



# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024



## DATES

- **Monday 20th May 2024**
  - Selected Year 5 & 6 Swimming
  - Healthy Eating Competition Results Announced
- **Wednesday 22nd May 2024**
  - **Red House Mufti**
  - **French Top Translator Event** - Selected Pupils Participating
  - **New to English coffee afternoon** - 2.30pm-3.25pm.
- **Friday 24th May 2024** - INSET Day School Closed
- **Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024** - Half Term School Closed

[Click here<sup>1</sup> for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar](#)

[Click Here<sup>2</sup> for Upcoming Events](#)

## HEAD'S UPDATE

### National Tests (SATs) Week is Over

The Year 6 got through the test week this week and they kept a positive resolve throughout. My thanks to all the helpers and staff who administered the tests as prescribed and my congratulations to the children for coping so well with this summer term recurrence. My thanks also to Mr Findlay the caretaker for keeping his noisier tasks to the afternoons to avoid disturbing the classrooms. The week concluded on Friday with no tests and a 'fun day' - thanks to the PTA for funding an ice cream for all the Year 6 children.

### Year 5 Residential a Success

This was a huge success and the children had a wonderful time. Some years cope with being away more than others and this trip certainly built up their independence and resilience. The reports from the teachers was of excellent behaviour and wonderful support and teamwork. They mentioned that the staff at the centre were superb and really kept the children active, enthusiastic and wanting more. The children were very excited to recount their time away and have told me their favourite bits were the giant swing, the zip wire, the 'trapeze' and raft building!

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1791389737632027010>

### Safeguarding and Smart Phones

There is more news recently about the dangers of smartphones and how vulnerable they leave children. A new report by Ofcom shows that only a third of parents know the correct minimum age requirement for most social media platforms and suggests parents are also less willing to enforce the rules they knew about. Three in ten parents are willing to let a child aged 5-7 have a social media profile even if it was under the minimum age permitted for the apps and goes on to say that parents

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<sup>1</sup><https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar>

<sup>2</sup><https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events>

may be "resigned" to not being able to control children's online lives. At our school we put a lot of guidance and advice out to parents to help keep our children safe online and this is a common goal for all of us. This evident risk that children are being put under is leading to many schools to reviewing their mobile phone policies and we are doing the same at the moment. Do not be afraid to engage with your children about their phone (if they have one) and please ensure you check their online activity. Where children were once safe once inside their own homes, this is proving not to be the case and as a school we can continue to reinforce the messages to safeguard the children.

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1791398216849670557>

### YEAR 5 UKULELE CONCERT

Well done to all the Year 5 children who took part in the Ukulele concert on Tuesday 14th May 2024. Thank you for all the parents who came along to watch their performance. For those who were unable to attend all Year 5 parents have been sent a Google link so they can watch it at home.

### PTA Race Night

Thanks to all those parents and carers who have signed up to coming along tonight to the Race Night. This is a wonderful joint PTA event that is always lots of fun. Thanks to all those staff and those hard working PTA crew who have made it possible. **Tickets are still available at the door** if you want to have a great Friday night and find yourself at a loose end. There are refreshments and drinks available with a bar and plenty of chances to make your fortune on the races!

## NEXT WEEK

### INSET Day Next Week - School Closed Friday 24th May 2024

Please don't forget that there is an in-service training day (INSET) day on **Friday 24th May 2024** when school is closed for staff training. The children will break up for the May half term on Thursday 23rd May 2024 at normal school finish time. To see all our booked INSET days and term dates click here<sup>3</sup>.

### Red House Mufti - Wednesday 22nd May 2024

The winning house with the most house points this term is **Red House**. The mufti day has been set for Wednesday 22nd May 2024. All children in Red House can wear their own clothes and children usually wear something in team colours within their outfit in order to celebrate their victory. The School Council have asked for the winning house to not only get a mufti day but to also earn an extended playtime so this is being looked into to be given during the week. Congratulations to Red House.

### New to English Coffee Afternoon on 23rd May 2.30pm-3.25pm

Please come if you have any questions or would like to meet other parents. We will be looking at the curriculum that has been set up for EAL parents. If you would like to attend, please contact [thallett@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:thallett@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk)<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup><https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/termdates>

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Thank you. Kind regards Tiffany Hallett, Higher Level Teaching Assistant, Wellbeing Champion and EAL Lead

### **Design a Healthy School Dinner or a Healthy Packed Lunch!**

The winners of the " Design a healthy school dinner meal or healthy packed lunch" competition will be announced in assembly on 20th May 2024. Emma, the Twelve15 chef, will select one winning School Dinner meal and one winning Packed Lunch meal. Emma will then do her best to recreate and serve the winning school dinner meal (date to be confirmed) to current school dinner children.

### **French Top Translator Event - Wednesday 22nd May 2024**



The French language translation event is taking place on **Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 at 11.20am** in the hall with the entire school present. Participants have been informed and advise on revision sent to them. Winners and runner-ups from each year group will receive a small prize. On this occasion parents are **not** invited.

## PTA AND FUNDRAISING

**WFJS PTA**  
17th May 2024

Get all tickets here  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta)

### EUROS 24 SWEEPSTAKE

TEAMS WILL BE DRAWN ON 12TH JUNE

**£10 ENTRY** Teams will be selected at random and sent out via WhatsApp, social media and News bulletin.

**FIRST PRIZE £60**  
**SECOND PRIZE £40**  
**THIRD PRIZE £20**

**BUY YOUR TEAM VIA PTA EVENTS:**  
[PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA](http://PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA)

**The Summer Fair - Friday 28th June 2024**  
**WRISTBANDS 3 Hours of unlimited fun for only £10 per child - buy now!**

**Garsons**  
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Thanks to Garsons Farm for another £60 donation to our gardening club. They are super impressed with how the children are getting on!

**SHHH SILENT AUCTION**  
As a charity we are always looking for companies to get involved by sponsoring or donating a gift/experience which we can promote and auction. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping please get in contact with us directly.

**MY HERO FATHERS / SPECIAL PERSON DAY**  
The children will be bringing home a gift for their Father / Special Person on Friday 14th June. Please pay your donation via PTA events

**GET IN TOUCH: Got an idea or want to get involved? Drop us a line**  
[✉ wfjspta@gmail.com](mailto:wfjspta@gmail.com) [f facebook.com/groups/wfjssp](https://facebook.com/groups/wfjssp)

Wallace Fields Junior School PTA Presents

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WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

# SUMMER CELEBRATION FAIR

FRIDAY

28th June

COME AND ENJOY THE  
CHILDREN SING FROM  
3.00PM AND STAY FOR  
FUN AT THE FAIR

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SILENT AUCTION & LOTS MORE

[PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA](http://PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA)



### Happy Bags - 11th June 2024

This is a regular collection that helps raise funds for the school. The items that can go into the Happy Bags are listed on the label and include clean and undamaged clothing, paired shoes and unwanted electronic games. Black sacks are fine to use if you cannot find your happy bag or need more space. The school Year 6 monitors have distributed the Happy Bags around school and these are going to be sent out soon. Please check the date on the bag and have collect all of your clothes and unwanted shoes in the bag over the half term.

## YEAR 4

### Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

The Multiplication Table Check (MTC) is taking place after the half term, the week commencing 10th June. Please encourage your children to use the 'Soundcheck' area on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Practising in this area will prepare children for the check in June, with a very similar setup to the real test. Thank you for all your continued support in getting those times tables embedded which helps increase their fluency and confidence in maths. We do lots of practise in school and the children have made outstanding progress with their tables over the year, so thank you for your continued support

## Information for parents:

### 2024 multiplication tables check



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#### Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

#### What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

#### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check was designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's headteacher.



### **Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check?**

No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child.

Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check. This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required.

### **How will the results be used?**

Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support.

### **Will I receive feedback on my child's check?**

Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you, as they would with all national curriculum assessments. There is no pass mark for the check.



### **Further information**

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC.

For further details you can also visit

Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in our [privacy notice](#).

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Information for parents: 2024 multiplication tables check  
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## Year 4 Recorder Concerts - Wednesday 5th June 2024

As I'm sure you are all aware, Year 4 have been learning to play the recorder since January. I thought that it would be lovely for them to be able to put on a little recorder concert for you to share some of the pieces they have been playing. This will only be short (around 15 minutes) and will take place in the afternoon during their music lesson. Whilst audiences in person are much more exciting for the children, I realise that due to work commitments, understandably, this may not be very convenient so I will record the pieces and share the links with you all via email.

There will be two separate concerts - one for each class determined by the time of their lesson.

Wednesday 5th June

4K - 2.00pm

4C - 3.00pm

Please click on the link below and complete the Google form to let us know if you are able to attend.

<https://forms.gle/gEFQWaTfTHTperoN9>

## YEAR 5

### Thank You

Thank you so much to the Year 5 parents for their kind gesture of providing lunch for all the staff on Wednesday 15th May 2024 as a thank you for the fantastic effort made by staff to make the PGL trip last week so successful. It was a delicious spread provided by the Park View Café and paid for by a generous whip round following the Year 5 residential. This gesture is very much appreciated by the staff and was enjoyed very much. Obviously the staff help for the sheer delight and fulfilling experience of watching the children engage and enjoy - however this thank you was very much appreciated. All your positive comments, praise and enthusiastic feedback are all noted and they make it all worthwhile.



### Swimming

The chosen Year 5 and Year 6 children continue swimming on Monday mornings.

Parents/carers have been contacted if their child has been selected to continue the swimming programme in the summer term to embed their skills and ensure they are competent and safe in water. **Lessons continue on Monday** at Epsom College. Due to bank holidays, school events and

availability of swimming instructors, the lessons are on the following dates: **20th May, 10th June, 17th June and 24th June 2024.**

## YEAR 6

### Year 6 School Production - Keep The Dates

Work has now started on the school production of Robin Hood. We will be sending out more information about buying tickets shortly but in the meantime do pencil the dates in your calendar **9th and 10th July 7pm-9pm**. Also the **dress rehearsal will be on Monday 8th July 9.30-12.15** which WFIS Year 2 children will come to watch and they will have some discounted tickets available for this show.

We are aware that there is a clash with the **Euro-Semi finals**. We are unable to change the date of the production but there has been a similar clash with an important England match in previous years where we have altered our timings to finish earlier. We may even be able to put the football on the big screen after the production. We won't be able to confirm until nearer the time.

Please contact the School Office if you are able to **help on a bar** for before the production, during the interval and possibly during a Euro after party. Reserved prime view tickets will be made available to those who help on the bar or with makeup etc.

As a keepsake and for other wider family to not miss out on seeing the show you will be able to buy a **professional USB memory stick** of the show.

### Year 6 Leavers Events

Year 6 have lots of exciting plans afoot for the end of term.

Year 6 al fresco garden party disco will be held on **Monday 22nd July 4.30-5.30pm**. Children will be picked up as normal and then go home to get changed before coming back to school to party to DJ Findlays and Gough on the decks.

We appreciate that the Year 6 parents do want to be part of their children leaving Wallace Fields Junior School and Ms Gough has big plans afoot for the Leavers Assembly when we would love all the parents to come in to school. There won't be a dry eye in the house so bring your tissues! Please put in your diaries **Tuesday 23rd July 9am-10am**.

There will also be collecting their leavers book and opportunities to get these signed as well as their shirts in the last week of term

### Year 6 French Trip – Important Meetings:

**Wednesday 5th June 2024 8.45am – 9.15am**

Parents are asked to bring passports / EHICs or GHICs and pocket money (20 euro in a **named purse/wallet**) into the school hall on **Wednesday 5th June 2024 between 8.45am and 9.15am**. If you are unable to make this, give all three items to your child to bring in on the 5th June 2024. Please do not hand these items in on any other day, as we must ensure the security of valuable documents.

**Please remember that passports need to be:**

- Less than 10 years old

- Valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France.

### Wednesday 10th July 2024 8.45am – 9.15am

Parents are asked to attend a medicines meeting on **Wednesday 10th July 2024 8.45am – 9.15am**. Further details will follow. If your child is currently on any medication (e.g. inhalers or EpiPen) or will require travel sickness tablets, you are invited to attend this meeting to hand over full instructions and spare medication for the trip.

### Bikeability

The bikeability groupings have now been allocated and an email has been sent out to parents confirming their groups. Some children are starting on the Monday after half term, Monday 3rd June 2024, so please make sure your child's bike and helmet are checked and ready. If your child is taking part they must bring a change of clothes (comfortable clothes and trainers) and a padlock with a named key fob. Please spare time to take your child on the local roads over the May half term.

### Leavers' Hoodies

The Year 6 children were very excited to receive their Leavers Hoodies today. We will look forward to seeing them all wearing them on the school residential trip. We know they are keen to wear them lots but they are not permitted to wear them in school during the school day. Thank you so much to Mrs Dave and Mrs Marginson on the PTA who organised the hoodies.

## CLUBS

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# Holiday Clubs

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### What to expect at a JAG Holiday Club?

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- ✓ All activities delivered by expert play leaders in a safe, fun environment
- ✓ Confidence-building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
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# Wellbeing and Safeguarding

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Emotionally Based School Avoidance is a term used to refer to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. It's often rooted in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. The rate of children who miss school more than 10% of the time in England has more than doubled since before the pandemic: rising from 10.9% in 2018-19, to 22.3% in 2022-23.

### UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

### REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes unexplained by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have caring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics. Bullying and friendship difficulties at school, pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams, or moving from primary school to secondary school.

### PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days). If a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress – such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

### COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include complaining of a tummy ache, headache, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes of illness.

### IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

### LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School refusal can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Attending school on a regular basis not only supports academic attainment but is also important for the development of key life skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

### LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have a negative impact on long-term outcomes. It may, for example, lead to reduced future aspirations, poor emotional regulation, mental health difficulties, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

### CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to sustained school avoidance over time. Further to this, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a rise in their ongoing need to avoid the activity which is making them anxious – increasing their desire to stay at home.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This involves a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

### MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm; acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss a range of coping strategies together to help them face the discomfort and overwhelming feelings. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk and practice the strategies in less overwhelming situations first.

### FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and limited time on screens can also give children much-needed predictability and consistency. Schools can help create a timetable routine for the child's school day, if required.

### REDUCE STIMULATING ACTIVITIES AT HOME

If a child is avoiding school, reduce their access to more stimulating activities (such as watching television, playing games and spending time with friends) during school hours, where possible. This reduces the potential for the child having rewarding experiences at home, which could be interpreted as a positive aspect of avoiding school.

### Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance)

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## Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

9:45-11:45am,  
Wednesday 12th June

### Positive Parenting workshop

Free workshop at Epsom Family Centre.  
Learn about dealing with the challenges of  
parenting using a positive approach. Discuss  
using strategies such as praise, encouragement  
and empathy to build children's self esteem.



To book a place, scan the QR code or email:  
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[epsomewellfamilycentre@barnados.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnados.org.uk)



Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY  
(no parking on-site)



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SEN PARENT SUPPORT

## Connect Cafe



THURSDAY MORNINGS (Weekly during term time)  
9.30 to 11.00 a.m.  
at Ewell Family Centre



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and chat. Meet other  
parents with SEN  
children for helpful tips  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### History Museum at Bourne Hall

Bourne Hall are offering an exciting writing opportunity for children in the local area to take part in. This year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day - the landing on the beaches of Normandy of many troops which lead to liberation of Western Europe. For the D-Day commemoration, there will be a Council Civil Service on 6th June in Epsom Market Place. **Children are invited to submit a poem about the D-Day to Bourne Hall** and selected poems will then be read out at the service by the children who wrote them. If your child would like to take part, they should write a poem remembering D-Day, thinking about the men and women who took part. All entries should be emailed to David Brooks who works at Bourne Hall - [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)<sup>5</sup>

### Collection of 30 WW2 models and diorama's on display Friday 24 May until June 8 to commmentate D-day

Robert Kenning aged 88  
Began model making after his son was trying to build a model boat but gave up on it, so he took over. This was back in the 70's.  
His neighbour worked for Airfix so would give him some model kits of British birds and kings and queens to make.  
He then began running the model making badge for the scouts ( 1st West Ewell) and it was while the boys were making their models he started making his war dioramas.  
He would also enter his models in a model making competition at his work place ( BT) and was lucky enough to pick up many 1st prize awards.



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## The Festival of Archaeology at Bourne Hall July 15-27 2024



### Prehistory Exhibition Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology 15 July to 31 December 2024



Visit Bourne Hall Museum's exhibition on life in the area during prehistory. Items on display from the Stone Age to the Iron Age telling how folk came to its spring to hunt and drink and how during the Bronze Age the spring became a place where the gods lived, and gifts were thrown in as offerings. On display will be the bones of an aurochs, a now extinct ancestor of modern cattle. This one died some 3500 years ago and was buried on Epsom Downs. Aurochs survived well into modern times, the last known individual dying in 1627. The size of the aurochs bulls varied between 155 cm and 180 cm, depending on the local circumstances. The size of cows was between 135 cm and 155 cm. Bulls were significantly larger than cows. The body shape of an aurochs was different from many developed cattle breeds today.

Nonsuch Park and Palace Walk  
Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology  
Wednesday 17 July 10.30 to 12.30pm  
Tuesday 23 July 1.30pm to 3pm



Enjoy a guided walk around Nonsuch Park and explore the history of the beautiful landscape. See where the original palace once stood and how it dominated the local area.

Hear stories of luxurious palaces, ambitious royalty, a lost church, and lingering ghosts. Listen to tales of battles and discover how warfare has touched this ancient landscape. Discover which famous television presenter's ancestors used to live here and how a Queen once came to tea.

Meet me on the lawn opposite the café in Nonsuch Mansion House SM3 8AP. Nearest car park entry is from Cheam Road, A232.

Walks cost £6 per person and are limited to 20 people per walk. Places must be booked with David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF.

Tel: 020 8394 1734 Email: [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)

Ewell Grove Talk  
Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology  
Thursday 18 July 7.30pm to 8.30pm  
At Bourne Hall, £6 per person

Ewell Grove hides a long history from the Bronze Age through the Romans up to modern times.

Traces of the Iron Age and Roman settlement have been found there and it became the site of Ewell's Saxon cemetery.

Its secret tunnels and the traces of Nonsuch Palace in its boundary wall add to its mystery.



Living History Day Bourne Hall Park, Spring Street  
Ewell, KT17 8LF **FREE EVENT**  
Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology  
Saturday 20 July 10am to 5pm



#### Romans

##### Britannia Group of re-enactors

Meet the new Roman governor of Britain as he stops over in Ewell, protected by members of the Praetorian Guard, to make an offering to the sacred springs. The governor has arrived in Ewell coming up from the South Coast on the new road built as a route to London. His encampment contains many of his entourage; they will show visitors the Roman way of life, food, trades, and crafts. The governor will be looking to recruit men for the army, while gladiators will fight to the death to entertain him, hoping to win a chance to fight in the imperial city. Roman Ewell was a stopping-off point on this road where folk could rest, eat, and stay the night. They could also make an offering of a coin or brooch in the sacred spring or leave a larger offering in one of the sacred shafts dug deep in the chalk just outside the settlement. Each shaft was sealed with the bones of three dogs to protect them.

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#### Meet the Victorian Archaeologists

Join Discover History at the Dawn of Archaeology. For centuries the upper classes have collected curios and souvenirs taken from the Grand Tour... a section of Roman mosaic or a piece of Ancient Egyptian jewellery. However, behind the scenes, a few antiquarians and collectors were developing the science of what would become modern archaeology. Learn about the early techniques and the tools used, and help our team sort some real archaeology. Try your hand at 'marking out', will you succeed in matching the fragments of real archaeology with some replica pieces?



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**Find Out on our finds table.**

Have you found that coin in your garden and wondered if it was Roman or something more modern – or if that that bit of flint may just be a prehistoric flint tool? That piece of pot is it Roman, Medieval, Tudor, or Victorian? And is that bit of metal old, perhaps part of a WW2 anti-aircraft shell. Bring what you have found along to our finds table, and we will do our best to identify it.

**Handling Table**

Have the chance to handle finds and pottery from Roman to Victorian times with the Museum's handling collection.

**Coin & Brass Rubbing**

20 and 24 July to 27 July

In Bourne Hall Museum

Try your hand at coin rubbing and brass rubbing – a free event.

Bourne Hall Library will be hosting lots of archaeology craft making activities.



Cave painting  
Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology  
Wednesday 24 July 11am to 12pm and  
2pm to 3pm



In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted. They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'

Cost £6 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)

Bronze Age Metal Smelting in Bourne Hall Park  
Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology  
Thursday 25 July 12pm and 2pm  
By Dr James Dilly

The Bronze Age is a key time in the history of Ewell, when spring takes on new meaning as a place where the gods lived, sending bubbling water from their world into this. The gods had to be kept on side in those uncertain times and gifts were thrown into the spring, including bright bronze axes. The living history display is filled with replica objects from prehistory and James is on-hand (dressed in accurate Bronze Age clothing of course!) to explain the archaeology behind it all. This display will be especially valuable for children who are studying prehistory in school. James is an accomplished and charismatic television performer, combining down-to-earth language with academic rigour and formidable practical skills. He will be smelting bronze axes in front of you very eye just as they did in the Bronze Age.



## Make a Mammoth



Make a mammoth in the children's craft session in Bourne Hall Library  
Saturday 27 11am to 11.45am cost £1



For more details of these events or to find out about Bourne Hall Museum please contact David Brooks  
[dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)  
Or 0208394 1734



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**Vikings the Bjarnarfolk**

They will bring a tent and an encampment, with a range of items to show you the weapons, helmets, leather working and other crafts. Find out if they had horns on their helmets or not. You will be able to chat with them about these things and discover what life was like for them. They will have shields that the children can stand with to get photos taken and they have some boards with the Viking runes on so that children can learn to spell out their names.

**Prehistory Butser village.**

Meet two folk who will travel from the deep time of the Stone Age to show you all you need to know to survive. To use the natural resources around you to become successful hunter gatherers and how they settled down to become the first farmers.

## May Half Term and Summer Holiday Camps



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## Girls! Get into Rugby in Epsom!

Fancy trying Girls Touch Rugby? Come along to Sutton & Epsom RFC, Rugby Lane, Cheam on Wednesday 22nd May from 4:45pm - 7:30pm. Open to girls of all ages and abilities. Former S&E player and current England Rugby Red Rose Claudia Macdonald will also be there with tips and advice. The clubhouse will also be open.

COME AND JOIN US TO TRY GIRLS TOUCH RUGBY AND MEET RED ROSE, AND FORMER S&E PLAYER, **CLAUDIA MACDONALD**

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

At S&E Rugby Club, Rugby Lane, SM2 7NF  
On Wednesday 22nd May 2024, at 4.45pm - 7.30pm

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## Join our Love Rugby S&E RFC Girls Touch Rugby Festival

Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Time: 4-7pm

Venue: Sutton & Epsom Rugby Club, Rugby Lane, SM2 7NF

Open to girls in Year 5 - 8

Enter squads of up to 12 to play exciting 7-a-side games, ending in a presentation and prizes!

Coaching support is available.

Register squads here



Or email:

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## Surrey Youth Games Girls Touch Rugby

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- Sessions on Wednesday 18.30-19.30pm
- At: Sutton & Epsom Rugby Club, Rugby Lane, SM2 7NF
- Runs from 17th April to 12th June 2024
- Games Day at Surrey Sports Park on Saturday 15th June 2024

**Come give it a try, you won't regret it!**

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## EWELL CRICKET CLUB

Looking to develop your Cricket skills? Or want to try a great new sport this summer?  
**Join your local club this 2024 season!**

**Mini Cricket**  
 For Girls & Boys aged 4-8

**Starts Wednesday 17th April 2024**  
 Two sessions available every Wednesday:  
 6.00pm - 6.45pm  
 6.45pm - 7.30pm

Enjoy building Cricket skills through a fun and interactive coaching programme.  
 Run in partnership with award-winning Mini Crickets.

**Junior Cricket**  
 For Girls & Boys aged 9-16

**Starts Thursday 18th April 2024**  
 Every Thursday 6.30pm - 8pm

Develop your Cricket skills through weekly qualified coach-led training sessions focusing on batting, bowling and fielding.  
 Build your confidence and teamwork skills in a friendly, inclusive environment.

For further information about Junior & Adult cricket please contact us:  
 27 Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JB : [info@ewellcricketclub.co.uk](mailto:info@ewellcricketclub.co.uk) : [www.ewellcricketclub.co.uk](http://www.ewellcricketclub.co.uk) : [@ewellcc](https://twitter.com/ewellcc)

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**






**CALLING ALL NETBALLERS IN  
YEARS 4 & 5 ...**

If you would like to find out what being part of a netball club is like, then come and join us for 4 free training sessions in June 2024.

Just email:  
[focusnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:focusnetballclub@gmail.com)  
to find out more & book your place.

We train on Wednesday nights  
6.30pm-7.30pm  
@Therfield School in Leatherhead.



# Free activity sessions

**For 7-11 year olds  
Local to you, after Easter  
Sign-up from 1st March onwards**

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## Surrey Police information for parents/carers - 16 May 2024

### East Molesey Area

We have received a number of reports from people with concerns about a man acting suspiciously in East Molesey. These include a report from a female resident reporting that she had been followed by an unknown man on Vine Road around midday on 7 May. She was, understandably, left extremely shaken by this incident. The man has been identified and spoken to, and no offences have been identified at this time.

However, we do take these concerns extremely seriously and have stepped up patrols in the area. We will continue to monitor the situation and will review any further information which comes to light and take appropriate action if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to report any concerns or information to us quoting SYP-20240513-0775 via:

- Webchat on our website <https://www.surrey.police.uk/>
- Our online reporting tool <https://www.surrey.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>
- Calling us on 101
- If you do not wish to speak to police, you can call independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

### **Runnymede Area**

We are aware of a post currently being circulated that shows photographs of nails being placed in swing seats and slides at Hythe Park.

Officers have visited Hythe Park in #Egham and are confident that these photos have not been taken there. There is no sign that the swings have been tampered with or that nails have been placed in the seats.

We appreciate the concern this will have caused within the local community and would like to reassure you that we will continue to monitor the situation, and will of course advise you straight away should this situation change. In the meantime, please continue to report any concerns to us via our webchat service or direct message. We are aware of a post... - Runnymede Beat (Surrey Police) | Facebook