



The Wilden Primary Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 | October 2025

Love.... Generosity.... Resilience.... Inquisitiveness.... Courage

Welcome Back!

The small school with a big heart, where we learn together and grow as a family.

Message from Mrs Byrne

What an amazing start to our new academic year we have had! I'd like to warmly welcome all our new starters in Chipmunk Class (Nursery) and Hedgehog Class (Reception). You are our smallest seeds and I look forward to seeing you all flourish at Wilden!

This term, I have been absolutely overwhelmed with support from our parent community. We have a core group of parents that are working really hard to improve our outdoor space. We have had many parents and staff coming in over the summer holidays and weekends to clear our garden ready for our new designs to take place. Chris Strand has been instrumental in rallying local companies to provide their services and equipment for free. Generosity is one of our core values and it is very humbling to see our local community showing this value to our small school.

The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds come and perch on its branches.

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High quality teaching and learning is well underway, the children have all returned to school ready for their next chapter and seeing them all thrive in our small school is a privilege. We are currently half way through our topic of 'In God We Trust' where we study the America's and beyond- all the way to The Poles! Squirrel class have been recreating the New York Skyline in Art, Otter class have returned from a school trip to the Polar Museum in Cambridge to see the artifacts from the Erebus and Muntjac Class are studying the Mayans and Aztecs. I wonder what Autumn 2 will bring us!

Enjoy your half term breaks and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th November.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?!

Otters Class

During this half term, Otters have been designing and making mini cushions. The Y3 and 4 children used applique to sew a decorative patch onto their cushions and sewed to join the fabric together. They made choices about colour alongside which stitch they wished to use. The Y2 children explored methods of joining fabrics before deciding on which to use to join their cushion pieces together. They tried their mini cushions out once complete and many agreed that their mini cushions had just the right amount of 'plumpness' for their comfort!



"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find"

- Matthew 7:7

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions have started back up and it's been wonderful watching the children explore, build and get hands-on with nature again. From bug hunting to fire starting, there's been no shortage of muddy smiles!

We have been honing our map skills inspired by our Geography, History and PE lessons and some of us even made our own compasses!

This term, we've been focusing on our value of Love in our outdoor learning and using the story of 'The Good Samaritan' to role play, and the older children have very much enjoyed being good Samaritans with the younger children. Remember, rain or shine, Forest School is always on - so make sure those wellies are ready to go!





Friends of Wilden School Update

We wanted to let you all know what we have been up to this half term, say a **MASSIVE** thank you for your continued support and let you know what we have planned for the next half term.

Family PTA Quiz Night

Our big event this half term was our Family Pub Quiz night. It was a lot of preparation and planning but thoroughly enjoyed on the night. We had dinner from **Codswallop** and dessert was provided by **Bux Kitchens**.

There was a separate area for a kid's playroom filled with toys, bring your own drinks and our wonderful quiz master **Luke Capon**. A big shout out to **Lily Chewter** for putting together the quiz questions, it was incredibly fun for kids and adults to participate in. A huge congratulations to the School Quiz Winners!

Between the PTA Quiz and the Open Day weekend, we've managed to raise an impressive **£230!**

This will help towards our main fundraising goal this year to improve the Early Years playground and Garden area for the children.





Friends of Wilden School Update

Update on the Early Years garden and playground

Exciting work continues on the new garden area of the playground. A group of volunteers, led by **Steve Gutsell & Chris Strand** have removed the old broken beds, a section of fence and the bike shelter. Next to go was the front hedge which has really opened up the space.

The gravel area will be dug out this weekend ready for new fencing, path, and rubber flooring courtesy of **DJT Surfacing Ltd**. After that it'll be on to the next stages of creating a sensory garden with new flower beds, a willow arch and insect hotels. Along with an interactive play space with wind chimes, balance beams and a play tunnel as well as a performance area with a new stage and seating area. The project also includes a new bike shelter and storage sheds.

Save the Date!

- Winter Formal Disco - 20th Nov
- Christmas Shopping & Santa's Grotto - 4th Dec
- Nativity - 10th Dec

Brooke Morris has already teased us with sneak peak of her Christmas Letters from Santa and the Elf. Full designs and ordering will be available after half-term & 50% of the profits very kindly get donated to the Friends of Wilden School account.

Preloved uniform

We have been busy tidying up the used uniform stand, which is now nicely organised on a clothes rail. Summer items are away until we see the sun again. However, we do accept donations of coats, wellies & waterproofs which can be used for Forest School and in the colder months. If you have any spare child clothes hangers going with your donation that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for those who have stopped by to shop. You can either leave a donation with the school office, or our account details are on a sign by the clothes.

Finally, thank you once again for all the support, whether it is coming to the events to say hello, raffle donations, uniform purchases or even time. Every little helps, and this really is the little school with the big heart. We hope you all enjoy your half term break, and our next PTA meeting is **Friday 14th November** at **9am** held at the school. All are welcome!

THANK YOU from all the PTA parents.