

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024



DATES

- Monday 26th February 2024
 - Year 5 only Swimming (selected pupils)
 - Year 6 Junior Citizen Trip
- **Tuesday 27th February 2024** 1.15pm-2.00pm Year 6 Music Assembly Selected musician parents invited
- **Thursday 29th February 2024** Police Visit to give talk about Use of Phones and WhatsApp. Parents welcome 3.00pm -3.30pm

Other Key Term Dates

- Tuesday 5th March 2024 Audition for Year 5 Music Assembly (during Music Lesson)
- Thursday 7th March 2024 World Book Day Dressing Up (Book Characters)
- Friday 8th March 2024 Mother's Day/Special Person Day
- **Tuesday 12th March 2024** 1.15pm-2.00pm Year 5 Music Assembly Selected musician parents invited.
- Friday 15th March 2024 PTA Comedy Night
- Thursday 21st March 2024 Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- w/c Monday 25th March 2024 Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday 25th March 2024 Parent / Teacher Meetings Evening Face to Face
- Tuesday 26th March 2024 Parent / Teacher Meetings Virtual Online

- Tuesday 26th March 2024 and Wednesday 27th March 2024 Selected choir to Epsom & Ewell Choir Festival (and dress rehearsal on Monday 25th March 2024)
- Thursday 28th March 2024 End of term. 1.30pm Break up for Easter holidays

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE

School Improvement: A considerable amount of school fund goes into maintaining and improving the school site. This is often overlooked and yet is it crucial to ensure the children are happy, safe and in a pleasant learning environment. The Year 5 had their carpets replaced over the half term and Year 6 have brand new ergonomic chairs. The maths group room has new tables and chairs and due to the increase in the use of Chromebooks across the school the computing suite is currently being repurposed to be two learning spaces and possibly a larger Wellbeing / ELSA room. We are soon to get more playground markings put in the playground to stimulate playtime games and the netball pitches will be remarked at the same time. School Council is a very active part of pupil voice and they have conveyed the kinds of games and school improvements that they would like. No doubt the children will let you know as they see these new resources and improvements appear.

Come and Join Our Teaching Team: We have vacancies for teaching assistants at the moment and a fabulous opportunity for anyone interested in working with children and watching them learn and discover the world around them. We have a fabulous supportive team of teachers and support staff and you will have full training and a designated mentor. We have an enthusiastic, helpful and highly professional team and working here will be an exciting and enjoyable experience. Some of our teaching assistants have gone on to qualify as teachers and this might be an ideal role for you or possibly a friend or relative who is great with children! Details below.

Rainy Days - Water Proof Coats: Please be aware that with the rainy weather ahead, children need a suitable coat that includes a hood to be comfortable at play times. Only extremely heavy rain will evoke wet playtime as the children need to get fresh air and have the opportunity to run around. Also make sure your child's coat is labelled as returning lost coats is automatically completed by Year 6 monitors. Thank you.

Guide to Junior School Parents: Importance of Attendance Above 95%

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is crucial for their academic success and overall development. Here's why maintaining attendance above 95% is absolutely vital:

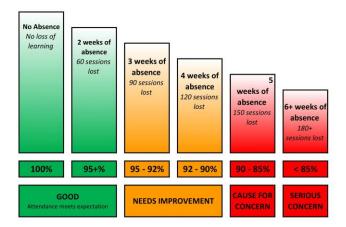
- Consistency in Learning: Regular attendance provides your child with consistent instruction, allowing them to stay up to date with the curriculum and build upon their knowledge and skills.
- Active Participation: Being present in the classroom enables your child to actively engage in activities, discussions, and group work, contributing to a richer learning experience and fostering critical thinking skills.

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

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

- Social and Emotional Development: School plays a significant role in your child's social and emotional growth. Regular attendance allows them to form meaningful relationships with peers, develop empathy, and practice essential social skills.
- Building Responsibility: Attending school regularly instils values of responsibility and commitment in your child. It teaches them to prioritise their education, show up on time, and take ownership of their learning journey.
- Academic Achievement: Studies consistently show a very strong correlation between attendance rates and academic achievement. Students with high attendance are more likely to achieve higher grades, perform well on standardised tests, and succeed academically.

Your support in ensuring your child's regular attendance is essential. Encourage them to prioritise school attendance, establish a consistent routine, and communicate any challenges they may face. Together, we can create an environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.



IMPORTANT NEWS

Remember to Sign Up for Mothers Day / Special Person Gift



1 - https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta.

Thursday 7th March is Book Character Dress Up Day!

Thursday 7th March 2024 is a day for dressing up as a personal favourite character for a book – for example: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Alice in Wonderland, Gangsta Granny, Pippi Longstocking, Voldemort, Cat in the Hat, Peter Pan, Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG, Angelina Ballerina, Mr Bump, Paddington Bear, Burglar Bill, the witch from Room on the Broom, Billionaire Boy, The Boy in a Dress, Thing 1 (or Thing 2), The Highway Rat, The Gruffalo, Aslan or the Snow Queen (Chronicles of Narnia) etc.

Make props and masks – use your creative genius to think of new and innovative characters you have read about! It is not a football kit day or mufti day – book characters only please. **If unsure, school uniform can be worn.**

Book Week Plans

Wallace Fields Junior School is holding **Book Week** during week **starting Monday 4th March 2024.** The purpose of our Book Week is to encourage children to pick up a book and read! We are planning lots of opportunities for cosy reading and visits to the library. The Theme is "**Read what you like.**" So please encourage your child to bring in a book they love that they can enjoy reading all week. Children are welcome to bring in pillows, blankets or onesies (over uniform) for cosy reading (please ensure they are named).

We would like to **invite you to come into school one afternoon and share a favourite book** (current or a childhood favourite) with a class for 10 - 15 minutes. Also, if you have a job as a writer, illustrator, publisher etc., please come and share that with us. Parents, Grandparents, Siblings or other relatives are welcome. If you would like to come into read then please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk³

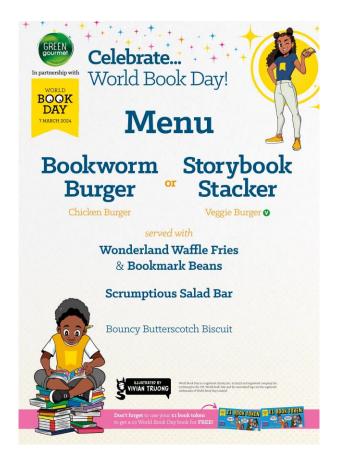
Please can **all children bring in a shoe box or similar size cardboard box** by 4th March 2024 for a competition during Book Week.

On Thursday 7th March 2024 we will have a Book Character Day where all the children and staff shall dress up as a book character. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes. Children on a PE day should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons.

On Thursday 7th March 2024 Emma and her crew of Twelve15 (the lunch providers) will be doing a **Book Week themed menu**. Please see below.

Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting event.

³mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk



Teaching Assistant Vacancy at Wallace Fields Junior School

Wallace Fields Junior School currently have an exciting opportunity for a passionate **Teaching Assistant** to join our fantastic team in our happy and friendly school. The role is for 18 to 30 hours.
For more information click here⁴. We are ideally looking for someone with previous TA or teaching experience though training and support will be provided.

The closing date is **29th February 2024**. We evaluate applications on receipt and will contact suitable candidates for interview before the closing date. Please note, the role will close as soon as a successful candidate is appointed so early application is recommended. Interviews are scheduled for the week commencing 26th February 2024.

Final Sponsored Walk Donations

The sponsored walk in aid of the all weather pitch and we are pleased to announce that all classes managed to walk to their destinations! Year 3 walked to Brighton, Year 4 walked to Portsmouth, Year 5 walked to Cambridge and Year 6 made it to Dover! Here is the link to donate on Crowdfunder: https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk ⁵

Gardening Club Update

Gardening Club started back this Tuesday lunchtime. The children got hard to work weeding the bed outside the diner. See the photographs before, during and after below. Any child is welcome to come along. You just need to remind then to bring old shoes / wellies are needed as we do not want mud taken back into the classrooms. If the children want to bring gardening gloves too that would be lovely, as we have several pairs though we are in short supply.

⁴https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=13108

⁵https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/all-weather-pitch-sponsored-walk

Spare Tools Needed for Gardening Club - If you are having a tidy up of your shed and have any spare tools that would be really helpful too as would any seed compost as we are almost ready to germinate some seeds ready for spring planting. Expect some pots for your window sills soon!









Police Talk: Phones and WhatsApp - 29th February 2024

We are delighted to welcome police for an educational visit to Wallace Fields Junior School on the afternoon of **29th February 2024.** They will be talking about the use of mobile phones and WhatsApp. The schedule for their visit will be as follows:

- 1.10 -1.30pm Whole school assembly
- 1.30 2.45pm Year 6 Talk on use of imagery and WhatsApp
- 3.00 3.30pm Year 5 & 6 Parent Talk.

The police would like to invite parents in for this talk about the use of phones and WhatsApp from 3pm to approximately 3.30pm. This is mainly aimed at upper school parents/carers (Year 5 and Year 6) though all are welcome. Please complete the Google link by clicking the link below if you are interested in attending.

https://forms.gle/n3vyVB78SZXGsPTY8

Easter Art Competition



YEAR 3

Butser Ancient Farm Visit on Thursday 21st March 2024

On **Thursday 21st March 2024** Year 3 will be visiting **Butser Ancient Farm**, Hampshire, to enhance their topic work in the classroom and discover more about the Iron Age.

Butser Ancient Farm is a unique archaeological reconstruction of ancient buildings and a farm. The children will take part in activities such as archaeological excavation, jewellery making and chalk carving.

To cover the cost we need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £32 per child, which can be paid via the Scopay website. The cost covers the coach and entry to Butser farm. If you have problems or wish to pay in smaller instalments please contact the school office on 020 8393 0350. We will treat payment as permission to take part in the trip. Thank you.

Please email the School Office on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁶ if you are interested in **volunteering to help on the school trip.** We will be in touch next week to confirm who will be coming on the trip with us.

We do hope to share **photos of the trip** on X (formerly Twitter), on our website and in the newsletter. If your child currently does not have permission to have their photograph shared but you would like to change this; please contact the School Office by emailing Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁷

⁶mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

YEAR 4

http://twitter.com/statuses/1760989341474566238

YEAR 5

Year 5 Music Assembly Auditions Tuesday 5th March 2024

If your child would like to take part in the music assembly, auditions are taking place during the Year 5 music lessons on **Tuesday 5th March 2024.** Please ensure your child brings their instrument and music on this day ready to perform. Parents of children selected to perform will receive an email. **Year 5 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 12th March** 1.15pm and parents of performers are invited to attend.

Swimming

The chosen Year 5 and 6 children continue swimming on Monday mornings. Please remember to pack swimming costume/trunks and a towel for each Monday as we leave sharply at 8.55am. This week, **Monday 26th February, only Year 5 will take part** as Year 6 are on a day trip. After next week there are still three more sessions on **4th March and 11th March** and **18th March 2024**

Playhouse Choir Festival

All Year 5 & 6 choir parents should now know which day your choir member is taking part in the Choir Festival. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the event from the Epsom Playhouse website by clicking here⁸. Tickets are now on sale and often sell out

YEAR 6

Year 6 Music Assembly - Tuesday 27th February 2024

Well done to all the Year 6 musicians who auditioned this week for the Year 6 Music Assembly. Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected to perform on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

- 6C: Tamzin A, Julia E-L, Liyana H, Tylor L, Chloe O, Arlia P and Yannis Y
- 6G: Edgar C, Luna C, Amalie D, Jack S and Amelia S.

Parents/Carers of those selected have been emailed to invite them to come along to watch. The assembly will start at **1.15pm** and should take approximately 30 minutes. Please remind musicians to bring in their instrument and music in the morning of the performance.

Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme: 26th February 2024

A letter has been sent to parents/carers with details of our forthcoming trip to Epsom Downs Racecourse for the Junior Citizen event on **Monday 26th February 2024**. In order to cover the cost we do ask for a voluntary contribution of £11.50 payable via Scopay. The children will leave

⁷mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

⁸https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/shows/epsom-ewell-schools-music-festival

school by coach at 9.15am and will return to school at approximately 11.45am in time for lunch. They will eat lunch at school as normal.

If your child is currently taking part in the swimming on Monday mornings, they will **miss the swimming for this week only** and join the rest of Year 6 for Junior Citizen. If you have already paid for swimming, an adjustment will be made to your contributions when we continue swimming in the Summer term for those that need it.

PTA AND FUNDRAISING



PTA Comedy Night

Wallace Fields Junior School welcomes the return of the infamous Comedy Night. This is a popular event and an excellent selection of circuit comedians will be bringing the mirth along for a fun

evening (adults only). Bring your sense of humour and get ready to laugh. Funniest tickets in-town are now available to book via pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta⁹

Doors open at 7:30pm on Friday 15th March 2024 First drink and bar snacks included.

WFJS PTA.

⁹http://pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta



PTA Spring /Summer Project



Reminders and News

Spare Socks, Tights and Pants Needed

We would really appreciate some second hand clean socks, tights and pants of all sizes from Age 7 years to 11 year olds for spares to keep in the school office. Some school shoes in good condition may also be useful for spares in school too. They are useful for when children get wet feet or have accidents.

Games for Wet Play Needed

We are looking for complete sets of age appropriate games, sit down activities and sets of cards for wet play. Board games and card games would be fantastic including Top Trumps and Uno. Mrs White is looking to refresh the wet play boxes for each year group.

French Homework

The optional Linguascope practice for this week is as follows:

- Year 3: Linguascope Elementary/Alphabet and to learn a song LinguaMove/L'Alphabet
- Year 4: Linguascope Beginners/Moi et ma famille/ Les traits de personalité
- Year 5: Linguascope Beginners/Les vetements 1 et 2
- Year 6: Linguascope Begninners/L'alimentation/Les Légumes



Wellbeing and Safeguarding









Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

















Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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www.skipssafetynet.org

COMMUNITY NEWS

Myths, gods and monsters
Saturday March 9
1pm to 2.30pm





Think myths, gods and monsters are things of the past,? Learn how they pop up everywhere from brand names to days of the week. We look at cosmic turtles, the Norse gods, and the Odyssey, with storytelling and poems from all over the world. You can take part in the popular World Cup of Mythological Monsters, and choose the victor of several rounds of monster fights. It's a fun way to learn about the origins and evolution of legendary dragons, yetis, gorgons, the sphinx, the minotaur and the bunyip, a creature originally from Australian Aboriginal mythology but now part of Australian culture.

£5 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email

dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



The Worst Jobs at Sea April 13 1pm to 2.30pm



Discover the worst jobs at sea, including the roles of the Scrubber, the Cook, the Powder Monkey and the Surgeon. Can you escape to become a Navigator? We look at the equipment they used, as well as the Boatswain and Carpenter. We have objects for each and willing volunteers can demonstrate each job. We go abroad the Nonsuch galleon, She was built by Queen Mary in 1555 as the Phillip and Mary, renamed Nonpareil in 1584, and commanded by Sir Francis Drake in 1588. In June 1602 the English fleet with the Nonpareil defeated a Spanish galley fleet, taking a ship loaded with treasure valued at over a million ducats. In 1603 she was renamed Nonsuch, rebuilt as a great ship of 454 tons carrying 32 guns.

Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1754.

Kids Club

Sourne Hall Museum



Easter walks and talks

Ewell History walks April 4 10am to 12pm

and April 10 1pm to 3pm
Peel back time and discover Ewell's hiden past and unseen
history with a guided walk around the village. A settlement
since pre-historic times, Ewell has a rich history concealed

beneath the modern village.
Visit Bourne Hall's sacred lake where Bronze, Iron Age and
Roman folk made offerings to ancient gods. Tread in the footsteps of the Romans on Stane Street and hear about their sacred shafts. Discover the village's Saxon cemetery and its lost church. Relive the terror of exploding gunpowde mills and hear the area's connections with Saxon Kings, Queen Elizabeth I and William IV. Meet at the entrance to



Epsom and Ewell history talk on WW2

Wednesday 3 April 11am to 12.30pm

The Borough suffered heavily in World War 2 and from 1940 to 1944, 890 alerts were sounded, 384 people were injured by enemy action and 33 killed. There were more than 200 incidents with 12,234 houses slightly damaged, 413 devastated and 192 destroyed, while thousands of incendiary and anti-personnel bombs were dropped with 440 high explosives, 64 oil and 30 flying bombs falling on the Borough.



£5 per person Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museur Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734. Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

Roman Ewell History talk

Thursday 11 April 2pm to 3.30pm

The Romans are coming, building that newfangled thing called a road through the area, and changing a way of life forever. Discover what life was like in Roman Ewell, find out. Discover how people learnt to live with Roman power as a small native village became a busy roadside town. Learn how the building of a road brought a new world of ideas, food, pottery, trade, and strangers to the area and gave locals a chance to see the world. Learn something of their beliefs. Hear tales of the Roman underworld, sacred springs and sacrifices sealing deep sacred shafts full of gifts to the gods. Learn about what was uncovered during a recent dig, even more strange than earlier discoveries!





£5 per person Contact: David Brooks. Bourne Hall Museum Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF Tel 020 8394 1734 Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk



Update from Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

Please use our supermarket donation points or bring donations directly to us at Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, Good Company Hub, behind West Ewell Primary School, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG

We are open for donations Monday - Friday, 9am-2pm (closed Bank Holidays)

Please ensure donations are sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol.

Many thanks for all your support - we really do appreciate it!

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in need. Donations will be shared across Epsom & Ewell Foodbank¹⁰ and Epsom Pantry¹¹. This ensures your donations go to help people who use our services wherever they are.

Please contact us¹² if you have any questions about donating food.

Do let us know if you book a supermarket delivery direct to us so we can tell our warehouse team when to expect it.

We are unable to accept refrigerated or frozen items.

¹⁰https://foodbank.us11.list-

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¹²mailto:foodbank@goodcompany.org.uk?subject=null&body=null

We urgently need:

Urgent-Cooking Sauces
Urgent-Sponge Puddings (we have none)
Urgent- Deodorant both male and female
Urgent- Tea
Urgent- Instant Coffee
Urgent- Instant Mash
Urgent- Powdered Milk
Urgent- Long Life Milk
Urgent- Kids toothbrushes and Toothpaste ages 0-2 and 6-8
Urgent- Shampoo and Conditioner
Custard
Mayonnaise
Chocolate Spread
Peanut Butter
Crisps
Vegetarian Tinned Food
Shampoo
Shaving Foam

Bags for life/ strong shopper bags





All of the Free adult learning courses can be found on the Surrey County Council website by clicking below.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/search?keyword=parenting

Free Monthly Cyber Security Webinars



Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit are thrilled to announce a series of FREE monthly webinars on Cyber Security, spearheaded by our dedicated Protect Officer from the Surrey and Sussex Police Cyber Crime Unit!

Gentle Learning Version – 4th March 2024 at 6pm - Tailored for those less confident with technology, this session adopts a slower pace to ensure everyone feels at ease while enhancing their online safety. Webinar - Cyber Security for Humans : Gentle Learning Version Tickets, Mon 4 Mar 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite. Click here.¹³

General Version – 18th March 2024 at 6pm - This session is your go-to guide for mastering essential strategies to significantly reduce your risk of falling victim to Cyber Crime. Cyber Security for Humans - Easy Tips to Stay Safe in a Digital Age Tickets, Mon 18 March 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite. Click here¹⁴.

¹³https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-cyber-security-for-humans-gentle-learning-version-tickets-823627420787?aff=oddtdtcreator

¹⁴https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-cyber-security-for-humans-easy-tips-to-stay-safe-in-a-digital-age-tickets-823926826317?aff=oddtdtcreator