



# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



**Thursday 18th September 2025**

## **KEY DATES FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS**

- **Friday 19th September 2025** - Tag rugby team one off training session 12.10-12.40pm (before lunch).

- **Tuesday 23rd September 2025** 3.30pm-4.30pm - Netball Trial - All who signed up on Google form welcome.
- **Wednesday 24th September** - **U11** Football Tournament- Epsom College. 9.15am - 1.15pm. Selected team.
- **Thursday 25th September 2025** 3.30pm-4.30pm **Year 5** Football Squad Trails.
  - Tag Rugby team fixture at Cuddington Croft 3.45pm-4.50pm.
- **Friday 26th September 2025** - **All** Celebrating Languages Day - wear traditional dress or uniform today.
- **Tuesday 30th September 2025** - Epsom College Music Festival all day.

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

[Click here<sup>2</sup>](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. [Click Here<sup>3</sup>](#) for School Term Dates and INSET days

## Head's Update

### Parent Feedback - Healthy Lifestyle

Following on from the feedback in the parent/carer questionnaire - we asked if the school **educates your child to live a healthy lifestyle**. The response was very positive with **98.5% agreeing** (with 36.4% strongly agreeing). With healthy schools ideas running throughout the school, the sports and the curriculum we feel that we are managing to get a healthy lifestyle message across in practical, personal and cross -curricular ways. The new orienteering planning and resourcing across the school site has been particularly successful and thanks to our geography lead **Mr Taylor** for implementing that. Training in orienteering last academic year also helped.

As a school we have submitted our Healthy Schools Award bid, (thanks to **Miss Hill** and **Ms Gough**) for collating that and we are awaiting a response to that application.

In the comments section you noted that not-so-healthy foods are available at school events, things like cakes, burgers and ice cream. Much as we appreciate this, these food items are typically the things people want to purchase at school fairs and gatherings, so that tends to be the .

### Parent Feedback - Progress Reporting

We believe the end-of-year report provides a clearer, more meaningful picture of your child's progress than three shorter termly reports. This allows teachers to reflect on the full

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

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

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

academic journey, celebrating achievements and identifying areas for development with greater depth and accuracy.

Importantly, there are three formal opportunities across the year for you to meet with your child's class teacher. If at any point your child is not meeting expected standards, we will contact you directly and explain the support systems in place. We are committed to early intervention and transparency— one of my well known mantras is 'no surprises at parents' evening'.

If you have concerns about your child's progress or provision, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher via the school office. Appointments can be arranged in person or by phone for more detailed discussions.

Your child's maths targets are clearly visible in their maths books, and teachers are expected to keep you informed throughout the year. Our aim is to work in partnership with you to ensure every child thrives.

### Stars of Week

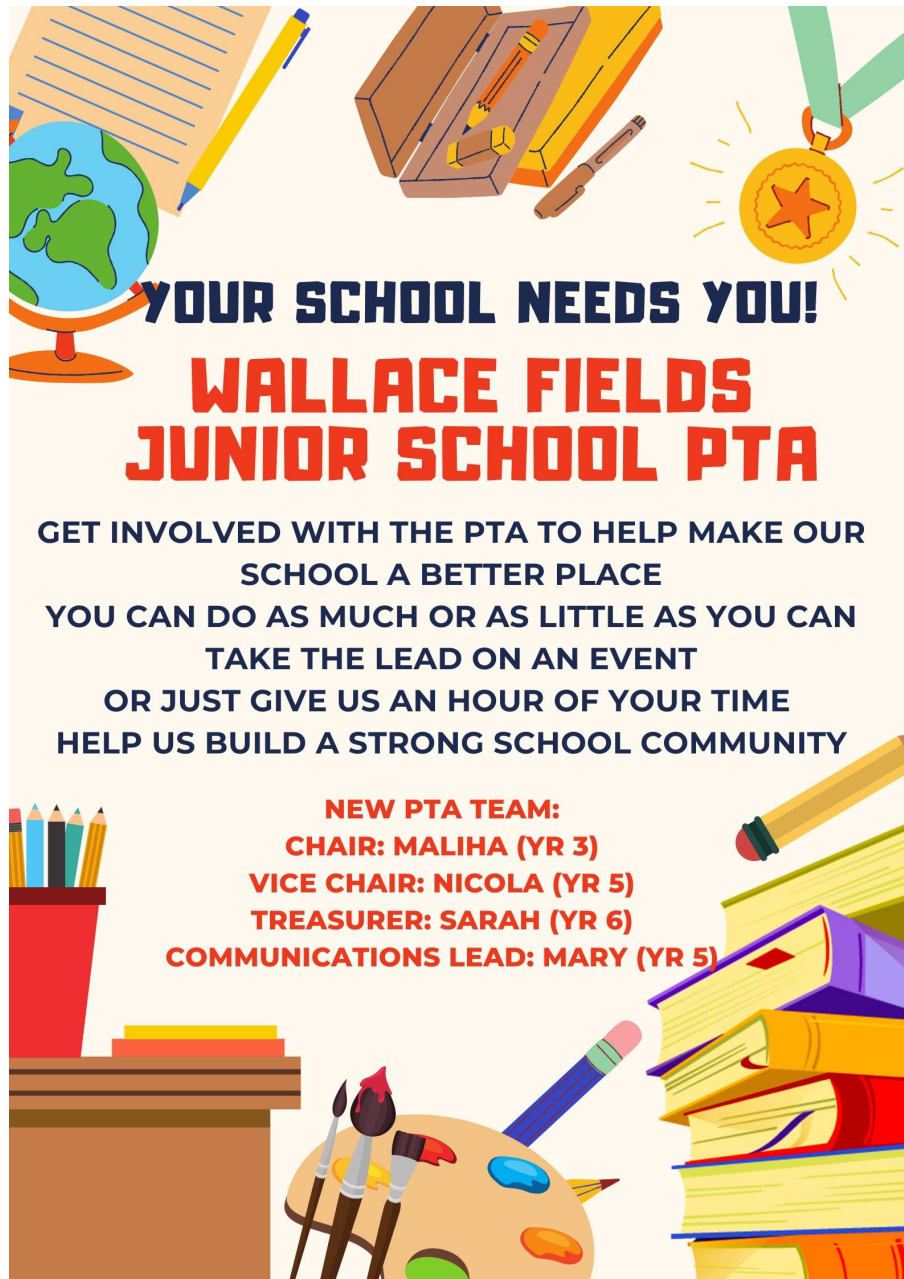


Last week's **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly on Friday - they create an excellent role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values.

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.

## THIS WEEK

### PTA New Committee



### Photos of Year 5 at Work

Click here <sup>4</sup>to see some lovely photos of the Year 5 working hard in class.

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<sup>4</sup><https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-09-18-year-5-hard-at-work>



## IMPORTANT NEWS

### Pumpkin Making Competition Launched

## The annual pumpkin-making competition is back!



Design your own pumpkin using either materials that you have at home or, if you need materials, please speak to Mrs Curran. Be as creative as you can. The winning designs will receive a prize. (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in lower school and the best pumpkin in Year 5 and 6 will receive a prize). The final hand-in date for your pumpkin creations is the **15<sup>th</sup> of October**. The winners will be called out in assembly on the **17<sup>th</sup> of October**.

Please see some design ideas on the slides that follow. We can't wait to see your awesome pumpkins!



### School Photos

# GOOD NEWS!



Your child's official school photographs are now online!

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW AND ORDER**

(this link will direct you to [www.bentleypics.com](http://www.bentleypics.com) where you will be required to enter the access codes from the unique ticket your child was given on the day of the photo shoot.)

1 - [Click here](#)<sup>5</sup>

If you have lost your child's photo slip then please contact Bentley by emailing [support@bentleyphoto.com](mailto:support@bentleyphoto.com)<sup>6</sup>. Please include in the email school name, child's name and class. The deadline to ensure photos are delivered via school is 25th September 2025 at midnight. Thank you.

### Wear Traditional Dress on Celebrate Languages Day Friday 26th September

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. See below some photos from a previous year. If unsure then please send your child into school in school uniform.

<sup>5</sup><https://orders.online.bentleypics.com/>

<sup>6</sup><mailto:support@bentleyphoto.com>

Merci beaucoup! Grazie mille ! Gracias! Danke!

Mme Siobhan Cornell, French Lead



## YEAR 3

### Reminder - Earrings Not Permitted for PE

Children wearing earrings are not permitted to do PE or games due to health and safety guidelines. We have asked the infant school to remind parents in Year 2 to get ears pierced at the start of the summer holiday so that they are fully cured for the start of term.

**Please ensure your child can take out their own earrings on PE days or take them out in the morning before school.**

Thank you

### Year 3 Homework

Teachers have explained all homework expectations to Year 3 and discussed with parents and carers in the welcome meeting.

Homework consists of:

- **Reading** at least 3 times a week - to be noted and signed in the Reading Record.
- **Spelling Shed** - 3 x 10 minute games will be set on a Monday.
- **Times Tables Rock Stars** - 10 x 1 minute games will be set on a Monday.
- **Mathletics** - 1 x 30 minute quest will be set on a Wednesday.
- **Handwriting** - a written activity will be sent home in dedicated handwriting books on a Wednesday.

All homework is due in on the following Monday. Children who do not complete homework will attend Catch Up Zone to allow time to catch up on any incomplete or missed work.

**Homework has begun fully this week Monday 15th September 2025. Children have been reminded of this throughout the week and the first piece of homework will be due in on Monday 22nd September 2025.**

Homework is part of the home/school agreement with parents, and you have agreed to provide support and an appropriate time and place to complete the homework uninterrupted.

### **Class Reps for 3D Announced**

Thank you to Savannah B's mum and Mila's Mum who have kindly put themselves forward to be **3D class rep**. If you are willing to be a class rep for 3T then please let the PTA and School Office know. Much appreciated.

## **YEAR 4**

### **Homework Requirements for Year 4**

- **Reading:** At least three reads, recorded in the reading record. Reading Records are collected in on Wednesdays.
- **Times Table Rock Stars:** Ten minutes of revision.
- **Mathletics:** Skills quests which are set by class teachers. Children are more than welcome to complete more tasks/games if they would like.
- **English:** Spelling Shed. Tasks set by class teachers. Children are more than welcome to complete more tasks/games if they would like.
- **Topic homework:** Set every half term. All homework collected in on a Wednesday.

Homework is part of the home/school agreement with parents, and you have agreed to provide support and an appropriate time and place to complete the homework uninterrupted

## **YEAR 5**

### **Year 5 Old Pillow Cases/Sheets Needed**

Please bring in any donations of old pillow cases, bed sheets or shirts (preferably white!) for the children's leaf artwork. We have some fabric left from last year which we have used, though not enough for the backing. It can be an old used one or a very cheap new one. Please bring them in as soon as possible so we can start cutting them up ready for the upcoming art lessons.

## YEAR 5 & Year 6

### Upper School Choir Invited to Music Festival at Epsom College

Parents/carers of the upper school choir have been emailed with a Google link to confirm they give permission to attend the **Music Festival at Epsom College** on Tuesday 30th September 10.30am-4.20pm. They will join other local schools for their annual Music Festival, led by the Director of Music, Mr Paul Johnson-Hyde. It will be a lovely day, the children will be taught some songs and how to be part of a large choir. There will then be a short concert for parents at the end of the day (please see invite below from Epsom College).

On the day, children will be expected to come to school as usual and we will walk them to Epsom College ready for a 10:30am start. We have two school volunteers who have offered to accompany Mrs Baxter and myself, but **we need an extra parent volunteer to stay for the day** as well (I will be taking around 45 children and we need the correct adult: pupil ratio). If you are able to help, please could you indicate this on the Google form below. We will need you to meet us in the school office at 9.30am as we will depart at 9.45am.

Children will not need to bring anything with them on the day apart from a raincoat, as water and lunch are provided. If they can leave school bags at home that makes things a lot easier as they tend to get in the way (and please, definitely no fidget toys or books – we will be busy rehearsing!) Children need to wear full winter uniform (shirt and tie) so we look smart for the concert.

Epsom College are very kindly providing refreshments for parents/carers (in Main Hall at 3.30pm) before a little end of the day concert at 4pm (in Big School). We would be delighted if you could join us for the children's final performance. Please see invitation at the end of this letter.

If you are not able to attend the concert, please arrange for your child to be collected from the main entrance of Epsom College at 4.20pm.

If your child would like to take part in this event, please complete the Google form sent on Monday 15th September 2025 by email to upper school choir members parents/carers. Please respond by this Friday 19th September 2025 as Epsom college need to organise the catering.

I am very much looking forward to this day and I am sure the choir will have a wonderful experience.

Kind regards, **Mrs Jo Johnstone (Music Lead)**



## SPORTS TEAMS and FIXTURES

### Year 5 & Year 6 Boys Football Team

Trials start tonight for the boys football team with Year 6. The football trials are as follows:

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

If your child is selected training for those selected will start on **Thursday 2nd October 3.30pm-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 does not make the team or just wants to play more football, then there are still spaces for Year 5 and Year 6 Wednesday girls' and boys' after school **paid football club with NS Sport**. Click here<sup>7</sup> for more information.

### Girls' Football

All the girls who have signed up to take part in upper school girls' football training after school on Thursdays will be part of the girls' football squad. Training will happen every Thursday after school 3.30pm-4.30pm. We are excited that we have been approached by other schools about lots of possible fixtures. Mr Dowdeswell will use SPOND to communicate about fixtures and who he will be inviting to play for each match and a SPOND link has been sent to all the girls who attended training last week.

The girls football coach had another amazing turn out for the lower school girls football training at lunchtime and he hopes to have some fixtures for them too very soon.

### Tag Rugby Squad

There was a great turn out for the tag rugby team at the trials on Friday 12th September 2025 and the team has been selected and emailed. The children selected are as follows: **William C, Dylan L, Josh K, Lucas E, Finley KQ, Lander S, Benjamin M, Peggy K, Olivia W, Alma C and Eliana A**. Please can parents /carers of the team download the SPOND app and click on the link provided in the email to receive information about fixtures and extra training etc. There are two fixtures already in the calendar at Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club on **Friday 26th September 2025 3.45pm-4.50pm** and **Friday 21st November 2025 3.45-4.50pm**.

The children will be provided with a rugby kit a couple of days before and you can keep that kit until the end of the rugby season. The children should wear football boots, coat, and water bottle.

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<sup>7</sup><https://nssport2.co.uk/>

In order to prepare for the match, Mr Sellars will be running a one-off training session on **Friday 19th September 2025** lunchtime at the beginning of the lunchtime period. Please send them in with their P.E. kit, football boots on Friday. Thank you.

### Netball Squad

It was lovely to see a huge turn out of Year 5 & Year 6 girls and boys for the netball squad. As a few were unable to make the trials due to 11+ exam we will hold another trial next week and all are invited to come again on **Tuesday 23rd September 3.30-4.30pm**. Please ensure they bring in PE kit and trainers.

Following this session a team will be selected and parents/cares email to confirm their place. Those selected will need to come to training **every Tuesday** after school. Parents/carers will also be sent a SPOND link so Mr Sellars can communicate about fixtures and team selections etc.

### 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

### 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**

### 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. Please visit [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk)<sup>8</sup> 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/lemX05T04lw>

## 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 digital literacy. Formerly developed by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [www.thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters. Offering interactive responses that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share collected or inferred responses, generate personalised beauty standards, and collect personal data. Artificial filters and deepfakes can be used to impersonate reality, potentially leading to misrepresentation, harassment, or inappropriate content.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**  
Snapchat boasts user engagement and daily use with features like the heavily daily Snapchat messages between you and a friend. When a friend is being getting for a few days, users feel sad or angry. The counter-clockwise it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.
- SEXUATION**  
Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of extortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then someone captures those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve blackmailing they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.
- SNAPCHAT+**  
Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called 'Lens+', giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.
- ACCESSIBILITY**  
Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make it difficult to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of inappropriate communication or exposure to inappropriate content.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The features used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images or videos – so viewing content to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB**  
Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**  
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you maintain an open dialogue. Talk about risks and boundaries with children on the app so, if they do have any, you can encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about the platform and have honest conversations.
- BLOCK AND REPORT**  
If a stranger contacts with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to take any further reporting that can, with a limited reporting, report to the National Cyber Crime Centre (N3C) or the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC). It's important to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images or videos.
- USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**  
Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them understand when and where they can share their stories, or see them becoming an 'only snap'. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, ensuring that understanding of some boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Condon is a senior safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various resources, papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk>

## NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme

Wallace Fields Juniors are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term and there will be **an assembly on this programme on Monday 22nd September 2025**. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom activities which we have fully reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

[Click here<sup>9</sup>](#) 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/Login><sup>10</sup> 📅 **Already have an account? Book now:**

<https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login><sup>11</sup> 🔍 **Find your school club:** <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/><sup>12</sup>

**#BackToSchool #WraparoundCare #WherePlayFindsPotential**

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<sup>9</sup><https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

<sup>10</sup>[https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

<sup>11</sup>[https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

<sup>12</sup>[https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### Football Achievement

Mila got player of the week on Saturday for an incredible save playing for her team the Sapphires with Alexandra United FC. Well done to Mila.





## Rosebery School Open Mornings

Come to one of our Open Mornings this October to see our school in action. Visit us on any of the dates below:

Friday 3 October 2025  
Tuesday 7 October 2025  
Thursday 9 October 2025

Welcome Talk at 9.15am  
Tours available between 9.15am to 10.15am

There is **no need to book** if you wish to tour the school without attending a talk. Parking **will not** be available onsite; please do not expect to park in any of the roads near school. Instead, we encourage visitors to travel by public transport and/or walk the last part of the journey. Parking restrictions apply in **all local roads**



Visit [www.roseberyschool.co.uk](http://www.roseberyschool.co.uk)  
to book a Welcome Talk

*2 - One open day session will be authorised per child.*