

## Welcome!



Hello, my name is Mrs Slater and I am the Whole School Literacy Coordinator here at Wildern. This week we celebrate World Book Day 2023, an exciting opportunity to be passionate about reading and the art of storytelling.

Reading can support your child to develop confidence and proficiency in comprehension, fluency, spelling, wider engagement with societal topics, empathy for others, and improved brain connectivity to aid in the support of academic study, leading to better progress and attainment for your child. Many educational studies have concluded those students who read often about a range of topics, achieve higher than their non-reading peers.

To support your child further on their reading journey we have Mrs. Searle our school Librarian, as well as the fantastic learning space the LRC, a place to support your child reach their reading and academic success milestones. The space can be used for reading, completion of self-study, research purposes, and a quiet area for revision with friends.

We would like to thank you all for your support at home with the promotion of reading and we look forward to sharing our future literacy success stories with you soon.



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### Dates for your diary

Date	Activity	Year Groups
Monday 27 February - Friday 10 March	Taster lessons for choosing pathways	Year 8
Friday 3 March	Celebrating World Book Day	All years
Saturday 4 March	Duke of Edinburgh practice walk in New Forest	Year 9 & 10
Monday 6 March	Week A	All year
Monday 6 March	Teenage booster catch up vaccinations	Year 9, 10 & 11
Wednesday 8 March	Aurora peer mentoring session (MAC)	Year 8 & 10
Thursday 9 March	Year 9 Careers work skills day	Year 9
Friday 10 March	Year 11 Dance performance assessment	Year 11
Friday 10 March	Year 8 pathways forms sent home	Year 8
Monday 13 March	Week B	All years
Monday 13 March	Education for life theatre trip: ...and Juliet	Year 9
Wednesday 15 March	Possible Strike days - more information to come	All years
Thursday 16 March	WINK! Stretch & challenge	All years
Friday 17 March	English Year 7 trip to The Globe	Year 7
Friday 17 March	Non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief	All years
Friday 17 March	National Theatre Connectors performance	Year 9
Saturday 18 March	Big Clean event 10am start	All years
Monday 20 March	Week A	All years
Monday 20 March	Year 8 pathways form completion deadline	Year 8

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### Communications

**Letter from Mrs Oakley sent Sunday 26/3/23**

This week you will recall that last Sunday we emailed asking for your support with regards to social media posts following a national trend on Tik Tok that could cause potential safety issues in school. Your positive response and support following our communication has meant that we have been able to have a calm and purposeful week, culminating in a fantastic World Book Day today with events, celebrations of literacy, smiles and laughter.

**National Careers Week** - 6 - 12 March. National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. Careers Week encourages education providers to bring together students, local employers and advisers through careers events and activities. During National Careers Week it is up to every school, academy and college to offer careers advice and guidance to their students and at Wildern we will be running dedicated Education for Life activities for NCW and there are resources available on every student's Careers Google Classroom.

Please also see this free Parents' Guide to the theory behind NCW and what else you can do to support your child at home [here](#).

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| <p><b>Year 7</b><br/>There are no letters for Year 7</p> <p><b>Year 8</b><br/><a href="#">HPV Vaccination information and consent form</a></p> <p><b>Year 9</b><br/>There are no letters for Year 9</p> | <p><b>Year 10</b><br/><a href="#">College taster day information</a></p> <p><b>Year 11</b><br/><a href="#">Year 11 Parents evening - 23 March</a><br/><a href="#">Extra timetabled lessons</a><br/><a href="#">March Prepare to Perform newsletter</a></p> |
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### Reminders

**Fairtrade Fortnight** - The Rights Respecting Community Focus group will be promoting Fairtrade Fortnight throughout a variety of events. On Wednesday 8 March they will be holding a Fairtrade Bake Sale in the Piazza during Break 1, please encourage your child to pop along and buy something - all money raised will be donated to charity. On Thursday 9 March staff will be taking part in the classic party game 'the chocolate game' This is a house competition and will see 2 members of each house compete against each other to be crowned the best and quickest chocolate eater! This will take place during break 1 on Thursday. There will also be a 'Fairtrade Fact of the Day' advertised around school and on social media. Miss King, Miss Meffin and Miss Wells are also organising a special Fairtrade Fortnight KS3 cooking club event on Wednesday 8 March from 3-4pm which gives students the opportunity to bake Chocolate Banana Brownies.

**British Science Week** 13-17 March. During this week students will be experiencing science in all of their subjects. There will also be an Element Hunt on Friday 17 March, where you can find as many staff members dressed as elements, to win a prize.

**Year 7**  
There are no reminders for Year 7

**Year 8**  
[Geography trip to Sea Life Centre & River Thames Cruise](#)  
Art: There will be no Art club on 7 March due to clash with ESP.

**Year 9**  
[Science trip to Kew Botanical Gardens](#)  
Art: There will be no Art club on 7 March due to clash with ESP.  
Science: Trip to Belgium in May 2023 - a reminder that there is a parent meeting Tuesday 21 March 5pm in the main school hall.

**Careers - Year 9 Work Skills Day:** On Thursday 9 March, students will be given the opportunity to complete an activity based around work skills - team building, leadership, communication etc. This day is being run by volunteers who are coming into school and have given up their time to work with our young people. Gogglebox's Basit Siddiqui will also be working with a small group of students on a special project! Students will find out about their groups, timings and more about the day during their Education for Life tutor activities.

**Year 10**  
**Iceland April 2023** - a reminder from Mrs Dixon for passports to be handed into the Finance Office ASAP.

**Year 11**  
[Friday tutor session change from 10 March](#)  
[ESP timetable - Spring 3](#)  
**Monday 6 March:** English (MN) / Maths (PO)  
**Tuesday 7 March:** Art / Photography (rooms 212-215), focussing on Exam Preparation: AO1 and AO3

English: MN Population ESP on Monday 6 March. Invitations have been sent home. For any students not invited for small group work with their class teacher there is an English clinic in 913 - all welcome.  
Revision guides for English Language and Literature still available for £1.50 each - please collect a form from finance to order.

Science: MN Population ESP on Tuesday 14 March. Invitations will be going out this coming week if your child is expected to attend. For all other Year 11 students, there is a drop in with the Science team every Monday and Tuesday in room 317.

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## 90 Years of Wildern



In Summer 1963 the move to the new secondary school was complete and the keys of the Sharnheuhst site school were handed back. Wildern students had been using the new school for certain lessons since September 1962 and could be seen carrying piles of books and small furniture since then.

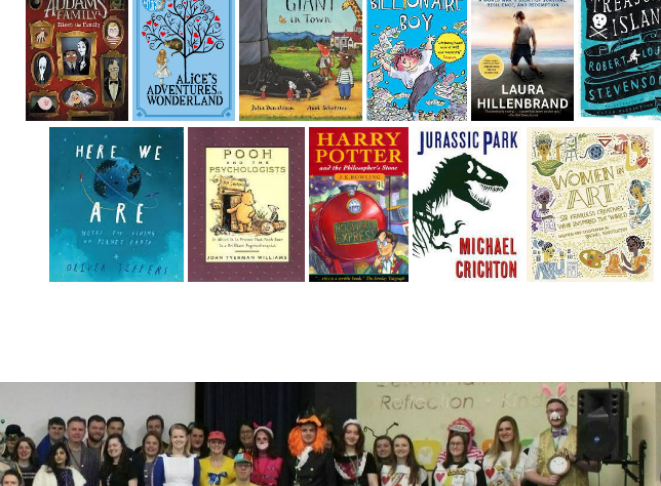
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## Spotlight

**World Book Day 2023**

Today we have been celebrating World Book Day, with each department championing a book that links with their subject and exploring this with students. The following texts have been focussed on across the school:

- English - Murder on the Orient Express
- Maths - The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
- Science - 101 Dalmatians
- Art - The Day the Crayons Quit
- Dance - Sleeping Beauty
- Technology - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Drama - The Addams Family
- Humanities - Alice in Wonderland
- MFL - The Smartest Giant in Town
- Music - Billionaire Boy
- PE - Unbroken a WW2 Story
- Communication Studies - Treasure Island
- Photography - Here We Are
- Psychology - Pooh and the Psychologists
- SEN - Harry Potter
- Genius Bar - Jurassic Park
- The Dart - Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives Who Inspired the World



This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to see a book being brought to life through the many costumes, department area decorations, and range of engaging activities throughout the day. Please take the opportunity to discuss reading with your child and have a conversation about the lifelong benefits of having a healthy reading routine.

**Millionaire Readers**

This year we saw the launch of Millionaire Readers an initiative whereby students read a set number of books (25) in order to achieve millionaire status across the academic year. Most secondary books in the LRC and for 11-16 generally average about 40,000 words per book, so 25 books would make them a millionaire reader. We have many students working toward this milestone, and 8 students who have already reached it as of February 2023. If your child would like to get involved or discuss this further they can speak with Mrs Searle or one of our wonderful student librarians, who would be more than happy to assist them.

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## Keeping Safe

**Listen up, Speak up**

The NSPCC has launched a new campaign. With their free 10-minute digital training, they're empowering every adult to know what to do if a child needs help, and where to go if you need support yourself.

Half a million children suffer abuse and neglect a year in the UK. But there's something we can all do to change that.

That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to [take our 10-minute digital training](#)\*. Listen up and learn a little with our Connect the DOTS training. We'll show you where to go if you need support, and how to speak up for children who need it. Because that little bit of knowledge can help keep a lot of children safe.



**How to take part?**

- Sign up** - Using the [simple online form](#).
- Take the training** - Take the free 10-minute digital training.
- Learn more** - NSPCC will email you more information and resources so you can continue learning in your own time.

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## Hot Food Menu

Please remember, they can adapt the majority of meals to any dietary needs if they know in advance (your child can speak to them by visiting the kitchen before 8:30am that day). Main/grill vegetarian options are always available - just ask Dan and his team.

	Main	Grill
Monday	Chicken Con Carne with rice and garlic bread	Mini breakfast: Sausage, bacon, hash brown & beans (V-veggie available)
Tuesday	Moroccan lamb pitta pizza with hummus	Bacon & cheese or cheese turnover with sauté potatoes (v)
Wednesday	Roast gammon bap with roast potatoes	Sweet chilli hunters chicken
Thursday	Curry of the day	Waffle chicken/veggie burger with fries (v)
Friday	Fish of the day	Smoked bacon & cheese flatbread

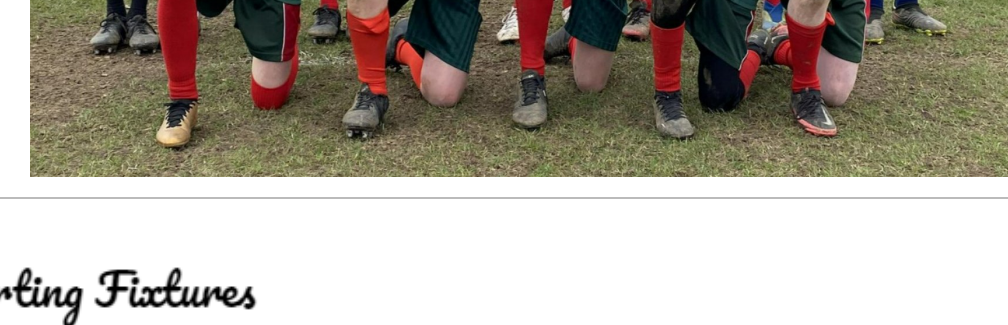
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## Sporting Results

Date	Sport	Opposition	Year Groups	Result
24 February	Year 9 Boys Football	Redbridge School	9	4-2 win
28 February	Year 8 Boys Football	Oasis Academy Mayfield	8	Rearranged
1 March	Year 11 Boys Football	Bitterne Park School	11	2-2 draw

It was a great day for the Year 8 rugby squad at the Hampshire Schools tournament this week. The boys recorded 5 victories and only 3 losses from their 8 matches across the day having been seeded in the elite category.



## Sporting Fixtures

Date	Sport	Opposition	Year Groups
3 March	Year 10 Boys Football	Upper Shirley High	10
3 March	U13 Girls Football	Oasis Academy Mayfield	7 & 8
7 March	U13 Girls Netball	Central Venue league matches	8
7 March	Cross Country	Hampshire Cross Country Championships	All years
10 March	Year 10 Boys Football	Oasis Academy Mayfield	10

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## Extra Curricular

**Year 10 Engineering Challenge Day**  
Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm Museum

Are you interested in a career in Engineering?

This is a unique opportunity to take part in a fully funded engineering competition with the Royal Navy.

Design, create and build your model with advice from current engineers and Royal Navy service personnel.

**Friday 10th March - fully funded (free)**  
Sign up with your **science teacher** or see **Mr Berreen** (303) for more details

If for any reason a club is cancelled, the Library is open until 5pm Monday-Wednesday, and until 4:30pm on Fridays.

Extra Curricular Timetable Spring 2023

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## E-Safety

**What Parents And Carers Need to Know about Group Chats**

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied - as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members.

The infographic covers various risks and advice for parents and carers regarding group chats, including sections on bullying, exclusion and isolation, inappropriate content, and advice for parents and carers.

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