

Wildmoor Heath Newsletter

ISSUE 5 – JANUARY 2026

Wintery Welcome Back

Welcome back to the spring term! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and joyous Christmas break.

Our first day back certainly brought some excitement for the children, with enough snow falling to build snowmen and enjoy snowball play on the field. With temperatures as low as -5°C , we have definitely felt the cold. Thank you to all parents who are ensuring children come to school well prepared with thick coats, hats, gloves and scarves during this cold spell.

Unfortunately, we are still seeing a small number of children arriving with thin coats or just their Wildmoor fleece, which is not waterproof. Please can we remind families that children should wear a suitable winter coat and also bring in separate waterproof trousers, to ensure uniforms stay dry and comfortable during outdoor play.

I am delighted to welcome three new members of staff to our wonderful Wildmoor team this term. Please scroll down to find out a little more about them. I am sure you will join us in making them feel very welcome when you see them around school. Keep warm!

Mrs Vincent



Key Dates

**JANUARY /
FEBRUARY 2026**

**Thu 15th, 22nd, 29th
Jan, 5th, 12th Feb:**
Year 3 Forest Schools

Fri 23rd Jan:
Year 6 Heath Walk

Wed 4th Feb:
9am SEND Coffee
Morning

Mon 9th to Thu 12th Feb:
Parent Teacher
Meetings – details to
follow

Fri 13th Feb:
Last Day of Half Term

Mon 23rd Feb:
School re-opens at
8.35am

Fri 27th Feb:
Year 3 Heath Walk



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School Life

Positive Comments

Thank you for the lovely comments left on our Google Form. If you haven't already added a comment, bring a little joy to our staff - click on the link to add your comments:

Christmas Comments - Dec 2025

Morning register - 8.45am!



We would like to clarify our procedures for early morning drop-off to ensure a calm and settled start to the school day for all children.

- School gates and classroom doors will open at **8.35am**.
- A member of staff will be present at each classroom door to welcome children into school.
- At **8.45am**, staff will return to their classrooms to complete the register and order lunches. Classroom doors will close at this time.
- The external pedestrian gate will remain open until 8.50am; however, **any children arriving after 8.45am must be brought into school via the office.**

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that children arrive in time to enter through their classroom doors before 8.45am. This allows children to settle promptly into their learning and enables staff to complete the register efficiently and on time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Reception 2026 - Applications Process

The applications process for admissions in Reception 2026 has opened and will close on **15th January 2026**.

Parents can apply online Click here:
[Bracknell Forest Council](#)

Please encourage friends and neighbours to apply!

Does your child's date of birth fall on or between 01 September 2021 - 31 August 2022

for more information.
Bracknell Forest residents only.

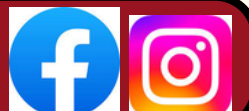
Bracknell Forest Council

Apply for a school place!

The admissions process to apply for a Reception school place from September 2026 is now open.

The application process is open from
5 November 2025 - 15 January 2026

Visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary or use the QR code to apply



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Attendance Matters

Wildmoor Heath's goal is to achieve an attendance rate of **96.4% or higher**.

Currently, our overall attendance stands at **95.8%** (the same as last month).

- **Year 1: 93.5% (down from 94.4%)**
- **Year 2: 96.8% (similar to last month)**
- **Year 3: 96.1% (same as last month)**
- **Year 4: 94.9% (up from 94.5%)**
- **Year 5: 96.9% (similar to last month)**
- **Year 6: 96.2% (up from 95.8%)**



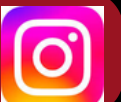
Both Bracknell Forest and GLT have informed schools that they must issue fixed penalty notices to parents with children who have accrued **5 or more days of unauthorised absence** within a rolling twelve-month period. While we have aimed to avoid this as a school and have preferred to collaborate with families to boost attendance, this measure will need to be implemented from now. As previously mentioned in our newsletters, you will receive an attendance letter if your child's attendance falls below **95%**:

- **Attendance Information Letter: 93% - 95%**
- **Attendance Concern Letter: 90% - 93%**
- **Attendance Warning Letter: Below 90%**

Regular attendance helps children forge stronger friendships, build greater confidence and achieve better long-term outcomes.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your child attends school consistently. Every day truly makes a difference.

Well done to Year 2 and Year 5!
Can other classes catch up?



School Life

Welcome to our wonderful new staff

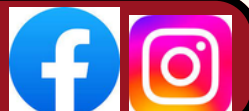


WELCOME



Mr Stevens

Hello all and Happy New Year! I'm thrilled to be joining the team here at Wildmoor Heath Primary School. With many years of teaching experience under my belt, I'm excited to bring my passion for education to this fantastic school. When I'm not in the classroom, you'll probably find me indulging in one of my many sports passions - football, golf, cricket, rugby, or running. I like to stay active, but I must admit, being a Manchester United supporter at the moment isn't exactly a source of pride. At home, I'm a very proud dad to a 17-month-old daughter who I absolutely adore. She's already stealing my heart and I'm sure she's going to keep me on my toes for many years to come. On top of that, my wife will also be a familiar face around school, as she's joining the Year 1 team. We're both excited to be part of the Wildmoor Heath family. I can't wait to get started, meet you all, and hopefully have some great conversations along the way. Don't hesitate to wave or say hello if you see me around - and if I look lost (which is very likely at the start), feel free to point me in the right direction! Looking forward to a great year ahead!



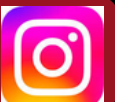
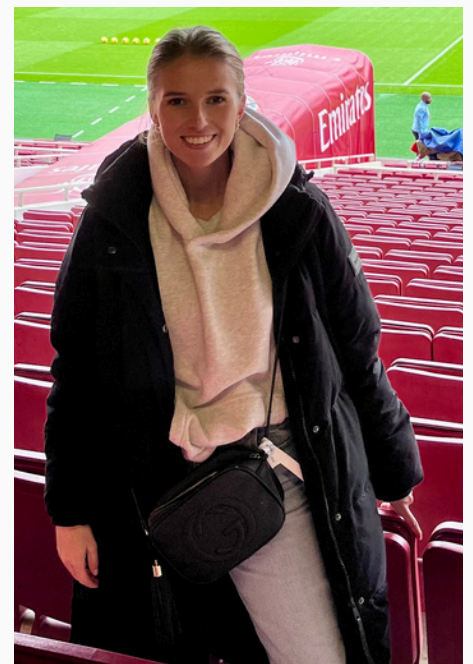
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Mrs Mehmet



Hello everyone, I'm really excited to be stepping into my new role as School Administrator, here at Wildmoor Heath School. A little about myself, I moved to Crowthorne in May 2025 to be closer to my 3 children, and 6 grandchildren. I am half Italian and half Turkish Cypriot. I enjoy baking, yoga and crocheting, and while my ambitions for crocheting are big, I have proudly accepted that blankets are my speciality! I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone, and being part of a school community that values children, not just for their learning but for who they are as individuals.

Happy New Year all! My name is **Mrs Stevens**, and I'm delighted to be joining Year 1 as a new teacher! I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone. A little bit about me - I enjoy a range of sports, and I've recently taken up running as I prepare for my first half marathon in February! Outside of school, I love to travel both in the UK and abroad with my husband, Mr Stevens, and our daughter. We especially enjoy discovering new places and beautiful beaches together. I also really enjoy reading, and it's become even more special now that we read with our daughter each day. Our favourite book to share is *The Gruffalo* - it always sparks lots of laughs! I'm very excited for the year ahead and can't wait to meet you all!



Class News

Reception (Butterflies)

We are so proud of the Butterfly class for their nativity performance. It was a big moment for them with such a large audience but they were incredibly brave and sang beautifully. Well done to all of the children! A huge thank you to our parents for your support with the costumes and for all your encouragement throughout their first term at school. The children have been absolute superstars. We would also like to thank you all for the kind and generous Christmas gifts you gave. It was so lovely of you all, thank you so much.

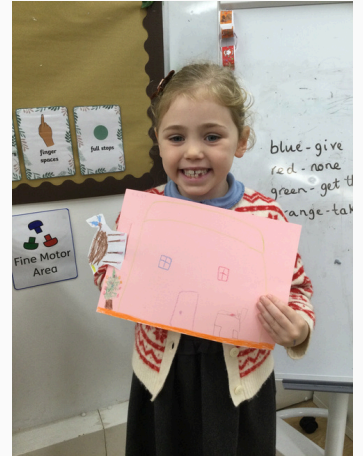
Just before Christmas, the Butterfly Class visited St John's Church to hear the Nativity story. The children were wonderfully well behaved and did an excellent job walking all the way there and back. They even performed some of their Nativity songs for the Reverend. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to accompany us and offer their help - it was greatly appreciated.



Class News

Year 1

The Kindness Ambassadors helped to sort the gifts kindly donated by our families. The hampers were delivered to local care homes before Christmas. Before Christmas, Year 1 were lucky enough to learn a little about Hanukkah and play spin the dreidel with Asher's mummy. We had such a lot of fun and it's led us perfectly into our first Judaism unit of learning in RE this term, where we are considering the question, 'Who is God to the Jews?'



Year 2

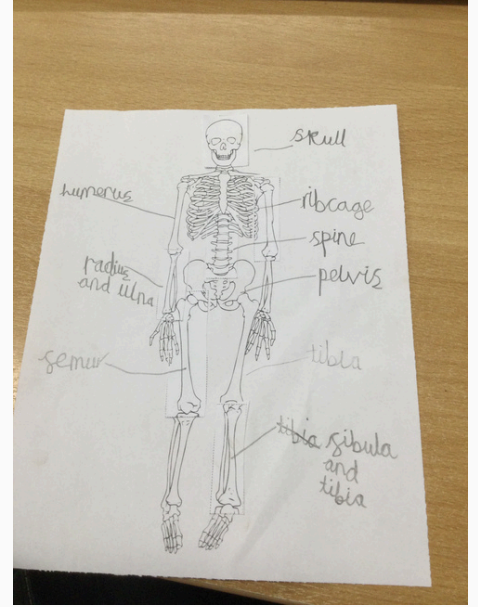
Last term the Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to Crowthorne Fire Station as part of their learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. They enjoyed exploring the fire truck and had great fun testing out the hoses.



Class News

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed their science unit on the human body. We explored the different food groups and why they are important for us. We also learnt about the human body and made skeleton models and named the bones found in the human body.



Year 4



Class News

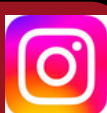
Year 5

Year 5 recently enjoyed a walk at Wildmoor Heath, where the children learned more about their local heathland and why it is such an important environment to protect. We discussed how small actions can help care for the heath, including sticking to paths, respecting wildlife, and taking litter home. The children showed a great awareness of their responsibility and confidently shared how they will help spread this message to others in our community.



Year 6

Year 6 kicked off the Spring term with a dance workshop led by a professional dance coach. The children got straight stuck in, learning new moves and working together with great focus and enthusiasm. It was a brilliant way to start the term.





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 Joseph** and **Mrs Pratt** as our Deputy Designated Safety Leaders (DDSLs).

Our Safeguarding Policy (latest September 2025) can be found on the school website 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.

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