to be updated on the progress they are all making.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis
Headteacher

Diary Dates

March 2026

w/c Monday 9th – Science Week

Wednesday 11th – PTA Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 12th – Skip2befit Workshop

Friday 13th – Nursery ‘Mummy’s Tea Party’

Friday 20th – Year 1 Bill Hill

Tuesday 24th – Year 3 to Beal Park

Friday 27th – Last Day of Term (School ends at normal time collection between 3:10 – 3:20 pm)

Weekly Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner: Sophie K (Nightingale)

Class	Medal Winner	Writer of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
<i>Pupils in Nursery are celebrated in a range of different ways.</i>			
Attenborough	Teddy B	YR	93.5%
Darwin	Phoebe S	Dwaraka	95.4%
Van Gogh	Rayan	Y1	95.4%
Matisse	Blake	Joel	95.9%
Nightingale	Edra	Y2	98.2%
Winston	Isabel	Edison	95%
Einstein	Saroja	Y3	97.7%
Hawking	Eva	Veeran	96.3%
MacArthur	Sophie	Y4	98.9%
Charlton	Leonardo	Maddie	92.8%
Drake	Malachi	Y5	95.4%
Fiennes	Gleb	Oscar C	100%
Rowling	Lyra	Y6	92%
Shakespeare	Breya	Maksim	96%

The House Point results are:

Green – 452 Red – 502
Yellow – 460 Blue – 477

World Book Day

A big thankyou (as always) for your support with World Book Day and sending children in wearing pyjamas or as fairy tale characters, (just like the staff in this picture from lower Key Stage 2). Raising the profile of the importance of reading is always worthwhile and with the whole school using ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ (or alternative versions) as a stimulus it was great to see the children’s engagement with their learning throughout the day.

To support reading even further Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running so [click here](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month’s Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards so please place your order online by March 31st, 2026.



STAFFING CHANGES – SUMMER 2026

Following a thorough restructure process focused on reducing financial expenditure, six highly valued members of our support staff will be leaving the school at the end of the Spring Term. These staff members have made a significant contribution to our school community, and we are deeply grateful for the dedication, care and professionalism they have shown to our children over the years. The staff members and length of service are:

- Christina Balchin (5 years)
- Louise Casey (2 years)
- Rebecca Collard (20 years)
- Vikki Evanson (16 ½ years)
- Claire Haydon (15 ½ years)
- Fran Tillman (25 ½ years)

The decision to reduce support staff levels has not been taken lightly but schools nationally are facing sustained financial pressure and our school is no different. Due to reduced real-terms funding, rising staffing and energy costs, together with increasing expectations placed upon schools to deliver more — academically, pastorally and administratively — with fewer resources, the staffing levels within school were financially unsustainable.

While we continue to manage our budget carefully, I want to reassure you that we will continue to prioritise spending directly linked to pupils' learning and wellbeing, and supporting all our pupils remains our absolute priority. The needs of children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) will continue to be fully met in line with statutory requirements and we have carefully planned our new structure to ensure that appropriate provision, interventions and specialist support remain in place.

More broadly, the wellbeing, safeguarding and academic progress of all pupils will continue to be at the heart of every decision we make. We remain fully committed to providing high-quality teaching, strong pastoral care and targeted support for those who need it most, and our leadership team will closely monitor the impact of these changes to ensure standards remain high.

In addition to this, Mrs Lawrence (a TA in Year 5 who had been with us for 3 years), left at February half-term and Miss Bartram, who teaches Drake Class Wednesday to Friday, will be moving abroad at Easter. In order to cover this teaching gap, Mrs Wort and Miss Cook (Deputy Headteachers) will be in school for an additional day each so they can continue to fulfil their wider responsibilities whilst also teaching Drake Class at the end of the week.

We recognise that change can feel unsettling, and we are committed to managing this transition sensitively and thoughtfully for both staff and pupils. Over the coming weeks, we will ensure that arrangements are in place to provide continuity and stability for children, whilst also providing the staff who are leaving a fitting send-off which celebrates their contributions to school life whilst also wishing them well for the future.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and understanding but if you do have any questions or concerns regarding the information above then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

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

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Mains	Mains	Mains	Mains	Mains
Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza (V)	Pork Sausages	Roast Chicken (GF)	Chicken Korma (GF)	Fish Fingers
VEGAN Margherita Pizza (VG)	Plant Based Sausages (VG)	Fish Finger Wrap	Hearty Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V)	Fishless Fingers (VG)
Spinach & Potato Curry (VG) (GF)	Fisherman's Pie (GF)	Quorn Dipper Wrap (VG)	VEGAN Hearty Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (VG)	Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (V) (GF)	Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)	Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)	Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)	Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF)
Filled Roll (choice)	Filled Roll (choice)	Filled Roll (choice)	Filled Roll (choice)	Filled Roll (choice)
Accompaniments	Accompaniments	Accompaniments	Accompaniments	Accompaniments
New Potato Salad (VG) (GF)	Mashed Potatoes (VG) (GF)	Skin On Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF)	Jacket & Chicken Korma (GF)	Chips (VG) (GF)
Rice (VG) (GF)	Savoy Cabbage (VG) (GF)	Carrots (VG) (GF)	Filled Roll (choice)	Garden Peas (VG) (GF)
Mixed Salad (VG) (GF)	Carrots (VG) (GF)	Garden Peas (VG) (GF)	Accompaniments	Baked Beans (VG) (GF)
Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)	Gravy (VG) (GF)	Gravy (VG) (GF)	Rice (VG) (GF)	Tomato Ketchup (VG) (GF)
Homemade Bread (V)	Homemade Bread (V)	Homemade Bread (V)	Broccoli (VG) (GF)	Homemade Bread (V)
Salad Bar (VG) (GF)	Salad Bar (VG) (GF)	Salad Bar (VG) (GF)	Sweetcorn (VG) (GF)	Salad Bar (VG) (GF)
			Homemade Bread (V)	
Desserts	Desserts	Desserts	Salad Bar (VG) (GF)	Desserts
Fruit & Ice Cream (V) (GF)	Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler (VG)	Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG)		Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)
Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)	Custard (V) (GF)	Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)	Desserts	Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)
Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)	Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	Jam Roly Poly (VG)	Banana Bread (V)
	Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)		Custard (V) (GF)	
			Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)	
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