

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 11th September 2025

KEY DATES FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Friday 12th September
 - Helping Hands Meeting 9.30am

- Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Trials 12.30-1.10pm
- Tuesday 16th September Year 5 & 6 Netball Trials 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday 18th September Year 6 Football Trials 3.30-4.30pm
- Wednesday 24th September **U11** Football Tournament- Epsom College. 9.15am 1.15pm
- Friday 26th September
 - Tag Rugby team fixture at Cuddington Croft 3.45-4.50pm
 - All Celebrating Languages Day

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. Click Here³ for School Term Dates and INSET days

Head's Update

Questionnaire Feedback

We carry out a questionnaire for parents each year and this provides excellent feedback for us to discuss with staff, senior teams, school council and governors to see how we might improve the school and make school even more fabulous for the children. Each week in my update, I will feedback the results from that survey and let you know what we have done to rectify key themes. New ideas and suggestions are also taken on board and acted upon. It takes the form of you said...we did....and hopefully you can then see how we response to feedback form our stakeholders.

Tidying the School Site: You said that some areas of the school were looking untidy and unkempt and we fully agree. The summer has been a hive of activity and we have filled and sent off two full skips of unwanted equipment and chairs. The upper and lower field have been tidied and a vast number of maintenance jobs have been fulfilled including repairing and repainting steps, . we have put in additional lighting from the main office reception to the to the main gate to help with poor visibility in the winter and we plan to do more from the main gate up into the playground as the days get shorter and winter approaches.

We have had all the PE equipment refurbished and re-certified as safe and we have big plans to improve the woodland area behind the Year 6 block - details to follow.

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

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

³https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-18-inset-days-confirmed-for-next-academic-school-year

Does your child enjoy school? We asked if your children enjoyed school **97% agreed** that they did with **66.7% strongly agreeing** which is good to know. If your child does not enjoy school then please get in touch with your child's teacher to see what it is that is not engaging them - admittedly some children would prefer to be on their PlayStation all day but learning and getting equipped for the future is going to need some efforts by us as parents and teachers.

The school keeps my child safe: The response for this was **100% agree** with **67% agreeing strongly**. This again is a good indicator of a culmination of all the methods and systems we have in place in school to keep the children safe. With safeguarding so high on the agenda we have kept this at the forefront of all our lessons, activities and trips.

Making good progress at school: 92.4% of you said you agreed. For the 7.6% who did not agree please make sure you mention your concerns to your child's teacher, ensure you are hearing them read and checking their reading records, and support us in ensuring their homework is completed on time. In the recent welcome meetings it has been a good opportunity to remind parents and carers about the commitments that need to be made to reading and the homework toy ensure access to the curriculum and to reinforce key concepts in their homework.

I will continue each week to let you know what we have done in response to your feedback. Thank you to all the parent and carers who completed the questionnaire.

Injuries

School is a lively and active place and injuries do occur. A reminder, more for the Year 3 parents, is that not all scrapes and bumps are reported to parents. If it is an accidental graze or minor bump reporting those would take up all the time of teachers and office team, though we will always record and report non-accidental injury - often catching you on the gate is the easiest way to communicate this, and if your child has bumped their head there is a risk of concussion or a possible reaction later in the day so they will be given a 'bumped head' sticker and wristband. Look out for these and remember to keep a close eye on any dizziness, drowsiness or symptoms of concussion after school. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Welcome Meetings

Thank you for all the parents who came along to the welcome meetings this week. The final one is tomorrow, Friday 12th September 2025 for Year 4. There were some excellent questions and it was a brief opportunity to see the whole year and explain the idiosyncrasies of that particular year group - especially the rise in expectations, the books being studied and the trips and visits. Handouts should be available on the class pages on the school website.

Photos of Year 4 at Work

You may like to see some lovely photos of the Year 4 children working hard this week. Click here.⁴

IMPORTANT NEWS



1 - Click here⁵

Help Us Celebrate Languages Day

Our Celebrating Languages Day is on Friday 26th September 2025 to promote the learning of different languages and cultures. We would love for any speakers of any additional language to English, to come into the classrooms to give a short talk about their country and language and play a traditional game or teach a song. If you are interested and willing to help create a fantastic day for the children, please email the School Office Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁶ by **Thursday, 19th September 2025**.

Children may if they wish on Celebrating Languages Day wear **traditional dress**, such as sari, kimono, tartan kilt, hanbok, lederhosen, sherwani etc. No football or sports kits please. If unsure then please send your child into school in school uniform.

Merci beaucoup! Grazie mille! Gracias! Danke!

Mme Siobhan Cornell, French Lead

Flu Vaccination

Surrey Immunisation Service is coming in to Wallace Fields Junior School to administer the flu vaccinations on Wednesday 8th October 2025. We sent you a letter earlier in the week with more information. Please complete the e-consent form by Thursday 2nd October 2025.

⁴https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-09-11-year-4-working-hard

⁵https://orders.online.bentleypics.com/

⁶mailto:Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Please visit www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk⁷ and enter your school's unique code **SR125298** (For Years 3 - 6). If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, we ask you to complete a consent form and select the 'No' option.

Please see further information about the NHS child flu vaccine on this You Tube clip.



https://youtu.be/lemX05TO4Iw

Class Reps Needed

- Do you already run the year group WhatsApp?
- Is it often you would end up organising the teacher collections at the end of term?
- Could you spare a few hours to run a stall at the Christmas fair or other events?
- Do you have ideas for exciting events for parents and children at the school?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then you are already acting like a PTA class rep. Please contact the school office and let us know if you are willing to confirm your role as the PTA class rep and then we will hopefully arrange a meeting soon for you to meet the other class reps and find out how you can help the school more with fundraising.

PTA fundraising makes such a difference to your child's experiences by giving them the extra visits and equipment that brings added sparkle to our great school. Skills gained on the PTA are great for those looking to boost their personal CV. It is a great way to meet other parents/carers and to see more behind the scenes in our school. Thank you

Helping Hands - Interested in Volunteering at School?

Tomorrow, Friday 12th September 2025 we are holding a Helping Hands Meeting (9.30am), designed for those interested in becoming volunteers at our school. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how you can support our pupils and staff, and to ask any questions you may have about the volunteering process.

Volunteers play a vital role in enriching the life of our school. Whether it's listening to children read, supporting classroom activities, or helping with events, your time and

⁷https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk

enthusiasm make a real difference. Teachers truly value the support volunteers bring — it helps us create a more vibrant, responsive learning environment for every child.

If you're considering joining our Helping Hands team, here are a few key points to be aware of:

- **Safeguarding Training**: All volunteers will receive basic safeguarding guidance to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.
- **DBS Check:** A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for all volunteers working regularly in school.
- **Regular Commitment**: We ask that volunteers offer a consistent time slot each week so staff can plan effectively and make the most of your support.

We understand that giving up your time is a generous offer, and we are truly grateful. Volunteering at our school is not only rewarding for the children — it is often deeply fulfilling for the volunteers themselves. You will be part of a warm, welcoming community and help shape the educational journey of our young learners. please be aware that you will not be placed in your own child's class though you may go along on trips and visits that are whole year group.

If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please note the points above and let the office know if you think you will be able to commit some time to the school.

Year Group Tea Parties

Later in the term we hold a year group tea party. The children will serve you tea and cake, and it is an opportunity to meet the teachers and to mingle with other parents. Hot topics will be discussed and the children usually perform a song or give a recital of some sort for the parents' entertainment. Details will follow nearer the time. The tea party dates are as follows:-

- Wednesday 8th October 2025 2pm Year 3 Tea Party
- Thursday 9th October 2025 2pm Year 4 Tea Party
- Wednesday 15th October 2025 2pm Year 6 Tea Party
- Thursday 16th October 2025 2pm Year 5 Tea Party

YEAR 5 & 6 NEWS

11+ Exams

If your child is taking part in 11+ exams please email so we can make a note on the register and make the class teacher aware. Please bring the child in before or after the exam, absence is only authorised for the exam and not any revision time before the exam. Taking

days off before the exam to revise or 'hot housing' as it is known, is not permitted and will not be authorised.

No teachers at Wallace Fields Juniors tutor for 11+ as they are fully committed to their teaching responsibilities within school - please do not ask them if they tutor. Practice for the 11+ is not part of the National Curriculum for England and Wales and so is not taught in our school.

Tag Rugby Squad Trials

Please click on the link below if Year 5 & 6 child is given permission to attend a tag rugby trial at lunchtime on Friday 12th September 2025. We need girls as well as boys on the team. Children will need to bring in PE kit & football boots. Children will need to go in for an early lunch and meet Mr Sellars at 12.30pm. https://forms.gle/5dR43FhcpUJzffLBA

There are two fixtures already in the calendar at Cuddington Croft on Friday 26th September 2025 3.45pm-4.50pm and Friday 21st November 2025 3.45-4.50pm. You will need to arrange transport for your child to these fixtures. More details to follow if selected.

Netball Squad Trials

We would like to invite as many girls and boys in Year 5 & 6 as possible to try out for the Wallace Fields Junior School netball team. The trial will take place on **Tuesday 16th September 3.30pm-4.30pm** with Mr Sellars. Please ensure that on the day of trial they bring in PE kit and trainers. We will let the selected team know as soon as possible by email. If selected the team training will be every Tuesday after school from Tuesday 23rd September 2025.

Those unable to attend on 16th due to 11+ exams should come on 23rd for the trial and indicate this on the form below. The original form has been updated to include this additional question.

Click here to sign your child up for the trial.

https://forms.gle/Qm8xVrCpoqMsbGDf7

Is Your Year 5 & 6 Child a Football Player?

Girls' football started on 10th September 2025 with coach Tim Dowdeswell and will go ahead every Thursday. This club is a free club. Parents of girls who have signed up already have been contacted to remind them to bring their kit tomorrow. There are still spaces for girls. If you are interested, then please click on this link ⁸to sign up if you haven't done so already.

Boys football trials for the school A & B football squad are as follows:-

⁸https://forms.gle/bLVXdaB4MaNpudE58

- Year 6 Thursday 18th September 2025 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Year 5 Thursday 25th September 2025 3.30pm-4.30pm

Please complete this link⁹ if you are interested in your child attending the trial. Please send in your son with a football kit, football boots, shin pad and water bottle. If your child is selected training for those selected will start on **Thursday 2nd October 3.30-4.30pm every week.** Training is free and with Coach George of NS Sport. Matches will also predominantly be on a Thursday. We will let you know as soon as possible by email if your son has been selected and give you a link for Spond communications.

Paid Football Club If your child doesn't make the team or just wants to play more football, then there are still spaces for Year 5 & 6 Wednesday girls and boys after school **paid football club with NS Sport**. Click here¹⁰ for more information.

U11 Football Tournament at Epsom College on Wednesday 24th September 2025

There is an **U11 Football Tournament at Epsom College on Wednesday 24th September 2025** during the school day. Unfortunately, there is not time to make the squad selection before this tournament; so class teachers, Mr Sellars and Coach George have based their team selection on last year's football. This does not guarantee they will get chosen for the football squad.

An email has been sent out to those selected. Please bear in mind this is a 6-aside A team with very limited spaces so please do not be disappointed if your child is not invited.

REMINDERS

Smart Phone Reminder

All smartphones are banned. Mobile phones are not welcome at Wallace Fields Juniors. Children are no safer with a mobile phone, in fact they are in more danger than with a phone.

If you have a Year 5 or 6 who has permission to walk to school and do insist that your child has a mobile phone then parents and pupils must read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy and complete the attached Google form to give permission to bring mobile phones to school. Click here¹¹ to complete the Google Form.

• Feature Phones / dumb phones only – and they must be clearly labelled with the owners name. Any unnamed phones will be confiscated.

⁹https://forms.gle/UZCwZ3BKy1yhLA9k7

¹⁰https://nssport2.co.uk/

¹¹https://forms.gle/AHsHGscx3cWBvrqs5

- Adapted smartphones are banned phones where certain criteria/access are turned off or blocked are also banned – as staff cannot spend time checking and selecting certain phones – no smartphones!
- Phones must be handed in to the School Office/teacher at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end.
- Any phones found in bags (they may go off and as a safeguarding issue this allows for bag searches) or on their person will be confiscated.
- Only parents may collect confiscated phones from the office.
- Phones are not allowed to be used on the school site and must be turned off before they come onto school grounds.
- The school accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of any phones brought into school.
- No smart watches are permitted in the school.
- Tags and tracking devises are NOT permitted on school trips and visits.

Earrings Reminder

Pupils are only allowed one pierced gold/silver stud earring in each ear and earrings cannot be worn during P.E. If your child is unable to remove their earrings they will not be allowed to participate in P.E. – we do not allow pupils to cover earrings with plasters. We recommend that children do not wear their earrings on the day they have P.E. or Games. Parents must, therefore, decide at the beginning of the summer holidays if you wish to have your child's ears pierced. This will give enough time for the ears to heal and for the removal of earrings.

Contacting Teachers

For urgent messages, absences, pick up arrangements and general enquiries please email the School Office on Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹² or by calling 020 8393 0350. The School Office is manned from 8.30am until 4.30pm.

If you need to discuss homework or learning with your child's teacher, please contact them through the School Office email Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹³. Please clearly state the child's name and class. .The School Office will forward the email to the child's teacher who will respond if appropriate.

Almost all our correspondence with Parents / Carers is by email. The Weekly Newsletter is emailed out every Friday and is our main way to communicate with parents on all school related matters, PTA updates as well key community news. When information is more urgent or only relevant to a specific year group we send out emails via Scopay. We provide a web

¹²mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

¹³mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

based payment centre for trips, visits, parents evening bookings and school meals. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details so the school can contact you in an emergency.

Please do not send messages using the Dojo app.

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



Smartphone Free Childhood Tips

Parents have been asking for a video they can watch with their children – and now we've made one. Our new 10-minute film for 10 to 13-year-olds explains how smartphones changed the world, how they're designed to grab attention, and the hidden benefits of

waiting. Teens share their own experiences, too. Quick, fun, and eye-opening – watch it together and spark an important family conversation.

For more information help and support click here 14.

Embed://<iframe width="560" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/xsw9HdM_MZw?si=XfwOysQ1hN8mvGy6" title="YouTube video player" frameborder="0" allow="accelerometer; autoplay; clipboard-write; encrypted-media; gyroscope; picture-in-picture; web-share" referrerpolicy="strict-origin-when-cross-origin" allowfullscreen></iframe>

Click here 15 for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Back to School, Back to JAG Wrap Around Care



JAG Wraparound Care Clubs are back this year at our school — keeping children active, happy and thriving before and after school.

- Team games to build confidence
- Creative activities to spark imagination
- 💙 100% screen-free fun with friends
- New to JAG? Register here:

https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login¹⁶ Already have an account? Book now:

https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login¹⁷ Find your school club: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/¹⁸

#BackToSchool #WraparoundCare #WherePlayFindsPotential

¹⁴https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resource/parent-to-parent-presentation

¹⁵https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding

¹⁶https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁷https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁸https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/?utm source=chatgpt.com

Clubs - Some Spaces Available

Click here ¹⁹for the clubs page where you will find the clubs timetable for all the options and the club letters with information on how to sign up.

Many clubs are now full, but do enquire with the club leader as they may have a waiting list for next term. I have been informed that there are still places in the following clubs (this list may not be comprehensive):

- Tag rugby Year 5 & 6
- Spanish
- Science Year 6
- · Chess clug
- Judo Year 3 & 4
- NS Sport Football club Year 5 & 6
- Clarinet and Saxophone lessons
- French club

Clarinet and Saxophone lessons

We have a lovely teacher from Surrey Arts who runs individual and group after school lessons on the clarinet and saxophone. This is all organised through Surrey Arts and they offer a free trial lesson. Group lessons help reduce the cost so please consider this. There is also funding available for lower income families whose children have free school meals to enable this opportunity to be available to all children. Please visit Surrey Arts website to book a trial lesson if interested.

¹⁹https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/clubs



Sign up for Chess Club

We are delighted to welcome back the **Chess Club** back and there are still lots of spaces in this popular club. Please sign up quickly to avoid disappointment. Chess club takes place every Wednesday (from 17th September 2025 to 26th November 2025) from 3.30-4.30pm. Whether your child is a beginner or knows how to play the club caters for all abilities. Research has shown that chess improves children's academic performance particularly their mathematical and problem solving abilities. See below the club letter. To sign up email debs.casey@outlook.com²⁰ or call 07989 156996.

²⁰mailto:debs.casey@outlook.com



Chess club will return on Wednesday 17th September 2025, 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Research has shown that chess improves children's academic performance, particularly their mathematical and problem solving abilities by:

- Developing critical thinking and logical reasoning improving numeracy improving numeracy improving against and area designed. Promoting imagination and creativity
 Teaching children about planning ahead
 Teaching that their actions have repercussions
 Win prizes

BEGINNERS learn how to play and **PLAYERS** enhance the skills they already possess. There shall be tournaments within the club, where prizes of trophies and medals are up for grabs in different tournaments for various age groups/abilities.

| Time of Club | - | Wednesdays, 3.30 - 4.30 pm | Dates | - 17th September - 26th November (10 weeks) | Term Fee | - £60.00 | Contact | - Deborah Casey | Contact | - Deborah Casey | Contact | - Cont

HOW TO JOIN

Advanced booking is essential. Chess club is popular so please send me an email as soon as possible after receiving this leaflet with the information below. Waiting to join until September could lead to disappointment as most parents sign up over the summer.

Child's name and Year Group (as at Sept 25) Contact number(s) for emergencies
Whether your child has any medical issues/allergies
Level of Play (player/beginner) Permission to walk home alone if appropriate

Once your email is received I will forward details on how to make payment. Your space is not secure until payment has been made.

Important: Can I remind parents that if your child is unable to attend for any reason please text me <u>before</u> the club to let me know.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Football Achievement

I just wanted to share that a group of Year 3 WFJS girls who make up the newly formed Under 8 Sapphires team at Alexandra United FC won their first ever match on Saturday quite convincingly.

Savannah B, Mia B, Sophia S, Phoebe J, Amaya P, Mila O and Ingrid M only started playing together this summer. Thanks to their hard work, determination and wonderful coaching, the girls achieved a commendable 10-1 win over the Redhill FC U8 Ladybirds in their first match as a team. We are very proud!



Has your child had any achievements they would like to share with the school community? Please send a few sentences and a photo to Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk²¹ and we can include it in the school newsletter.

COMMUNITY



²¹mailto:Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk