



# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

18th October 2024



## DATES NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 21st October 2024**
  - Winner of Pumpkin Craft competition announced.
  - Changes to meals due on this date.
- **Thursday 24th October 2024**
  - Halloween Disco 4.30pm -5.45pm
  - Netball squad training as normal as well as trial for possible new members. 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Friday 25th October 2024**
  - Deadline for stories for Times Table Rock Stars Inspired Writing
  - Year 6 Secondary School Applications due for Surrey County Council

[Click Here<sup>1</sup> for Upcoming Events](#)

[Click here<sup>2</sup> for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar](#)

## HEAD'S UPDATE

### Tag Rugby Team Victory

**Congratulations to the Rugby Team:** My most sincere congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 tag rugby team who went over to Auriol Junior School for the tag rugby tournament and returned not only with the story of match successes but with the trophy for winning the whole tournament! We are very proud of those children who took part and this victory is yet another to add to the previous successes such as winning the District Sports back in the summer. I wonder if they took inspiration from Claudia Macdonald (England scrum half and former Wallace Fields Junior School pupil) who came in to see us two weeks ago? We celebrated their victory again in assembly today and details are below. My thanks to Mr Sellars for organising and selecting the team and the parents who helped out.

I have just heard as we were about to send out the newsletter that the Year 3 and 4 tag rugby team have just won the tournament as well! This is amazing news and we will celebrate their victory next week. Well done Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby team! That is another trophy for the trophy cabinet!

### Tea Party Success

Thank you to all those parents and carers who came in for the year group tea parties. They were a great success and very well attended. There was an opportunity to look through their books, hear them sing a song they had learned in music and some input from myself, the deputy Mrs Day (Y3,4,6 tea party) and the SENDCo Mrs Elliot (Y5 tea party) about online safety and school plans for the future. Please do sign up for the National Online Safety (NOS) website. Thank you for your generosity of donations and sponsoring ghosts in a jar.

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

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

We raised the following:-

- Year 3 tea party - £364
- Year 4 tea party - £223
- Year 6 tea party - £179
- Year 5 tea party - £173

### **Ambassadors Appointed**

The winners of the ambassador's presentations were announced this week as Edith and Freddie B . Congratulations to them both. I will be working closely with them in the future including responsibilities during the school tour days, working with School Council and meeting with me on school issues they want to promote.



Quotes from new ambassadors on how it felt when it was announced that they are the School Ambassadors:

"I feel so less anxious about not getting it, but I feel like I could make a big difference in the school. I was a bit nervous when I had my name called out in front of everyone but I was really happy." Edith

"I was nervous and excited, I had "butterflies in my stomach". It was then my name on the screen and a picture of me as well; I was pleased, excited and nervous but happy, happy. I had put myself forward. Happy I was an ambassador." Freddie

## THIS WEEK

### Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Wins Tournament! - Friday 18th October 2024.

We have just heard back from the Year 4 & 5 tag rugby tournament that they won. Amazing news.



## Stars of the Week



This week's Stars of the Week. Only one per class are nominated in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. They get 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.

## Black History Month

On Monday 7th October 2024, our school had an important assembly led by Diversity Lead, Mrs. Kidwai on the significance of celebrating Black History in both the UK and within our school community. We delved into the historical context and importance of recognizing the contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history. This celebration goes beyond just one month; it is an ongoing commitment to educate ourselves, challenge stereotypes, and promote inclusivity. By acknowledging Black history, we honour resilience, strength, and innovation in the face

of adversity. In the UK, Black History Month is celebrated in October to coincide with major events such as Black History Day on October 1st and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on October 15th. Throughout this month and the rest of the year, it would be wonderful and purposeful for you to engage in thoughtful discussions with your children about what they are learning and what do they feel about what they are learning.

Kindest regards,

Mrs. S. Kidwai, Year 4 Class Teacher and Faith & Philosophy Lead

### District Cross Country Results

Well done to all those who took part in the Epsom and Ewell Primary Schools' District Cross Country on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at Sutton Grammar Sports Ground. We have some impressive running talent among our pupils. **Naomi** came **1st** in the girls and **Peggy** **2nd**! All children finished in the top 30. **Overall the girls came 3rd** and **boys came 6th** ! So proud. Thank you to former staff member Mrs Wilson and parent Mr Exton for helping at the event.

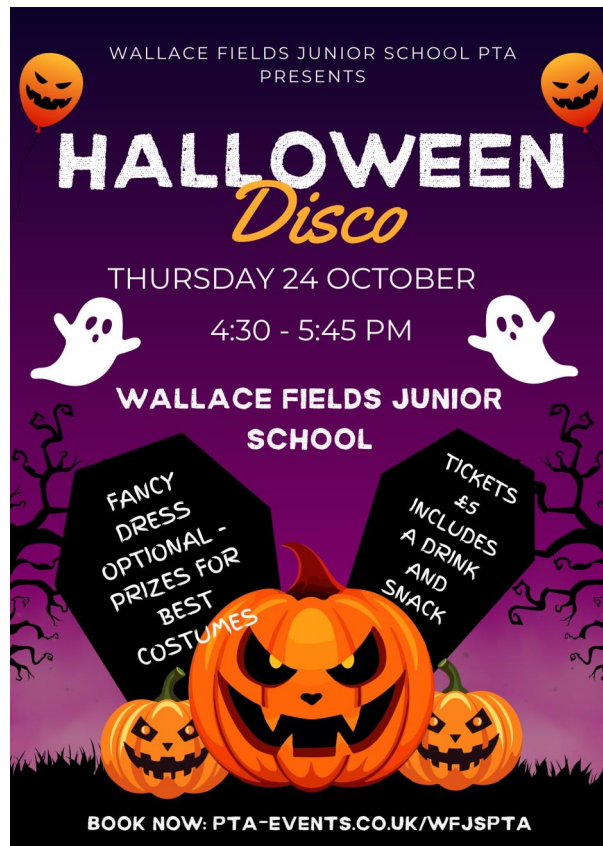




## NEXT WEEK and COMING UP

### Hallowe'en Disco

PTA are looking for helpers at the disco. Please message Jade or Kelly or your class rep if you can help! The events cannot happen without your support and so please do spare an hour of your time to make sure this event is successful!



### **Tickets for Fireworks Night**

Wallace Fields Junior School and Wallace Fields Infant School PTA have been holding a Fireworks Night for many many years. **This year it is to be held on Sunday 10th November 2024 from 4.30pm.** Access will be through the Junior School playground. Adult tickets will be £10 and Children from 4-16 years £6. Hot dogs, pizza, bar, sweet treats and glow stall will be available.

**Tickets for the hugely popular PTA Fireworks Night went on sale at Thursday 17th October 2024.** Every year this event is a sell-out so please sign up now.

**Volunteers** are still needed to help so please sign up to help by clicking here<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/>



## Keep the Date - Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

We are holding:-

- **Face-to-face appointments** on Monday 11th November 2023 3.45pm – 6.00pm (except for 3T when appointments will be on Wednesday 6th November 3.45pm-6.00pm)
- **Video call appointments** on Tuesday 12th November 3.45pm – 6.00pm (except for 3T when appointments will be on Thursday 7th November 3.45pm-6.00pm)

Those parents with SEN children have a separate meeting to look over the SEN plan and do not need to book a teacher parent meeting.

If you have not done so already please book via School Cloud.

To login to School Cloud please visit <https://wallacefieldsjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

For security and safeguarding reasons, you will need to use the email that it is registered with the school to access your account. You will also need your child's name and date of birth and your first name and last name. It is important that you use accurate name information, which matches details held on our database. e.g. not shortened name. A step by step guide on how to make appointments is attached to this email and for a video guide click here [SchoolCloud Parents Evening - Parent Login on Vimeo<sup>4</sup>](#)

If you have any problems please call the school office.

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<sup>4</sup><https://vimeo.com/473882995>



## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Poppies Available for Children (after Half Term)

If you would like your child to purchase a poppy to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Year 6 children will be selling them at lunchtimes when we return after half term. Please send coins in with your child - a suggested donation is 50p for poppies and £1 for metal badges (limited supply) or other merchandise.

## YEAR 3

### Parents Evening Times for Year 3

**3D Parents Consultations** are being held **face to face** on Monday 11th November 2024 3.45pm – 6pm and **virtual** meetings via video link on Tuesday 12th November 2024 3.45pm – 6pm.

**3T Parent Consultations** will be **face to face** on Wednesday 6th November 2024 3.45pm – 6pm enter through the School Office where Mr Taylor will be in the School Business Managers Office and via **virtual** video link on Thursday 7th November 2024 3.45pm – 6pm.

## YEAR 4

### Year 4 – Residential Trip Ufton Court

Reminder - If you would like your child to participate in this residential trip, we require a deposit of **£60 by 30th October 2024** payable through our online payment system Scopay

## YEAR 5

### Year 5 – Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

Reminder of Instalments for residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill:

- £40 deposit was due by 12th July 2024
- £120 2nd instalment due by 25th October 2024
- £130 3rd instalment due by 24th January 2025
- £130 4th instalment due by 1st March 2025

## YEAR 6

### Macbeth Young Shakespeare Company

Year 6 study the most enthralling and murderous play by William Shakespeare - Macbeth! To bring this play alive for the children we have book in a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company on **4th November 2024** to present an interactive storytelling workshop. The children take on roles and get involved in the action and it helps pave the way to understand the plot and the witches prophecies for Macbeth. The children then study the play in more detail and a wide range of writing and performance by the children is inspired by it. A letter was sent out earlier in the week with full details and a request for a voluntary donation of **£12** to cover the workshop.

# Apply for Secondary School Place Before October Half Term

From 1st September 2024 you can apply for a secondary school place. **Surrey County Council suggest you submit your application by 25th October 2024** as this is the Friday before the half term holiday. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2024. Please also find attached below a Surrey County Council leaflet with important dates for applying.

### No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call 01456 009 009 to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on 0300 200 1004.

[surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)



### Important dates

**1 September 2024**  
You can apply online for a school place.

**25 October 2024**  
We suggest you submit your secondary application by this date as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.

**31 October 2024**  
Closing date for secondary applications but we welcome early applications.

**3 March 2025**  
Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

**By 17 March 2025**  
You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

**By 31 March 2025**  
For many schools, if you wish to appeal, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 18 June 2025. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

### Is your child in year 6?

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2024.



### How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 1 September 2024 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2024. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday 31 October 2024, before the half-term holiday.
- You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On 3 March 2025 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by 17 March 2025.

### What else do I need to know?

- School open days will usually be held in September or October. Please check each school's website for the most up to date information about open days or evenings. You should contact schools directly if you'd like to arrange a visit.
- You can name up to six schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.
- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press 'submit' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your application reference number.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure its status has been changed to 'submitted'.
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you applied online).
- If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.



## OTHER PTA NEWS

**WFJS PTA**  
18th October 2024

**FIREWORK NIGHT NEWS!!!**  
**SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer  
- we are truly grateful!

**All tickets NOW ON SALE -**  
**[www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta)**

**HALLOWEEN**

**DISCO**  
**THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER**  
**4:30 - 5:45PM**  
**JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL**

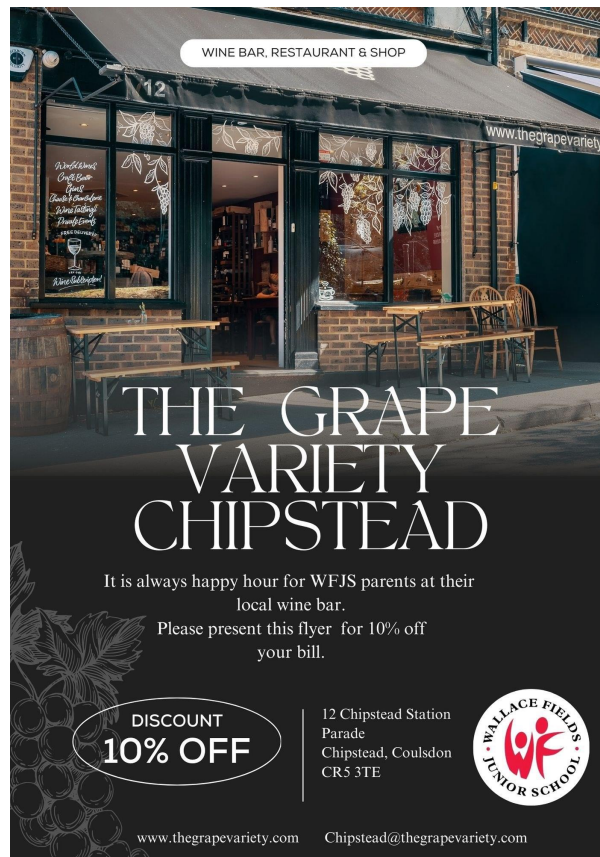
£5 TICKET INCLUDES A DRINK & SNACK

**FANCY DRESS**  
**OPTIONAL**  
**- PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES**

HELP!! We need helpers  
at the disco - please  
message Jade  
or Kelly or your rep  
if you can help!

Thanks to  
everyone who  
came to Bingo  
night - such fun!  
We raised £900!

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



## STORY WRITING & LITERACY

### Little Wandle Letters and Sounds - Phonics Intervention

Parents and carers have been informed if their child has been selected participate in our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Rapid Catch-Up Phonics Programme this year. The aim of this programme is to help children to reach and maintain the expected standards in phonics, spelling and reading whilst also developing children's reading fluency, comprehension and other essential skills related to reading efficiently. Children who complete phonics will be sent home with a letter on **Monday 21st October 2024** which details information about an online e-book service. This is an opportunity for adults to read at home with their children, using a book which aligns with the phonics letters and sounds taught each week. Please see the letter and parent guide sent home for more details. Kind regards, Miss Day. Writing and Phonics Lead.

### Times Table Rock Stars Inspired Writing

Pobble365 are working alongside Times Table Rock Stars (TTRs) to inspire young writers and mathematicians! Pobble365 release a new image or photo every day of the year to inspire writers. They provide story starters, word banks and examples to help children be creative with their writing - being exposed to a wide range of genres and images to write about. The image for the TTRs inspired story is below with an example story starter. The children do not need to use this story starter if they do not want to, although they can and continue on from it. If any children want to enter this TTRs writing competition, please share your short story/paragraph on **Google Classroom** and we can celebrate these in an upcoming assembly. **Please share any stories or paragraphs by 25th October 2024 so we can celebrate after the half term.** We can also upload some to the Pobble website to share worldwide! Miss Sarjeant and Miss Day



**Story starter:** Beneath an amber evening sky, Jerry trudged along a path on the outskirts of town. It had been a long day at school and they were eager to get home. Suddenly, the rumble of cars in the distance was interrupted by an electrifying guitar solo piercing the air... it was coming from what Jerry thought was an abandoned warehouse. Overcome with curiosity, they peeked through a window and discovered the legendary Times Tables Rock Stars band performing a secret gig. Mesmerised, Jerry stayed hidden, watching the show through the window... until the lead singer, Baz, stopped the music and began waving... directly at Jerry. Baz was inviting Jerry into the secret gig... Continue the story.

### 500 Words Competition - Now Open!

Every year, the BBC run a 500 word story competition. It is an opportunity for children to write a story with no more than 500 words. There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year olds. If your child wants to enter, all they need to do is write a story in 500 words or less!

All children are encouraged to enter; spelling punctuation and grammar are not marked. It is all about the creativity! If your child would like to enter, details can be found on the BBC website. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

**Competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.**

Entries are to be submitted via the BBC website but please do bring in your story to school to share with your class teacher too. We would love to read them!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Good luck! Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead



## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### Pumpkin Competition

**Thanks for the amazing entries for the pumpkin making competition. Winners will be announced on the 21st October 2024.**

There will be three prizes per year group. **1st prize is a £5 Amazon voucher, 2nd and 3rd prizes** will be a delicious chocolatey treat! Prizes are kindly donated by the PTA.

### Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Cauliflower Christmas Card artwork will be done in class and sent home with the order forms before half term. Children are welcome to do their own designs at home if they wish. Please order and pay online for the Christmas cards or other merchandise you would like. It is a great way to raise money for the school.

Please send artwork and order forms back into school by **Tuesday 5th November 2024** and the PTA will send off the artwork for the items to be created. The Christmas cards and merchandise will be delivered to school by early December.



I am excited to announce my upcoming Christmas Card Competition and I would love for your school to be involved! This festive competition is open to all primary school students, giving them a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creativity and spread some Christmas cheer through their designs. I encourage as many schools as possible to participate, and it would be fantastic if your students could join in the fun. The competition is a great way to highlight and celebrate the creative talents of our young people. The only restrictions are that the design should have a seasonal theme, portrait orientation and fit in the box outlined in the attached template. Please feel free to photocopy as many as you require. Here are some key details:

### Local MP Christmas Card Competition

- Theme: Festive/Seasonal
- Age Groups: The competition is open to all students from Reception to Year 6.
- Format - see form attached below.
- Submission Deadline: Wednesday 13th November 2024
- Prizes: There will be a small prize for the winner and two runners up. The overall winning design will be featured on the front of my official Christmas card this year.

- **Submission:** Please send all entries to Helen Maguire MP at Global House, 1 Ashley Road, Epsom, KT18 5AD. Please ensure each entry clearly includes the student's full name along with their age and school.

If you would like any further information, or would like details on our data protection policy, please contact Ellie on 020 7219 1013 or [elliec.finch@parliament.uk](mailto:elliec.finch@parliament.uk)<sup>5</sup>. I look forward to seeing the wonderful designs from your students!

Kind regards, **Rt. Hon. Helen Maguire MP for Epsom and Ewell**

**2024 Christmas Card Competition – Helen Maguire MP**

**Name of School:** .....

**First and Last name:** .....

**Age:** .....



To be submitted to: Helen Maguire, Global House, 1 Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5AD  
by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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<sup>5</sup><mailto:elliec.finch@parliament.uk>



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Winter Uniform After Half Term - No Polo Shirts

After half term it is winter uniform until March 2025. No polo shirts so it is time to learn how to tie a tie and check jumpers have names in.

Winter uniform is grey shorts, grey trousers, grey knee-length skirt or grey pinafore with white shirt or blouse, red V-neck pullover with school logo or red cardigan with school logo and school tie. Black shoes (not fashion shoes, trainers or boots) should be worn with grey or white ankle socks, or grey, black or red tights. No red gingham dresses or polo shirts please. Remember coats for playtime and lunchtime and put names in all coats and jumpers. Boots are not permitted in school. The uniform is smart sensible black shoes, no fashion shoes. Additional trainers for use at playtime. PE/Games kit can still be worn on PE/Games days though please ensure appropriate for the weather e.g. PE logo jumper if needed. Plain non branded joggers, black or grey for very cold days. Ensure all uniform has a name label. Hair needs to be tied up if shoulder length. Stud earrings only.

For the full uniform click here on link below

<https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

### Dark Evenings - Pick Up From Clubs Only (No Walking Home Alone)

Children are not permitted to walk home after clubs from October half term as it is dark so parents/carers must pick up at 4.30pm from the main gate. If an alternative adult is picking up they please ensure the **club leader** is informed directly.

### Change to School Meals

As we approach the end of this half term, you have the option to change your child's meal preference for next half term (Autumn Term 2)



**Please only complete this form by Monday 21st October 2024 if you wish to make a change.**

If your child requires a special diet, please can you also complete and return a **Special Dietary Requirement Form** by Monday 21st October 2024. This form can also be found directly on our website under Parents/Meals

Please can you settle your child's account and any outstanding balances if applicable.

Please note that the cost of a School Meal for 2024/2025 is £2.80 per day.

Change of School Meal Form<sup>6</sup>

Special Diet Request Form<sup>7</sup>

### **Open Day Tours for Prospective Parents**

Would you like to visit our vibrant school, meet the Headteacher and get a personal tour with some of our pupils? We are holding two open mornings for prospective parents/carers this term. This is the perfect opportunity to tour around our amazing school with our prefects, see the classes in action, view the school at first hand and ask questions. There will be a brief presentation on arrival at 10.15am and then a questions and answers session with the Headteacher at the end of your personalised tour.

The tour is aimed at prospective parents planning to join us next year in Year 3 and this is an opportunity to see the school in action. The children will get a chance to meet their new teacher and see the school in the summer term if successful in gaining a place. If you have younger, pre-school children we appreciate that you may have to bring them on this tour however, please note that there are no crèche facilities.

The dates are:

- **Tuesday 5th November 2024** - 10.15am - 11.30am
- **Wednesday 6th November 2024** - 10.15am - 11.30am

Places are limited to 60 per day so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you are interested in booking the tour, please click on the following link and complete the form if you would like to attend.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER<sup>8</sup>](#)

We look forward to seeing you.

### **Please Always Bring A Coat**

Please ensure your child brings in a **named coat** as we encourage children to go out at playtime and lunchtime to get some fresh air unless it is heavily pouring down. The children will go out to place if it is a light shower. It is now autumn term and the weather is always unpredictable so a coat is always needed.

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<sup>6</sup><https://forms.gle/3tuw6iAgKRwUHF1B9>

<sup>7</sup>[https://files.schudio.com/wallace-fields-junior-school/files/documents/SPECIAL\\_DIET\\_REQUEST\\_FORM\\_V4\\_May\\_2023.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/wallace-fields-junior-school/files/documents/SPECIAL_DIET_REQUEST_FORM_V4_May_2023.pdf)

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# CLUBS

## Sign Up for Excellent Wraparound Care - JAG!



### Discover a fun-filled daily schedule at Junior Adventures Group's Breakfast & After School Clubs!

Unforgettable sessions for 4-11 year olds delivered here every day throughout the academic year!

Junior Adventures Group (JAG) is the UK's leading provider of Breakfast, After School and Holiday Clubs offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Their staff are expertly trained, DBS-checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified, experienced and passionate about the activities they offer.

🌟 **New to JAG?** [Click here](#) to start your adventure with JAG today!

#### **Rise then Shine**

JAG's Breakfast Clubs, called **Rise Then Shine**, prepare children's minds and bodies for a busy school day! A healthy, nutritious breakfast keeps them energised throughout the morning, while the focus on an active start stimulates brain activity and concentration, ensuring children get the most out of their day.

Find out more at:  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/breakfast-club>

#### **After School Clubs**

JAG's After School Clubs, called **Stay and Play**, offer fun, happy, safe places for children to play freely across age groups and take part in structured activities

0333 577 1533  
5a Millars Brook Business Park, Molly Millars Ln, Wokingham RG41 2AD  
[junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](http://junioradventuresgroup.co.uk)

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such as arts and crafts and active play. Providing an energising end to the school day, children can join group activities, enjoy a healthy snack, or chill out with toys and games that are all set up and ready for them to enjoy.

Find out more at:  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/>

JAG's fun and enriching Breakfast and After School Clubs run daily throughout the academic year.

#### **The Adventure Programme!**

At the core of JAG's Breakfast and After School Clubs is the Adventure Programme. Comprising seven action-packed categories, this programme is backed by research into child development and created in partnership with experts, providing children with opportunities to develop essential life skills, explore their interests, and have fun. With a wide selection of activities focused on physical education, arts, STEM, and wellbeing, children can whip up tasty treats, get sporty, or unwind with yoga and mindfulness.

The Adventure Programme features seven exciting categories:

- 👊 **Power Teams:** Dive into fun games, thrilling challenges, and dynamic group activities to develop lifelong team skills.
- 🧠 **Brain Boosters:** Crack codes, solve puzzles, and engage in captivating science experiments and STEM activities that explore the wonders of the world.
- 🌍 **Global Kids:** Embark on a journey to become better global citizens by developing essential life skills and discovering the world around you.
- 🏃 **Super Sports:** Participate in energetic and fun sports sessions designed to build essential skills for a lifetime of active living.
- 🧘 **Wellbeing Warriors:** Discover activities that enhance happiness, mindfulness, and overall wellbeing.
- 🎨 **Creative Inventors:** Unleash your imagination through creative activities that blend arts, materials, and crafts, helping you unlock your inner inventor and discover hidden talents.
- 🍴 **Flavour Fest:** Explore food and nutrition with interactive, engaging activities designed to promote healthy eating habits.

Each category gives children the opportunity to develop life skills, explore their interests, and create friendships for life—all while having fun!

Access the links to the JAG website below to find out more!

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**Breakfast & After School Club activities:**  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/activities/>

**The JAC adventure Programme:**  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/advice/unlocking-adventures-through-research-the-jag-adventure-programme/>

**Flexible Payment Options**

JAG understands that affordability may be of concern for families in the current climate. Their flexible payment options offer families several ways to make payments manageable. From their handy instalment plans to supporting your eligibility to access funding schemes – JAG strives to make childcare services available for every child. Find out more about our flexible payment options available to you at:  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/payment-options/>



**Booking Information**

To book please login/create an account if you haven't already and secure your place online at: <https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/>. Please follow the quick step guide below:

- Register a Junior Adventures Group account
- Please confirm that you have read the Terms and Conditions
- Add your desired Breakfast or After School Club location as centre
- Add your child(ren) to your Junior Adventures Group account before attempting to make a booking
- Ensure all the Consent questions, Collector, Emergency Contacts and Doctor details are added.
- After this click on 'Book Activity' to make a booking.
- Select the dates you wish to book!

**More information**

If you're looking for more information about Junior Adventures Group Clubs, visit some of their key webpages below;

- ✓ **Parent Support:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/>
- ✓ **Our Locations:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/>
- ✓ **Our Story:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/our-story/>

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- ✓ **New to JAC:**  
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/new-to-jag/>

Otherwise, please don't hesitate to call the friendly Junior Adventures Group team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at [hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk](mailto:hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk).



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# SAFEGUARDING & 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

- 1 KNOW THE TYPES**

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.
- 2 COVER ALL DEVICES**

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.
- 3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH**

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.
- 4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS**

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.
- 5 BLOCK APP SPENDING**

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.
- 6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT**

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.
- 7 MIND THE GAPS**

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover Wi-Fi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.
- 8 KEEP THINGS SECURE**

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.
- 9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY**

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.
- 10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP**

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

**Meet Our Expert**  
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## Online Safety

Online Safety is a huge, current topic for all. Technology is all around and children are accessing the internet more and more in the modern world. We therefore have regular Online Safety discussions in Computing lessons and have a focus each term on an aspect of Online Safety. Through our newsletter, we will let you know what the children are learning in their Online Safety discussions and we will keep you updated with the theme of the half term.

National Online Safety is a group we work with to promote internet safety at Wallace Fields Junior School. Our school have an accreditation with the National Online Safety group which reflects our commitment to keeping children safe online. Their resources will support parents and carers at home too with videos all about internet safety.

Please join our National Online Safety platform, or follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A festive poster for 'Epsom on Ice' ice skating. The background is a teal gradient with white snowflakes. The title 'Epsom ON ICE' is in large, white, stylized letters. To the right, 'ICE SKATING FAMILY FUN' is written in smaller white letters. A central circular illustration shows a family of three (a man, a woman, and a child) ice skating on a rink. In the background of the rink, there are decorated Christmas trees and a bridge. Below the illustration is a black rectangular box with white text: '28 NOVEMBER - 5 JANUARY 2025'. Underneath this box, it says 'OPEN EVERY DAY EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS DAY' and 'TICKETS FROM JUST £10!'. At the bottom, 'Epsom Downs RACECOURSE' is written in a serif font.

**Epsom**  
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RACECOURSE

Love me  
Love my mind

Join us for a



Epsom Social  
FOOD HALL

# Spooky Halloween & Half Term Activities

*wear your favourite character and  
Halloween costumes!*

**Sat 26th October: Arts and Crafts from 11am**

**Sun 27th October: Superhero Arts and  
Crafts from 2pm**

**Tues 29th October: Fairy Princess Arts  
and Crafts 12 - 2pm**

**Weds 30th October: Unicorns and Rainbows  
Arts and Crafts 12 - 2pm.**

**Harry Potter Movie Screening 3 - 4.30pm**

**Thurs 31st October: Ghost and Ghouls Arts  
and Crafts 3 - 5pm**

**Fri 1st November: Pirates and Mermaids Arts and  
Crafts 3 - 5pm**

**Sat 2nd November: Arts and Crafts from 11am**

**Sun 3rd November: Arts and Crafts from 2pm**

Contact Allen 07592 542530  
[info@lovemelovemymind.org.uk](mailto:info@lovemelovemymind.org.uk)  
Charity Number 1177683



## Christmas Photo Sessions Available to Book



### CHRISTMAS MINI SESSIONS 2024

2 Packages starting from £77  
Online gallery | Additional digitals/prints available to purchase  
Location: Wallace Fields Junior School Dorling Dr, Ewell,  
Epsom KT17 3BH  
Anna Pelech - Capture Moments Photography

I'm so excited to introduce the Christmas sessions.

The time has come for this special event of MINI CHRISTMAS SESSIONS! 🌲🌲

Make Christmas a little more magical.

Christmas mini photoshoot is an opportunity to capture the magic and warmth of the holiday season, create memories, and share your love and joy with others in a uniquely festive way. It's the time of the year to really enjoy being together, laugh, have fun and document these moments in the form of beautiful pictures.

PACKAGES starts from £77 ❤️❤️❤️

This year my Mini Sessions will be in Epsom

📍 Wallace Fields Junior School Epsom KT17 3BH

I cannot wait to photograph your family and capture those moments of pure magic.

Link to bookings is through the link or QR Code above.

[https://book.usesession.com/s/R\\_pFlk6Az](https://book.usesession.com/s/R_pFlk6Az)

Thank you and see you soon ❤️❤️❤️

Anna Pelech Capture Moments Photography 📸

If you have any questions, you can email me on [annapelechphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:annapelechphotography@yahoo.com) or text on 07362456429.

## Girl Footballers Needed



 **ALEXANDRA UNITED**

**GIRLS U7 / U8 FOR NEW TEAM 2024/2025**

**PLAYERS WANTED!**

**Current years 2 & 3**

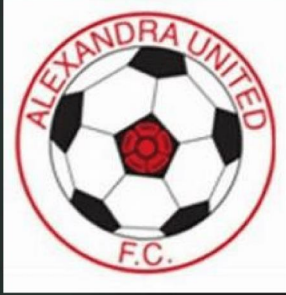
**CONTACT: PEARLS@ALEXUTD.COM**

**Train - Tuesday, Court Rec**

**Aim to play in the SATURDAY girls league**

The poster features a red background with a white soccer ball and a white net graphic on the right side.





# PLAYERS WANTED



**YEAR 5 & 6  
GIRLS**

email:  
[corals@alexutd.com](mailto:corals@alexutd.com)

Training Monday  
Court Rec Epsom 7-8pm  
Match day Saturday

## Bourne Hall Events



Bourne Hall Museum  
Kids Club



bringing history alive

### Norse Gods and Runes

9 November 1pm to 2.30pm

The Viking Age, from 800 to 1050 AD, saw bands of Norsemen going raiding, colonising, conquering and trading throughout Europe, reaching as far as North America. Learn about the Vikings, their beliefs, gods, and language. Discover how to translate and write in Futhark runes, and also handle some replica artifacts.



Cost £6 per child. 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)



On 6 November at 11am, the Garden of Remembrance in Bourne Hall Park will be opened by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and local schoolchildren to honour and remember all those who died in the service of their country.

Schools will be performing songs and poems and placing poppy crosses to remember the loss of servicemen and women in all conflicts.

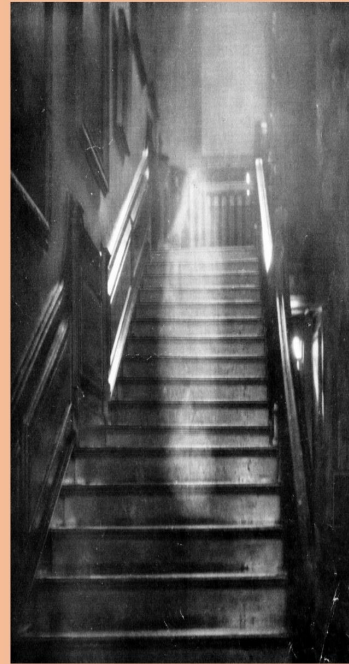
After this ceremony, the public can place their own crosses and tokens of remembrance.

If you would like your school to take part please contact me at:

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

Epsom Halloween Walks  
Wednesday 30 October  
And Friday 1 November  
At 3pm to 4.30pm also  
5.30pm to 7pm and  
8.00pm to 9.30pm,

Meet opposite the fire station in  
Church Street Epsom **Cost £6 per person.** Numbers are limited: to reserve  
your place please contact David  
Brooks—020 8394 1734  
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Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street,  
EWELL, Surrey,  
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A Halloween walk in Epsom, visiting where the dead do not rest, flats, pubs, old houses, ghostly children, and school teachers in Epsom's most haunted house, the matchstick ghost, the ghost that moved next door, an infamous 18<sup>th</sup> century ghost, a WW1 nurse, ghost policemen. Perhaps the ghost of Nell Gwyn and Mrs Beeton and is Epsom clock tower a ghost!