



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

7th March 2025

KEY DATES AFTER HALF TERM

- **British Science Week including Photography Competition**
- **Monday 10th March 2025**
 - Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Lesson
 - Extra Training at Lunchtime for Girls Football Squad.
- **Tuesday 11th March 2025**
 - 12.15pm - 3.00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Epsom and Ewell Rugby Match at Priest Hill. Email sent to selected.

- Year 5 Music Assembly will be held at 2.45pm. Parents of selected musicians have been invited by email.
- **Wednesday 12th March at 8.45am** Year 4 Ufton Court Medications Meeting in the school hall.
- **Thursday 13th March 2025**
 - Green House Mufti Day
 - Year 5 to bring empty plastic 2 litre bottle, digging trowels and gardening gloves
- **Friday 14th March 2025**
 - **3.45pm - 4.30pm** - Girls and A team Boys Football Home Match v St Martins. No training for B team. See SPOND.
 - **7.30pm** PTA Tribute Party Night

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

[Click here²](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

Head's Update

Garden Room Official Opening

Tuesday 4th March 2025 marked the official opening of our new **Garden Room**. This marks the near completion of a development that has been made possible through the inspiration and hard work of the senior team and the PTA. Our old computer suite was becoming a redundant area as the children now work primarily on Chromebooks (mini laptops) in class for computing and tech sessions. The computers were stripped out a little while ago and ideas started brewing for how to use this space effectively and creatively. The answer came from the special needs lead Mrs Elliot who was keen for a creative special needs space and the deputy head Mrs Day who was keen on a breakout space that could have multiple uses including group work, phonics and calm activities. Over the last year or so these ideas crystallised into a sensory space themed in a garden or green space and the room was divided into two halves to create a formal meeting room, thereby making two rooms that could be opened out into one big room when needed.

The PTA have worked admirably to raise funds through a wide variety of events including the fireworks, discos and collections and the partition was put in over the summer break along with the necessary fire doors etc. The meeting room has a formal table and chairs (upcycled, not new) and a screen for meetings. The Garden Room grew into a green space with various

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

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

sensory objects, lights and artificial foliage. there is also a standard screen in the comfy zone and a very large screen in the main tabled area.

On Tuesday the PTA, governors, parents and children met in the Garden Room to mark this occasion. The choir sang a special song (unrehearsed) that will be sung again on our Celebration evening and the School Ambassadors Freddie and Edith (Year 6) presented the aim and creation of the Garden room. Thanks also to Mrs Koppa for the donated cakes.

Many of the children have already had a sneak peek at the Garden Room so do ask them about it, however if here are some photographs of the event to give you an insight.

If you like the work you have seen in the Garden Room, please do consider donating to our School Fund to help contribute to the work completed. Our wonderful PTA kindly paid for the soft furnishings (£3,600), though the whole project cost about £20,000. Contributions can be made via Scipay - under **WFJS Voluntary Contribution** at the bottom of your Scipay screen <https://www.scipay.com/wallacefields-jun>. Thank you in advance.

See below more information about the event.

Art Exhibition at The Horton

My thanks to our art lead Mrs Curran (4C) for organising, setting up and promoting our very own Wallace Fields Juniors Art exhibition at The Horton Arts Centre³. Thanks to Mrs Dave who helped set up the pictures at the beautiful chapel sited near to David Lloyd in Epsom. Please do take time out to go along and have a look. The work is by children from all years and selected for the exhibition. Parents/ carers do have the opportunity to purchase the children's work and this will cover the cost of the frames and the exhibition venue. The artwork can be collected from around 3.30pm. The chapel closes at 4pm.

Proud of Year 6 - Junior Citizens

Feedback from the staff at the Junior Citizens event this week was extremely complimentary and positive about the Year 6. They see a wide range of schools and are interacting with high numbers of Year 6 children from across the borough. They were very impressed with the behaviour of the Wallace Fields Junior children and commented on how polite, friendly and engaged they were. The staff at the Grandstand said the Year 6 asked very important and interesting questions and really shone out as an exemplar school amongst the others. This obviously makes us very proud of them as they represented the school so well, interacted fully and this also reflects the great support that you give us from home in terms of how to behave in public and to make the most of visits and opportunities.

³<https://thehortonepsom.org/>

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week and Believe Awards



This week's Stars of the Week were nominated in assembly - they create an excellent role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values. Only one pupil per class is nominated each week in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. All of the Stars of the Week receive a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school BELIEVE values - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.



The Believe Award is presented to those children who show all of the school values including brilliance, enthusiasm, learning, inspiration, equality, vision and every pupil matters. These children are all round excellent individuals with a willingness to do their best, work with others, approach tasks with vigour and achieve real progress. This is not simply an academic award but more of one of improving and showing willing, teamwork and resilience. They are children who are kind to others and work well in a team whilst understanding that there is a reason for everything we learn and do in school. They are outstanding individuals who deserve this recognition. The Believe Award is only awarded once a month and is worth ten house points. Congratulations to this month's winners.

Opening of the Garden Room

We are delighted to formally open the brand new Garden Room this week with special guests- Mrs Clayton and Mr Barker, our school Governors and our fantastic PTA representatives.

Our school ambassadors, Edith and Freddie, made a heart-warming speech and cut the ribbon to rapturous applause, to formally open The Garden room. We were all very proud.

The PTA spoke passionately about their time in office and as this comes to a close, they are asking for more volunteers and a small team or individual to take the helm from September. They are still willing to run the fireworks event and will always be on hand in the background for advice and help. Anyone wishing to get involved or steer the PTA ship- please do reach out to Jade or Kelly and let them know. Without the PTA- projects such as the astro pitch, outdoor classroom, new library and garden room will not become a reality.

We would like to thank Mrs Wilson for her garden inspired cake designs especially donated to the opening event, as well as two sensory fish tube donations for the nurture space, within the garden room and Mrs Koppa, who baked homemade cakes for everyone. They were delicious!

A final few thanks goes to Mrs Elliot for her design inspirations and Mrs Boddy for endlessly researching cheaper options to make the room budget friendly.

Finally, thanks to the PTA and all parents, who contributed at the tea parties for this space and made our dream become a reality. Thank you to the Alexandra Park Cafe who supplied some of the delicious cakes.

We will use this beautiful space for nurture time, small group work, cosy reading, 1:1 reading and intervention as well as break out time for those who need a calm and nurturing space to cope with daily life in school.

See some photos below and for more photos from the event click here⁴.

⁴<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-05-grand-opening-of-the-garden-room>





Wallace Fields Junior School Celebrates Book Week

The children and staff all had lots of fun during our Book Week. There was lots of cosy reading, trips to the library, sharing books and recreating 'book in a box'.

Thanks to Mrs Hernandez for reading her favourite book to the children and sharing their passion for reading with the children.

There were some fantastic and very creative costumes on Thursday and the selection of book characters was truly inspiring.

The World Book Day £1 token was handed out to children in class and can be used for children's use at local bookshops.

For more photographs of this event please look on the Wallace Fields Junior Schools website news page by clicking here⁵.

⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-07-another-amazing-book-week>





PTA Second Hand Book Sale

Thanks to the PTA for running a second hand book sale on Wednesday 5th March 2025 and to all those parents who donated books. For anyone who forgot their £1 donation for the book sale you can pay online here until Monday night 10th March 2025:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95731>

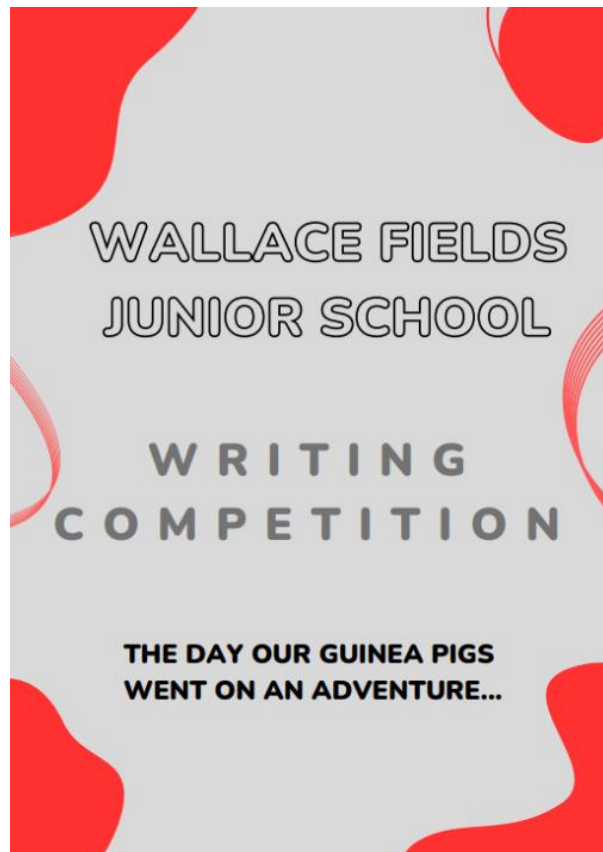
Year 5 Suffragette Talk

A huge thank you to Mrs Hernandez, our school STEM ambassador, who came in to talk to the children about the importance of the suffragette movement. The children listened very well and asked lots of thoughtful questions.



Book Week - Writing Competition

As part of Book Week, the children have had the opportunity to write an adventure about our school guinea pigs, Chocolate and Cream. All children have selected a style of writing (such as story, graphic novel, comic book, poem, etc) and are writing the adventures of Chocolate and Cream! Teachers will select their favourite pieces and enter them into a competition for children to win a prize. Winners will be announced in celebration assembly next week and shared in the next newsletter.



Music Projects to Celebrate Book Week

You can also watch some of the videos of the Music projects children have been working on in preparation for celebrating book week. Year 6⁶ have written and performed raps and Year 4⁷ have composed and performed music to help bring a picture book to life. (Year 3 and Year 5 projects will be online shortly).

Horton Arts Festival

Wallace Fields Junior School is so excited to conclude its 'Autumn Leaves' exhibition at The Horton. Selected works are on display, at The Horton **until Saturday the 8th of March**.

Parents of children whose artwork is on display have been emailed. Thank you so much to Mrs Dave for helping Mrs Curran framing and mounting the artworks.

⁶<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-04-year-6-write-and-perform-book-week-rap>

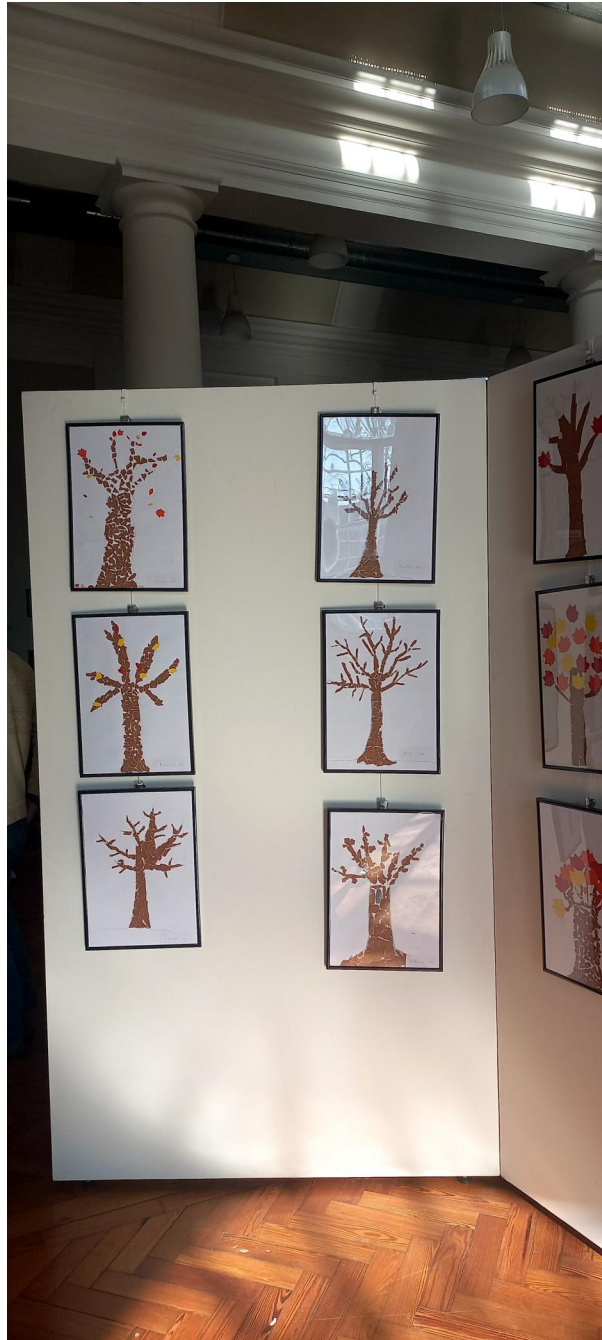
⁷<https://wallace-fields-junior-school.schudio.com/admin/news/view/100250>

Artworks may be collected on the 8th March from 15:30. Please inform Mrs Curran when you take your child's artwork so that it may be ticked off on a list. Remaining artwork will be bought back to Wallace Fields and **may be collected from the school from the 10th of March.**









Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme

"At Junior Citizens, we had lots of fun learning practical skills and meeting people from different emergency services. My personal favourite was doing the CPR to the tune of Baby Shark." Edith, School Ambassador

"It was very funny going to Junior Citizens in our fancy dress costumes. The Police Officers running the event kept trying to guess who we were dressed up as. Also they said we were the best school they had had over the two weeks of the event." Freddie B, School Ambassador

For more photos go to our website news page by clicking [here](#)⁸.



Next Week

Green House Mufti Day - 13th March 2025

Well done to Green House who have won a mufti day on Thursday 13th March 2025 for winning the most house points in the first term of spring. Green House can wear their own clothes ideally including something in their outfit to match their house colour to celebrate the victory. Many congratulations to Green House!

British Science Week Photography Competition

This year we will once again be hosting a scientific photography competition to celebrate British Science Week on the week commencing 10th March 2025. Ideas for photos can be found using the following link, but we encourage the children to try to be original:

<https://www.st-peters-sittingbourne.co.uk/entries-2/>

The photos will be celebrated by the school and the entries will displayed for all to see in the main hall. This year's British Science Week theme is: Change and Adapt. The children could use this as inspiration for their own photo or choose something entirely different; the choice is theirs! If your child would like to take part, they can upload their photo; a brief description of the science seen; and their name and year group. Each class will have a Google Classroom assignment that has been created (this will appear online Friday 7th March 2025 at 3:30pm). **The deadline for entries will be: Monday 17th March 2025.** Happy snapping!

Some of children's entries from last year below:

⁸<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-07-another-amazing-book-week>



PTA

WFJS PTA

Friday 7th March 2025

Tribute Social

ONE WEEK TO GO!

Friday 14th March at 7:30pm

Tickets are on sale now!

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ENTRY
£8

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MOTHERS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

Friday 28th March

Please pay your gift money via PTA events

World Book Week

Book Sale

Raised £257

Thank you for all of your fabulous donations!

GET IN TOUCH: Got an idea or want to get involved? Drop us a line

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Tribute Social



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ONLY NIGHT FOR
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FRIDAY

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Mothers & Special Persons Day

On Friday 28th March the children
will be celebrating Mothers /
Special Person Day.

Children will be given a special gift
to bring home.

PLEASE MAKE A PAYMENT OF £3 PER
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[PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WEJSPTA](https://pta-events.co.uk/wejspta)



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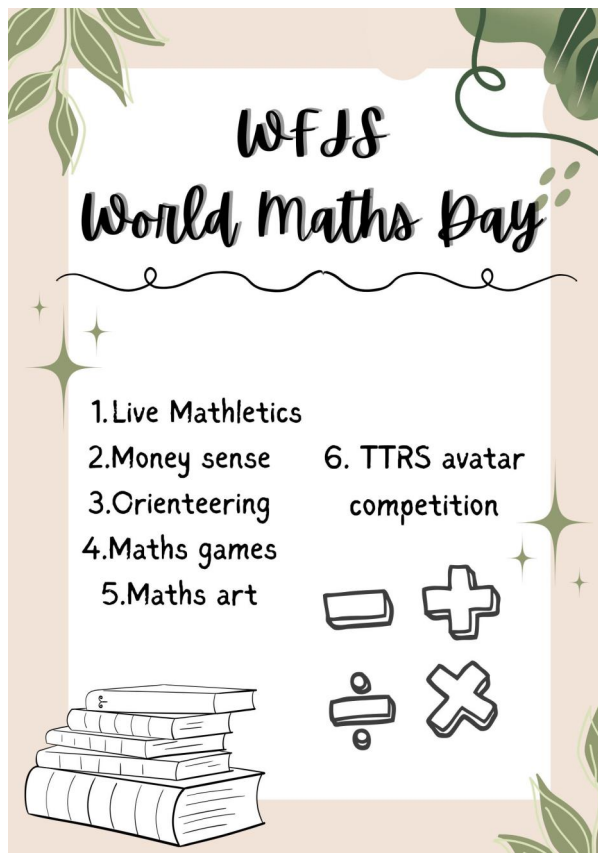
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COMING UP and REMINDERS

We are celebrating Maths Day on Friday 21st March 2025!

Wallace Fields Junior School will be celebrating maths with an exciting Maths Day on Friday 21st March 2025. We will have a celebration assembly first thing where some children will be awarded prizes for their participation and effort on Mathletics. The whole school will then be engaging in fun and exciting maths activities including maths orienteering, MoneySense workshops and creating a Wallace Fields Junior School Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) avatar. We are very proud of the children's enthusiasm and progress in their maths throughout the curriculum and this is a day for us to celebrate all their wonderful efforts in maths! Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the online maths programmes and for supporting your child with their maths learning. Please see the posters created by Olivia (5S) and Emily (5H) that promote some of the activities we have planned for the day!



Parent / Teacher Meetings Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note in your diary about the Parent / Teacher Meetings and a letter will be sent out early next week with how to book your appointment slot.

- **Monday 24th March 2025** - Parent / Teacher Meetings Evening Face to Face 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- **Tuesday 25th March 2025** - Parent / Teacher Meetings Virtual (Online) 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Please note that our SENCo Mrs Elliot will be available at a separate table on Monday's face to face meetings, so parents can sign up in person on the day to see her if you have any additional questions regarding your child's SEN and SEN provision within school.

Help Us Get Free Books for School!

During the week of 24th March 2025 we are holding a Scholastic Book Fair. The children love choosing a book at the fair, which is also an important fundraiser for the school. Our last fair raised over £1,100, which we spent on class reading books and fabulous new library books. All children will have the opportunity to see the books at the fair in school. They will bring home a wish list and an order form should you wish to purchase any of the books. There is no obligation to purchase the books on their wish list.

Parents and accompanied children are welcome to view and select books in school at 3.30pm - 4.30pm on Monday 24th March and Tuesday 25th March 2025.

Parents coming into school can pay cash, use a QR code available at the fair or take home an order form to order online.

Children can also bring cash (in a named envelope to be handed to their teacher) into school and purchase books during their class visit on either Monday or Tuesday.

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£8.99
Cat Kid's coming 28th November

NEW EDITION **PERCY JACKSON** by Rick Riordan
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NEW **Phonics**
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- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ⚠ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

Recyclable Items Needed for Sculpture on 28th March 2025

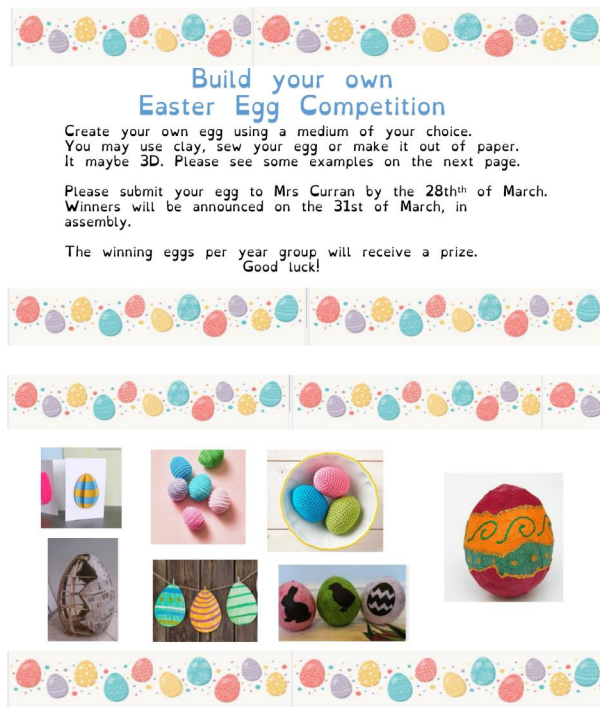
On Wellbeing Day (28th March 2025) children will be creating a sculpture which will be used to represent sustainable living. Certain recyclable items will be needed for the sculpture. Therefore, please may we ask that children in each year group bring the following items for the 28th March 2025.

Children can hand the items in to their class teachers.

- **Year 3:** Soft drink tin lids
- **Year 4:** Plastic milk bottle caps
- **Year 5:** Corks made from wood
- **Year 6:** Plastic packets

Annual Easter Egg Competition

The annual Easter Egg competition is underway again! Please see the details below.



Sports Fixtures Coming Up

We have lots of exciting sports fixtures coming up including the following:-

- **Tuesday 18th March 2025 4.00pm - 6.00pm** - Netball Tournament at Rosebery School.
- **Tuesday 25th March 2025 3.45pm -4.30pm** - Year 3 Year 4 Football Home Match v Cuddington Croft
- **Friday 28th March 2025 1.15pm - 3.00pm** - Girls Year 5 and Year 6 football at Auriol Juniors
- **Friday 25th April 2025 1.15pm - 3.00pm** - Girls Year 3 and Year 4 football at Auriol Juniors
- **Friday 23rd May 2025 1.15pm - 3.00pm** - Mixed Year 5 and Year 6 cricket at Auriol Juniors

Playhouse Music Festival

Parents/Carers of the Playhouse choir have now been emailed to confirm which evening they will be performing and with more details of the event.

- **Performing on Tuesday 25th March 2025** are: Year 6: Aurelia, Betty, Cara, Hannah, Heidi, Isla, Lalana, Maya, Sophie and Year 5: Chloe, Eliana, George, Leena, Marta, Reema, Rose, Thea.
- **Performing on Wednesday 26th March 2025** are: Year 6: Alexandra, Amelia, Anna, Celine, Clarissa, Edith, Ela, Felicity, Kate, Sabina and Year 5: Anna, Bea, Ella, Grace, Mai, Nandika, Sophia.

Tickets for both nights went on sale on Tuesday 18th February 2025 on the Epsom Playhouse website. There is obviously big demand for these so it is advisable to book early if you wish to watch the performance. Click here⁹ to buy tickets.

YEAR 3

Year 3 Trips 2025

There are two more trips for Year 3 pupils this year, to Butser Ancient Farm and to Wisley Gardens, which will complement and extend their classroom studies.

On 27th March 2025 we go on a day trip to **Butser Ancient Farm**, Hampshire, to enhance their work in the classroom and discover more about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The trip will involve the children learning more about their history topic by completing an archaeological excavation, having a site tour and experiencing some activities that would have happened in the Stone Age including chalk carving.

On 6th June 2025 we visit **Wisley Gardens** to support science studies on green plants. The children will be inspired to garden and enjoy hands-on experiences with plants in Wisley's wonderful surroundings. They will learn how being a gardener supports biodiversity and can have a positive environmental and personal impact.

To cover the cost we need to ask for a **voluntary contribution of £51 per child**, which can be paid via the Scopay website. If you wish you can pay your donation in **two instalments** £26 before the Butser Farm Trip and a further £25 before the Wisley Gardens trip. The cost covers the coaches for both trips and entry to Butser farm. We will treat payment as permission to take part in the trip.

If your child currently qualifies for Free School Meals or have any financial difficulties there may be **financial assistance** in paying for this trip or arrange for you to pay in smaller instalments, please contact the school office.

Year 3 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 3 Performance Assembly is to be held **on Tuesday 20th May 2025 2.45pm**. Auditions in lesson on Monday 12th May 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

⁹<https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/shows/epsom-and-ewell-schools-music-festival-2025>

YEAR 4

Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court - Medical Meeting Reminder

If your child has any dietary allergies, requires to take any medication or are required to take preventative medicine i.e. inhalers, travel sickness tablets on the trip, please attend a brief individual meeting on:

Wednesday 12th March at 8.45am in the school hall.

Please enter the school via the school office. **All medication**, including return travel sickness pills, **must be clearly named and handed in with written instructions to school at this meeting. We cannot accept medicine at any other time as full instructions must be given in a face to face meeting.** The only exception to this are antibiotics, which can be handed in on the Wednesday morning.

Year 4 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 4 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 2.45pm. Auditions in lesson on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

Year 4 Music Composition and Performance

Click here ¹⁰to watch the videos of 4C and 4K music composition and performance based on a picture book.

YEAR 5

Year 5 Music Assembly - Tuesday 11th March 2025 2.45pm

There were lots of keen performers for the Year 5 Music assembly and the parents/carers of those selected to perform next **Tuesday 11th March 2025** have been contacted by email. Hopefully parents/carers are able to come along to watch their performance.

Year 5 are celebrating British Science Week

On Thursday 13th March 2025, the children in Year 5 will be getting their hands dirty and going outside for their science lesson to celebrate British Science Week. Please could they bring in an **empty plastic 2 litre bottle for their science lesson**. If they have them already, **any digging trowels and gardening gloves** would also be very useful for the for the activity!

¹⁰<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/music>





YEAR 6

Year 6 Music Composition and Performance

Click here^{11 12} to watch the videos of 6H and 6G rap composition and performance in preparation for Book Week

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SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT

Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading pens can assist by scanning and reciting words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used in exams if they're part of their routine learning process. Proper training and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.

2 READING ON SCREEN

Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension. For many readers, white text on a black background is the easiest to see, whereas other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Teaching children how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.

3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in settings under Accessibility and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Enabling these tools can make digital reading more user friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might have an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.

4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES

Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to break down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.

5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS

Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogues and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve storytelling, puzzles or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.

6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS

Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or online videos, they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Repeatedly watching content with subtitles reinforces word recognition and comprehension.

7 USING AUDIOBOOKS

Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.

9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY

Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press Play to hear it read aloud. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.

8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING

Voice-to-text tools allow users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to have their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.

10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13–16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to create a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lawt is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENCO. She recently launched her own site, Neuroteachers, which offers a library of short, 'how-to' and explanation videos for educators. Catrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.



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WORKSHOP

EMPOWER YOU

BOOSTING YOUR CONFIDENCE
AND SELF - ESTEEM

Hosted By:
Antonia Goddard
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EDUCATE, INFORM & REDUCE THE STIGMA

WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Are you ready to step into your full potential?

Whether you're overcoming self-doubt, facing new challenges, or simply looking to feel more empowered in your daily life, this session will provide practical tools to help you strengthen your self-belief and take charge of your journey.

Learn how to shift your mindset, embrace your strengths, and unlock the inner confidence that will help you thrive in any situation.

Take the first step toward a more empowered, confident you!

**SATURDAY
12TH APRIL**

9.30AM - 11.30AM

Quaker Meeting House,
Butterhill, Dorking

Book your space for £10
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WORKSHOP

UNDERSTANDING WHY PEOPLE SELF-HARM

Hosted By:
Leslie Lund



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WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Why do young people increasingly turn to self harm as a way of dealing with stress? And what can caring adults do to respond to this mystifying behaviour?

This workshop will explore the many variables which lead to self harm while exploring methods of healing distress through curiosity and compassionate understanding

**SUNDAY
23RD MARCH**

9.30AM - 1PM

Student Learning Centre,
The Ashcombe School

Book your space for £10
www.surreymt.org

[Click here¹³](#) for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Spanish and Science Clubs

Mrs Hernandez will have contacted parents already but the last week of Spanish Club and Science Club will be on **Thursday 13th March 2025**. There was no Spanish and Science Clubs this week (Thursday 6th March 2025) due to Book Week and then Mrs Hernandez is going on the Year 4 trip before breaking up early for Easter.

Extra Football Training for Girls at Lunchtime on Monday 10th March

On **Monday 10th March 2025** the girls football coach Tim Dowdeswell would like to run an extra training session at lunchtime for the Girls Football Squad in preparation for a match. It is PE kit day for Year 6 but Year 5 will need to get changed. Please bring football boots, shin pads and football kit. The girl footballers will go for an early lunch.

Junior Adventure Group Wrap Around Care



Secure Your Wraparound Care This Spring!

As we kick off a brand-new half-term, we're excited to welcome children back to our Ofsted-registered wraparound clubs for more fun-filled adventures!

This Spring, our Adventure Programme is packed with special themed days and exciting activities designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and boundless energy!

Here are some of the special days we may celebrate in the coming weeks at our clubs:

Shrove Tuesday - 4th March

This Pancake Day, children will flip, cook, and race their way through a delicious adventure! As part of our Flavour Fest category, they'll explore Pancake Day traditions, test tasty recipes, and enjoy hands-on cooking fun.

World Book Day - 6th March

Children can dress as their favourite literary characters and bring stories to life through crafts and imaginative projects in our Creative Inventors category. A magical celebration of books, creativity, and storytelling!

British Science Week - W/C 10th March

During British Science Week, children will explore the wonders of STEM through exciting activities in our Brain Boosters category. They'll dive into interactive puzzles, games, and experiments.

Red Nose Day - 21st March

Time to get silly for a good cause! Children will tell jokes, take part in wacky games, and enjoy fun-filled activities from our Adventure Programme, all while raising awareness and spreading kindness.

¹³<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

👉 **Mother's Day - 28th March**

Through activities in our Creative Inventors category, children will get imaginative and handcraft beautiful origami flowers to show love and appreciation for their mums and mother figures.

👉 **April Fools' Day - 1st April**

Expect harmless pranks, silly surprises, and cheeky fun! Children will enjoy jokes, tricks, and giggles in a playful celebration of laughter and mischief!

Don't let your child miss out on this springtime adventure!

📅 **Secure your spot today:**

[Book here](#)

💖 **Parent Support:**

[Help & info](#)



❓ **FAQs:**

[Find answers here](#)

💰 **Payment Options:**

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Come join the fun with JAG today!



World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day encourages everyone to get excited about reading. Children can dress up as their favourite book characters and share stories with friends and family. Pick a character and join in the fun!



BOOK NOW

Shrove Tuesday




Tuesday 4th March





Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the day before Lent begins, when people use up rich ingredients like eggs, milk, and sugar. It's become a fun tradition of making and eating pancakes, sometimes even racing while flipping them!



BOOK NOW






British Science Week



Starts 10th March

British Science Week is a super fun celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM)! Children and grown-ups get to explore the wonders of science with cool experiments, hands-on activities, and exciting events.

A group of children in a science lab, wearing lab coats and safety goggles, are conducting experiments. One child is holding a flask with red liquid, another is holding a flask with green liquid, and a third is holding a flask with blue liquid. There are various scientific equipment like flasks, test tubes, and a microscope on the table.

BOOK NOW

Mother's Day



MOTHER'S DAY

Friday 28th March

Mother's Day is a special day to show mums and mother figures how much we love them! People give gifts, make lovely cards, and do kind things to make mums feel special. It's a great way to say a big thank you for all the love and care they give every day!



BOOK NOW

Easter Holiday Club



NSSport Holiday Activities Wallace Fields Junior School

7-17 April 2025

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NSSport Holiday Activities is the perfect place to have **fun**

We provide active, affordable and exciting childcare for primary school aged children in school years 1-6. We aim to inspire children with a passion for health and fitness through innovative activities and unique approaches. Recently rated as 'Outstanding' and led by a dedicated, enthusiastic and highly qualified team we ensure your child is safe and experiences the best time. Our knowledge allows us to care for your child in a fun, age appropriate and friendly environment whilst maintaining their physical, social and emotional development.

Full Play **Options**

We are pleased to inform you that NSSport Holiday Activities camps offer a full range of play options which allows you to work freely or go about your daily routine uninterrupted knowing that your child(ren) are in safe hands.

STANDARD PLAY	EXTENDED AM/PM	EXTENDED PLAY
£27	£30	£33
09:45 - 16:15	08:00-16:15 09:45-18:00	08:00 - 18:00

Here's what we have to **offer**

7-11 APRIL

HS STARS: GAMES WEEK
Get ready, because it's Games week here at NSSport!

[Go To Bookings >](#)

HS STRIKERS: FOOTBALL GAMES
Will you be crowned King of the Hill?

[Go To Bookings >](#)

14-17 APRIL

HS STARS: EASTER WEEK
We are excited to celebrate all things Easter

[Go To Bookings >](#)

HS STRIKERS: FOOTBALL STYLES
Can you master the 1st-6th Football style?

[Go To Bookings >](#)

How do I make a **booking**?

All bookings via our website at nssport.co.uk

If you haven't booked with us before you will need to register for an NSSport account. Registration is a one off process just so we have all the relevant information about your child as well as your contact details. Registration can be done via our website nssport.co.uk. Select the **VENUE** followed by the **REGISTER** button from the website header.

Once you have registered you will have access to our **BOOKINGS** area. Select the activities which you wish to book and add to your **BASKET**, then proceed to **CHECKOUT** to make payment. We accept children's vouchers (if not can be found on our website within the FAQ section), debit and credit cards. Please ensure you select the correct **CARD TYPE** when entering your details and confirm your **NAME** and **ADDRESS** are filled in correctly as displayed on your card. Failure to do so may result in an unsuccessful booking. A booking confirmation email will be issued when payment has been made to confirm your child's place.

All bookings must be placed on our website and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. We are unable to reserve any places. Please make yourself familiar with our terms and conditions regarding all our policies prior to booking. We ask that when your child(ren) attends a NSSport Holiday Activities camp they are in good health. We welcome guests to all our venues and look forward to having a fun time with your child(ren) over the holiday period.

Have a **question**?

Should you require any further information or have some questions regarding our service, please do get in touch by email and we will be happy to assist.

[Email Us](#)

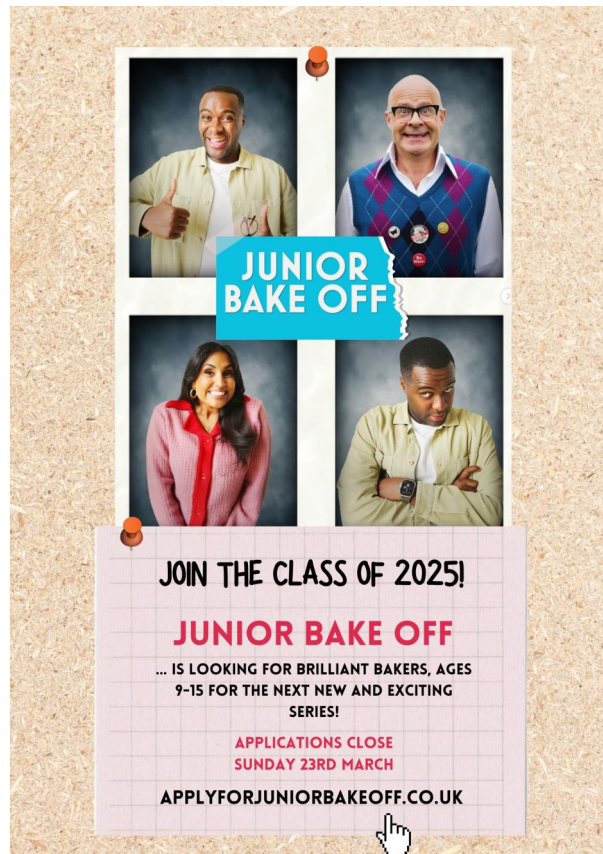
Social media

Changed your mind? [Unsubscribe](#)

Stay up-to-date with current activities and future events by following us on your favourite social media channels.



COMMUNITY



A promotional poster for Junior Bake Off 2025, designed to look like a collage of photos pinned to a corkboard. The corkboard has a light brown, textured surface. There are four photos of the judges: Paul Hollywood (top left), Noel Fielding (top right), Prue Leith (bottom left), and Paul Hollywood (bottom right). A blue banner with the text 'JUNIOR BAKE OFF' is placed over the photos. Below the photos, a pinkish-purple box contains the text: 'JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!', 'JUNIOR BAKE OFF', '... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES 9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING SERIES!', 'APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 23RD MARCH', and 'APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK'. A hand cursor icon is pointing at the website address.

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](https://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)



EPSOM RDA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEEKDAY SESSIONS

Can you spare a few hours per week to help our charity?
Learn new skills | Meet new people | Make a difference

If you enjoy working as part of a team and using your own initiative, we would love to hear from you!

Epsom RDA provides both children and adults with physical and learning disabilities, the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through the therapeutic power of horses.

You don't need previous experience of horses, riding or working with disabled people.

Training is provided for all.

Minimum age for volunteers is 14 years.

**IT'S WHAT YOU CAN DO
THAT COUNTS**



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volunteer@epsomrda.org.uk | t: 01372 743690

SCAN ME



Epsom RDA is a registered charity (charity number 1180061) and a member group of the national Riding for the Disabled Association.

Struggling Suffragettes

Saturday March 8 1pm–2.30pm



Learn about the suffragettes and decide if you wish to join their fight to get the vote for women. Listen to the arguments and learn why some women at the beginning of the twentieth century were driven to drastic measures to get their voices heard by the Establishment. Understand the different methods used by these pioneering ladies, from peaceful protest to more militant tactics. Discover how the determination and bravery of the Suffragettes changed the way our country is today and learn how Epsom was thrust into the national headlines by the death of Emily Davison at the Derby in June 1913.



Cost £6 per child

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please

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Or email: volunteers@homestartsurrey.org