

# Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

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## Happy New Year & Welcome Back!

In our last staff meeting before Christmas, the team looked back on the on the incredible journey of the school over the past few months, with so many highlights to reflect upon. From sporting events to school trips, an art exhibition, choir performances, Christmas lunches and Christmas performances. Time and again our children have demonstrated Wildmoor's ethos of positivity, enthusiasm and confidence. This was especially evident during the Nativity and Christmas Performances, which really put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Thank you to our fantastic staff for creating such unforgettable experiences for the children. A special thank you to Kathryn Pierce for her very generous donation of crackers and decorations for the Christmas lunch tables. Thank you, too, to our wonderful Wildmoor families, for all your support last term. Staff and parents working together in such a positive family partnership is so important for our children to thrive in school. Thank you for your kind donations throughout the performances - we received an amazing £370 which will really make a difference.

We would really welcome your thoughts and positive comments on our first term. Please spare a couple of minutes to add your comments to our Google form here:

<https://forms.gle/ckZsDV9g4rPtvuWf9>

January is such a cold and dark month and it seems to go on forever. We will endeavour to let the children outside as much as possible, to make the most of the daylight, so they may arrive home a little muddy! We would appreciate your support by reminding them to bring in their coats (and hats/gloves) and winter PE kit (joggers/hoodies) as appropriate.

**Mrs Vincent**



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## Spring Term Clubs



Earlier in the week, we sent out the clubs brochure for the Spring 1st Half Term.

The school office will send out letters to confirm your child's place today or by Monday.

Please can we also remind parents to **settle any outstanding club payments for last term** on MCAS as we will be unable to offer a place in Spring Term clubs unless the balance is cleared.

If you are having any problems making the payment on MCAS, cash can be accepted by the school office.

## Parent Focus Group Can you help?

Could you spare half an hour once a term?

We would like to set up a **small focus group of parents** who would be willing to complete school surveys to give constructive advice or suggestions on what we can improve in school.

Please contact the school office ([reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk](mailto:reception@wildmoorheath.org.uk)) if you would be interested.

**We need  
YOU!**



## Key Dates

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

**Tuesday 2nd January**

INSET Day - school closed

**Wednesday 3rd January 8.40am**

Spring term starts - school open

**Friday 5th January 9.30am**

New Reception Parents Open Event

**Monday 22nd January**

Year 5 trip to Winchester  
Planetarium

**Monday 22nd January 2.30pm**

Year 4 Parents Open Assembly

**Thursday 25th January**

Reception height and weight checks

**Tuesday 6th February 9am**

SEND Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th,**

**Thursday 8th February**

Parent Teacher Meetings -  
more details to follow

**Monday 12th to Friday 16th February**

HALF TERM

**Monday 19th February**

INSET Day - school closed

**Tuesday 20th February 8.40am**

School open for children





What a wonderful December the choir had! The children represented Wildmoor Heath with such pride and passion – it was a delight to see all their hard work come to fruition. On Friday 1st December, the Choir sang at the Crowthorne Late Night Shopping event. It was their first official performance and they were amazing! Every child performed beautifully and there were a lot of brave soloists who really shone. Thank you to each and every one of the parents/carers who braved the cold weather to cheer them on.

## Choir at Christmas



We also had the pleasure of visiting two residential care homes in Crowthorne – Pinehurst and Carlyle Court. We were welcomed with such kindness and warmth. So many of the residents shared that Christmas can be a difficult time of year for them, so to have the children visit and sing so well, really brought them a lot of happiness. We have been asked to return during 2024 and we are very much looking forward to this!



We have seen the children grow in confidence over the Autumn term and we are excited to learn some more tunes in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support and encouragement of the children!

**Mrs MacManus**





## Music Clubs & Tuition



If you would like more information on music and vocal tuition offered by Mr MacManus and **The MacManus Music Project**, please follow this link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmzwTPtAixut9TMEKD9INvSG6HMDOtLnOi600ubMMV40N6IA/viewform>

## Parking and Traffic Safety



We would appreciate your support if you need to drive your children to school. For their safety and for the safety of others, please do not park on the mini roundabout or near the gates outside the front of the school, where there are double yellow lines. We still have a number of parents who stop temporarily outside the car park gates, while their children get out of the car on their own. This is not a safe place to stop and endangers others who are walking or trying to cross the road nearby.

It can be a stressful experience for everyone trying to park or navigate their way through the parked cars outside the school, so please be mindful of this and think carefully about where you park, how you manoeuvre in and out of spaces and how you speak to other drivers, pedestrians and neighbours. We have seen a number of road rage incidents near the school recently, which have upset the children observing angry conversations and swearing.

As you may be aware, the road outside the school will soon be affected by the roadworks on School Hill. There will probably be temporary traffic lights outside the school gates, causing even more disruption during school drop off and pick up times. Maybe this is a perfect opportunity to work off the Christmas excess, by parking further away from school and walking in!

Thank you for your co-operation.



**Hi, I'm Miss Lewis.** I joined Wildmoor in September 2023 as the Year 3 class teacher. I studied Primary Education at University and graduated in 2010. After graduating, I moved to Hillingdon, West London to start my teaching career. Most of my teaching career has been teaching classes across KS2, along with a year as a reception teacher. I stayed teaching in Hillingdon for 13 years before recently moving to Bracknell and joining Wildmoor Heath. I have always loved working with children and seeing them grow and achieve. In my spare time, I enjoy time with my new puppy (a black Labrador) Willow, taking her for lovely walks around Bracknell and keeping her out of mischief! Other hobbies include reading, cinema trips and exploring the local area. I am delighted to be working at Wildmoor and enjoy working with such a great team every day.

## Meet the Team!

This month, find out more about **the team in Year 3!**



**Hello! I'm Mrs Weston.** After deciding to leave my career in business management and take the plunge to follow my passion of learning, I have been at Wildmoor Heath as a Teaching Assistant for 2 years now. I am so proud to be part of such an amazing team, and truly feel the school is an extremely special place. So much so that I moved my youngest here last year. But my family connection to the school doesn't end there – my husband actually attended as a pupil 30 odd years ago! I grew up in Crowthorne myself and have lived here for the majority of my life, and am married with 4 children, aged 9, 14, 16 and 18. We also have 2 dogs who are crazier than all of us combined! I have had the pleasure of working with the children in Year 3 since last year, and have loved seeing them grow, both personally and academically. I know they will all continue on to achieve great things and I look forward to supporting them, and the rest of the students here at Wildmoor, the best I can.





# Safeguarding and Child Protection

**Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as:**

1. Protecting children from maltreatment;
2. Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development;
3. Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;
4. Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

At Wildmoor Heath School, **all staff maintain a culture of vigilance** and put the health and safety, learning progress and pastoral needs of our learners first. We have robust safeguarding procedures in place, including annual formal training for all staff.

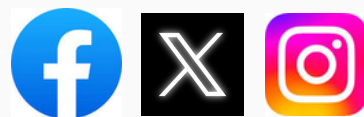
Wildmoor Heath have three trained DSLs who receive multi-agency training, attend ongoing formative sessions and represent the school at Child Protection meetings. Mrs Vincent is the Designated Safety Leader (DSL), supported by Mrs MacManus and Mrs Joseph as our Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs).

Our Safeguarding Policy (latest September 2023) can be found on the school website ([here](#)) and/or a copy can be requested from the school office.

If you have any concerns whatsoever about a child, or something that you have witnessed inside or outside of school, please speak one of our safeguarding team.

## Contact Us:

**Contact Us:**



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# Wildmoor Heath January Wellbeing Challenge



Emotional health and wellbeing is about how you're feeling and how well you are able to deal with day-to-day challenges. There are some simple steps that you can take in order to improve how you feel each day. They don't take up much time and they don't have to cost anything either.

They're known as the **Five Ways to Wellbeing** and they are:

**Take Notice, Connect, Keep Learning, Give to Others and Be Active.**

**Connect** – being around other people can help boost our mood and help us feel connected to the wider world. Putting aside some time to develop relationships and connect with friends, family, neighbours and your environment can improve your wellbeing.

This month we would love the children (and families too!) to **'Connect'**.

Here are a few quick and easy ideas to help you **connect** with the people and world around you.

- Speak to someone new at school
- Ask someone how they are feeling and really listen to what they say
- Arrange a play date or catch up with a friend
- Volunteer to do some jobs alongside your parent/carer at home
- Talk to your friends and family

Help a friend or neighbour (with parent/carer permission/supervision)

Eat a meal with your family

Bake some cakes and share them