



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 23rd October 2025

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

- **Monday 3rd November 2025**
 - Return after half term

- Deadline to order online and then return Cauliflower Cards artwork with form to class teachers.
 - Year 6 ‘Macbeth’ The Young Shakespeare Company Storytelling Interactive Workshop
- **Tuesday 4th November 2025** 10:15-11:30 Prospective Parent Open Day
- **Wednesday 5th November 2025** 10.15-11.30 Prospective Parent Open Day
- **Sunday 9th November 2025** - Gates open 16:30 PTA Fireworks Night
- **Monday 10th November 2025**, 15:45 – 18:00 **Face to Face** Meetings Parents Teacher Consultation
- **Tuesday 11th November 2025**, 15:45 - 18:00 **Virtual** Parents Teacher Consultation
- **14th November 2025** Whole School Wellbeing Day including African Dance Workshop
- **Tuesday 18th November to Thursday 20th November 2025** - England Rocks Times Table Rock Star Competition
- **Thursday 20th November 2025** 09:15 -11:15 Parenting Workshop on Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Children
- **Friday 21st November 2025** PTA Wreath Making Night 20:00
- **Wednesday 10th December 2025** - **12.00-1.15pm** Pupil Christmas Dinner
- **Thursday 11th December 2025** PTA Lower school Christmas Fair in hall - children only
- **Friday 12th December 2025** PTA Upper school Christmas Fair in hall - children only
- **Monday 15th December 2025** 18:00 - 20:00 Christmas Carol Concert at Epsom College Chapel - All parents invited
- **Wednesday 17th December 2025** - Panto for the children in school
- **Thursday 18th December 2025** - Break up after lunch 13:25 / 13:30
- **Friday 19th December 2025** - INSET day. School closed to children. Staff Training.
- **Monday 5th January 2026** - School Starts Back

Sports Fixtures Next Term

- **Tuesday 4th November 2025** 15:40-16:30- **Netball** Home Match v Ewell Grove - See SPOND

- **Thursday 13th November 2025** 15.40-16.30 - **Boys Football Year 5&6** Home match v St Clements - See SPOND
- **Friday 14th November 2025 pm** - **Boys Football Year 3 & 4** Away at Priest Hill playing fields- team to be selected
- **Thursday 20th November 2025** 15.40-16.30 - **Girls Football** at Home v Epsom Primary **to be confirmed**
- **Friday 21st November 2025** 9.45-11.30 - **Kurling** at Dorking Sports Centre - Team to be selected
- **Friday 21st November 2025** 15.45-16.50 - Year 5 & 6 rugby at Sutton & Epsom RFC - See SPOND
- **Friday 28th November 2025** 13.00-15.00 - Year 5 & 6 Girls Rugby tournament at Auriol 13:00-15:00 - Team to be selected
- **Tuesday 2nd December 2025 pm** Girls Football tournament at Priest Hill playing fields - See SPOND
- **Friday 12th December 2025** 13.00-15.00 - Year 3 & 4 girls rugby tournament at Auriol - Team to be selected

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

[Click here²](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. [Click Here³](#) for School Term Dates and INSET days

Head's Update

Autism Friendly School Audit

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents, pupils and staff who participated in our recent Autism Friendly Audit. This valuable initiative was delivered by the SAFR team from Surrey County Council, whose mission is to ensure that school environments, processes and support systems are inclusive and welcoming for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The audit involved a comprehensive approach, including questionnaires, personal interviews, parental discussions, observations and a full tour of the school.

The findings have been both insightful and encouraging. We received initial detailed feedback from the SAFR team, highlighting areas of strength as well as opportunities for

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

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

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

improvement. We pride ourselves on maintaining an open mind and a willingness to embrace new ideas and constructive feedback. Some recommendations can be implemented swiftly, while others will be thoughtfully embedded into our school procedures over time. This is an important step forward in our ongoing commitment to inclusivity. Thank you if you, or your child were included in the people the team spoke to. Your voice matters.

Holiday Dates 2026-2027

We hope you are well. We are writing to inform you about the school holiday arrangements for the 2026–2027 academic year. As you may be aware, Surrey County Council has made changes to the school calendar, including an extended October half term and a shortened summer break. While we have raised concerns about the impact of these changes, the decision has now been finalised by the local authority.

Despite these challenges, we are pleased to share that both the Infant and Junior schools have worked closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children and families. The Infant school is part of an academy trust, while the Junior school remains maintained by Surrey County Council. Through careful negotiation and collaboration, we have agreed that the holiday dates will remain aligned and as published on our respective school websites and the Surrey County Council website.

Term Dates for 2026–2027

- **Autumn Term:**
 - Tuesday 1 September – Friday 18 December 2026
 - Half Term: Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October 2026
- **Spring Term:**
 - Monday 4 January – Thursday 25 March 2027
 - Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027
- **Summer Term:**
 - Monday 12 April – Wednesday 28 July 2027
 - Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027

Please note that **INSET (staff training) days have not yet been confirmed**, but we will publish these as soon as they are agreed.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to work together to minimise disruption and maintain consistency for our families. Our shared priority remains the wellbeing and education of all our pupils.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support, patience, and understanding. Your partnership is invaluable as we work to provide

the best possible experience for our pupils, and we remain committed to keeping school life as consistent and supportive as possible.

Kindest regards

Mrs Katie Muir and Mr Steve Lee

Head Teachers of Wallace Fields Infants and Wallace Fields Junior School

Stars of Week



Last week's **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly last Friday - they create a superb 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 - **Brilliance, Enthusiasm, Learning, Inspiration, Equality, Vision** and **Every pupil matters**. Well done to this week's winners.

Head Teacher's Awards

Head Teacher's Award

From 12th September 2025 to 17th October 2025

(In name order)

Alice McM	Henry D	Louis L
Alisha Maya R	Henry K	Maddie S
Alma C	Isabella A	Morgan C
Alma T	Isla H	Musa H
Amelie G	Jacob A A	Musa T
Annabelle H	Jacob C	Nathaniel EO
Arthur D	James M	Pheobe J
Beavis T	Jaskaran S	Pippa D
Billy H	Jasmine X	Riham S
Brooke O	Josiah O	Robert F
Dylan M	Katrina B	Rosie C
Eleanor L	Kay H	Sam B
Eva C	Lander S	Sara L
Felicity L	Layla B	Scarlett B
Gabrielle M	Lily M	Sofia B
George J	Lockie E	Tanya S
Hannah M	Louie B S	Theo C
		William F

THIS WEEK

PTA Hallowe'en Disco A Spooktacular Success

What a fantastic evening! The children had an absolutely brilliant time at the Hallowe'en Disco, with dancing, laughter and plenty of spooky fun. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising and running the event, and to DJ Ozer for keeping the energy high all night long. We are also very grateful to the teachers who volunteered their time, and to Mr Findlay for his expert help with the tech and set-up. Thanks to everyone's support, the event raised an incredible **£695.53** for the school!

Pumpkin Craft Competition Winners

A huge congratulations to all the pupils who entered our Pumpkin Craft Competition – your creativity and effort were absolutely outstanding! The range of designs was truly impressive and made choosing the winners a real challenge. From spooky to spectacular, each pumpkin was a work of art.

We are delighted to announce the winners below – along with photos of their fantastic creations. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this seasonal celebration so special!

. Prizes went to:

- **Year 3: Thea 3T, Savannah 3D, Mya 3D, Sophie 3, Sineli 3D and Robyn 3D**
- **Year 4: John 4C, Louie 4C, Dylan 4C, Nathaniel 4C & Logan 4K**

- Year 5: Jasmine 5H and Alma 5H







Ambassadors Announced



Well done to Violet D, Peggy K and Monty W who were voted by the whole school to be School Ambassadors this week.

Violet said - I am absolutely overjoyed about my school ambassador role that I have received as school ambassador. I am so proud of myself because it's been my DREAM since Year 3. I have no words, I cannot believe I got it I'm so happy thank you to all the children who voted for me you have made my last year of this fantastic school unforgettable. I cant wait to show people around, go to meetings and meet new people. Thank you so much I'm so grateful for this important role. -Violet D

Hello my name is Peggy and I was chosen to be your school ambassador. When they said my name I was speechless I just could not believe it. I thought I would be at least second place of ambassador but I had actually got the most votes. When they were announcing second place I could not believe who would be with me and when it was Monty and Violet I was even more happy. I just want to say a special thanks to all the school pupils who voted for me. I am just so happy I can not wait for the rest of the year.-Peggy K

Hello my name is Monty and I am in utter disbelief that I won the prestigious role and I can not wait to represent the school at meetings with our governors as I believe that we are some of the few pupils who can and will deliver improvements to this stupendous school that I hope will educate generations for years to come as these are the people who will change our country and the world. I myself am hoping to go to Tiffin and then move to Oxford or

Cambridge and go into Robotics or Chemistry and try to find a sustainable way to power our planet efficiently.-Monty W

Year 4 Win the Rugby Tournament on 17th October 2025!

A massive congratulations to our incredible Year 4 rugby team, who triumphed at the tournament on 17th October 2025! The team played with skill, determination and fantastic teamwork, earning themselves a well-deserved victory and a brand new trophy for the cabinet. Every player gave their all and represented the school with pride and sportsmanship. We could not be prouder – what a brilliant achievement!



Netball Match Report - Tuesday 21st October 2025

Our Netball squad was met by two teams from St Clements school on Tuesday 21st October 2025. They were both fantastic games and again we can be very proud of WFJS squad who played at their best. Great agility from Jo and amazing ability to cover the court by Findlay and Marta was on full display. Also, amazingly accurate shooting from Leana and Emma resulted in Team Wallace winning 5/4 and Team Fields making an amazing comeback but not quite clinching the win 8/9. Thank you to all the supporters who came to watch. It was great to see the other year six pupils who came along to build the atmosphere.





Thanks From Food Bank for Harvest Food

Thanks for all the harvest food brought into school. The Good Company have sent their thanks and sent a certificate announcing that Wallace fields Juniors donated an incredible **145.9kg** of food. This equates to **61 meals** for those in need in the local community. Thanks to **Mrs Kidwai** for promoting and organising the harvest and for leading the harvest events in school. Well done to everyone for that great effort and wonderful amount of food for the poor and needy.



Wallace Fields Awarded Artsmark Gold Award

We are thrilled to announce that Wallace Fields Junior School has been awarded the prestigious **Artsmark Gold** – a national recognition of our commitment to creativity, inclusion and excellence in arts education.

This fantastic achievement reflects the way the arts are embedded across our curriculum, values and school improvement priorities. From innovative cross-curricular projects like VR-led *Sketchbook Science* to a wide range of clubs including cookery, Lego and wellbeing art, our pupils enjoy rich and varied opportunities to explore their creativity.

Our *Art Ambassadors* have played a key role in shaping learning experiences and building confidence, while community engagement through exhibitions at The Horton and initiatives like *Art@theStation* have helped foster a strong sense of place and pride.

We are especially proud of our inclusive approach, with tailored projects such as *Ubuntu* and *Map Your Heritage* celebrating identity and supporting our EAL learners. By combining computing and the arts, we have made creative learning more accessible and engaging for all.

This award is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the support of our families. We look forward to continuing our journey and sharing our passion for the arts with the wider community.

EVENTS COMING UP

Year 3 & 4 Science Workshops by Crew Theatre on Friday 24th October 2025

On Friday 24th October 2025 we have Crew Theatre coming in for Year 3 & 4.

Year 3 are taking part in 'You and the Mean Machine Game Show'. This fast-paced workshop allows children to explore the world of growth and food. Children will be using all their senses:

- To appreciate the importance of exercise and eating the right amounts of different types of nutrition.
- To be able to identify muscles and the ways in which they move.
- To learn about the different types of teeth and how they function for different purposes.

Year 4 will be learning all about Forces. They will demonstrate how gravity and friction need controlling and how ball balancing and tower building can create unbalanced forces! We believe this experience will be worthwhile to the children's learning, enjoyment and understanding of this topic.

In order to cover the cost of the visit this year we would appreciate a voluntary donation of **£4** from each child. Without your donation we would be unable to offer the children the opportunity of this valuable experience. To make your payment please visit Scopay our online payment portal.

Cauliflower Cards Please Order Online and Return

We hope you loved seeing your child's festive artwork – now it is time to turn it into something special! You can order personalised Christmas cards, mugs, notebooks, wrapping paper and more online using the unique code on your order form. A percentage of every purchase goes directly to support the school, so it is a great way to spread holiday cheer and give back at the same time.

Please remember to return your child's artwork to school on the first day back after half term. This is essential so we can match it with your order and send everything off to be printed. Orders will be delivered to school in early December – just in time for the festive season!

If you have any questions, please give the office a call or email the office@. Thank you for your support!

Parenting Workshop on Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Children

Does your child get anxious and overwhelmed easily? Do they exhibit angry outbursts and meltdowns?

Are they clingy or do they find separation tricky? Difficult behaviour is always led by difficult emotions.

We are all emotional beings and sometimes these emotions can be overwhelming. This workshop helps to address these emotions and teaches ways to manage and express emotions safely. Everyone is welcome. Lesley is an expert in positive parenting and has led many highly acclaimed parental workshops.

- **Led by:** Lesley Lane from **Home Start**
- **When?:** Thursday **20th November 2025** 09:15 -11:15
- **Where?:** Wallace Fields Junior School
- **Booking?:** Please click here⁴ to complete the Google form to give us an idea of numbers.

Parent/Teacher Consultations Bookings Go Live 19:00 on 23rd October 2025

The Parent Consultation Appointments go live on 23rd October 7pm. Bookings will close on 5th November at 7pm.

The Parent Consultations are being held at the following times:-

- **Monday 10th November 2025 15:45 – 18:00** – face to face in the school hall.
- **Tuesday 11th November 2025 15:45 - 18:00** – video conferencing.

Appointments may be selected for either in person in the school hall on Monday 10th November 2025, or via video call on Tuesday 11th November 2025. Please book your teacher appointment with SchoolCloud. Appointments will last 6 minutes.

An email has been sent out with all the details and how to book or click here ⁵to see the same information on our website.

If you are late for your face to face appointment, we might be able to fit you into a no-show or an empty slot, however if you do not book the evenings provided then the teachers (who make very detailed notes in preparation for the meetings) could forward a summary of their notes on to you. There are no additional dates or times.

⁴<https://forms.gle/qBJCGkBY2c4X9w8f8>

⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-10-22-parents-evening-bookings-go-live-on-23rd-october-2025-7pm>

If you have a child with specific SEND needs or if you have a SEND query then our SENDCo, Mrs Elliot, will be available at a table in the hall during the Monday (10th Nov) meetings. You can catch her for a slot and ask those questions.

Open Days for Prospective Parents

Do you have a Year 2 children looking to join our Year 3 in September 2026? We are holding two open mornings for prospective parents/carers this term on

- **Tuesday 4th November 2025 10:15 - 11:30**
- **Wednesday 5th November 2025 10:15 - 11:30.**

This is the perfect opportunity to tour around our school with some of our prefects, see the classes in action and view the school at first hand. There will be a brief presentation on arrival and then a questions and answers session with the headteacher at the end of your personalised tour. 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 REGISTER⁶](#) We look forward to seeing you.

Whole School - African Dance Workshop - 14th November 2025

To complement our recent assemblies on Black History Month, we are delighted to welcome the Education Group, who will be presenting an energetic and interactive **African Dance Workshop** to the children on Friday 14th November 2025. The children will learn some of the different traditional African dance movers native to this vibrant and diverse culture. To cover the cost of the visit, we need to ask for a voluntary donation of **£3 per child**. It is not possible to run the wide variety of workshops and trips available, without parental contributions. Please make your payment via our on-line payment system Scopay, as we are now a cashless school.

England Rocks TTRs Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 18th November 2025 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 20th November 2025. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average - the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

⁶<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSex9mvOTiDhEITgUr6Ho49TRYDSHmE4YC2tirsopbKEfeFLOA/viewform>

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between **07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 18th November 2025 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 20th November 2025**. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

The children will be expected to complete their weekly homework and any additional TTRs efforts will go towards the England Rocks Competition. We will be celebrating the most valuable players in a celebration assembly following the competition.



Landscaping or Outdoor Learning Designer Wanted!

Are you a creative landscape designer with a passion for education and nature? We are looking for an imaginative and experienced designer to help transform our outdoor space into a vibrant, engaging learning environment for our primary school children. If you are interested email the school or let Mr. Taylor or Miss Hill know.

PTA and Fundraising Events

Hi everyone, just a short message from the PTA. We have had a great first half of the autumn term though I think we are all now ready for a lovely week long break.

Once back though we will be gearing up for **Fireworks Night** and the lead up to Christmas with the **Wreath Making course** run by our very own Jade Dodd. This is a great event and we still have a few tickets available, but grab them quickly before they go! There are still a handful of tickets left for the fireworks too so please order yours now to avoid disappointment.

Christmas is also the time to send cards to your loved ones, so it is the perfect time to place an order for some beautiful cards and gift wrap designed by your very own child that will really melt everyone's hearts. The **Cauliflower Christmas Cards** artwork will be sent home this week so don't forget to fill in the form to place your order. The form needs to be handed back to school on the first day back after half term.

We are also trying to encourage everyone to sign up to **Easy Fundraising** as this is a simple way to raise funds for the school while you shop! Just download the app and choose Wallace Fields Junior School once installed. And then get shopping!

Have a fabulous half term everyone, and see you all in November.

Support Wallace Fields Junior School Effortlessly!

The easiest way to support Wallace Fields Junior School is by signing up to **easyfundraising!**

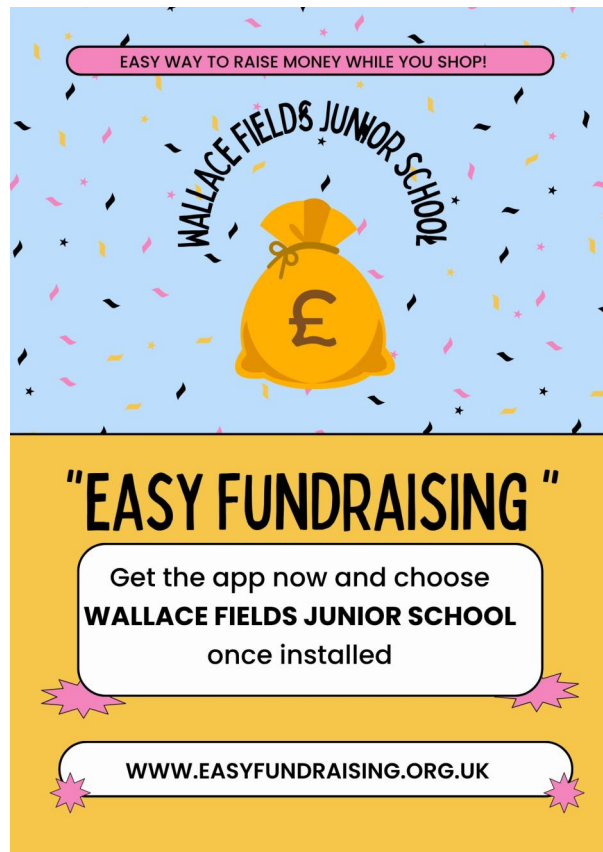
It's completely free — just shop online with over 8,000+ retailers, and we'll receive a donation at no extra cost to you.

This month only: Join via the **easyfundraising app** and we'll get a £2 bonus donation thanks to their Free £2 App-eal! Plus, if 10 or more of you register, we'll unlock even more bonus funding for the school!

Get started by clicking here⁷.

Once installed, simply choose to support 'WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL' — every shop makes a difference!

⁷https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-oct-wa1



Wreath Making Night: 21st November 2025

Tickets are now on sale for Wreath Making Night at £45 per ticket – spaces are limited, so don't miss out!



Fireworks Night - Tickets Now On Sale!

Tickets are now on sale for our **joint schools PTA Fireworks Event**, and you will not want to miss it! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with dazzling displays, fun, and community spirit.

Bring your family, wrap up warm, and enjoy the sparkle and excitement as we light up the night sky together. It is always one of the highlights of the school year, and we cannot wait to see you there!

Be quick—tickets go fast! Grab yours now and be part of the magic!



Click here⁸ for the link to buy tickets for PTA events. You will need to sign up, if you have not attended any events in the past.

YEAR 6

Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' Workshop 3rd November 2025

As part of our literacy curriculum, Year 6 will be exploring classical texts and famous authors. We are delighted to welcome back **The Young Shakespeare Company** for a dynamic storytelling workshop based on *Macbeth*.

Led by professional actors, the session brings Shakespeare's work to life through drama and interactive activities. Children will take part in exploring the thoughts, feelings and motives of key characters, making it a fun and enriching learning experience.

To help cover the cost, we kindly ask for a **voluntary contribution of £12.50**, payable via **Scopay**. If your child is eligible for free school meals, financial assistance is available—please contact the school office for details.

⁸<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS and OTHER NEWS

Staying Healthy This Winter

As winter approaches, we are working together to keep children healthy and learning. Please encourage regular handwashing at home—this is reinforced in school with well-stocked facilities.

If your child has a **high temperature** or **vomiting**, please keep them home until fully recovered. Mild coughs and colds are fine for school. For guidance, visit the NHS website.

Most children received their flu vaccination last week. If your child missed it, you can book at <http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk> using code **SR125298** (Years 3–6).

Please call the School Office before 9.30am each day your child is absent, with their name, class and reason.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and well.

Celebrating Birthdays at Wallace Fields Junior School

At our school, we love celebrating birthdays in a way that brings smiles and lasting memories! Instead of handing out sweets—which can be tricky due to allergies and dietary needs—we encourage families to mark the occasion by **donating a book** to our school library.

It is a wonderful way for children to share the joy of their special day with others. Each donated book is celebrated in assembly with a certificate, and a special dedication is placed inside the front cover to honour the pupil's birthday and generous gift.

This lovely tradition helps **grow our library** and spreads the magic of reading to all. What better way to celebrate than by giving a story that can be enjoyed again and again?

Winter Uniform After Half Term - No Polo Shirts

After half term it is **winter uniform until March 2025**. No polo shirts after October, so it is time to learn how to tie a tie, check jumpers have names in and label warm waterproof coats for the winter.

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>

500 Words Competition Reminder - 9pm Friday 7th November 2025

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. 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>

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!

Good luck!

Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite. It can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iGN, Techradar, and plenty more.

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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

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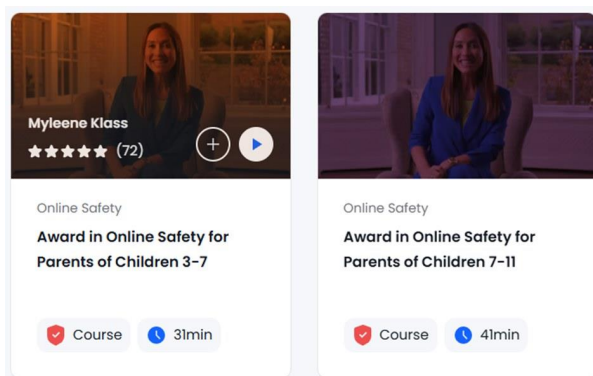
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Free Online Courses - Sign Up for National College

We are part of the **National College** who provide **free training and resources** to parents and carers about staying safe online. The National College's resources aim to help equip parents and carers with the confidence and skills to have age-appropriate, informed discussions with children to keep them safe, healthy and resilient to life beyond the school gates. We would recommend the Award in Online Safety for Parents courses, in particular. To enrol on the National College website and access these free resources, please click the link here <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>.

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Click here⁹ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Theatre Arts and Hip Hop Club Both Return After Half Term

Hip Hop Club is Back!

We are thrilled to announce that our ever-popular Hip Hop Club will be making its energetic return after half term, following the club leader's maternity leave. Letters were sent out in the summer, and the class is already full—what a fantastic response! If your child is eager to join the fun, you may still register interest and be added to the waiting list by contacting the club leader.

Theatre Arts Returns!

Lights, music, action! Our Theatre Arts Club will also be back after half term, ready to inspire creativity and confidence in our pupils. If your child would love to take part, please get in touch with the club leader to find out more.

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

Spaces Still Available – Wednesday Upper School Football (Paid) Club!

Calling all Upper School (Year 5 & 6) football fans! We still have a few spaces available in our Wednesday Football Club, and we would love to welcome more pupils to join. Please help spread the word before the half term break—let us get those boots on and the ball rolling!

Collection from Clubs

Please contact the club leader directly if there is any new instructions for collection of your child such as:

- they are going home with another child or a different adult to usual; or
- asking the **club leader** if they can be taken to the entry to a PTA event straight after a club; or
- They are not going to club for any reason.

Safe and Sound After Clubs - A Reminder for Families

As the evenings grow darker after the October half term, we want to ensure all our pupils get home safely. Children will **no longer be permitted to walk home alone** after clubs. Instead, we kindly ask that parents or carers collect their child promptly at 4.30pm from the main gate.

If another trusted adult will be collecting your child, please make sure the club leader is informed directly. Thank you for helping us keep our pupils safe and supported as they enjoy their after-school activities!

Gardening Club Update and Reminder

Gardening club on Tuesday planted broad beans today and the children did tidied and swept the whole area. Thanks to the Gardening club we have already raised £610 from the pumpkins grown by Gardening club through a guess the weight of the pumpkin competition and more will be hopefully have been raised at the Year 5 & 6 tea parties.

We are looking for more adult volunteers to help with our free popular gardening club. We have two volunteers running the club but we had **30 children** keen to take part this week; so we really need more adults to help. They are a lovely group of children and it is great to see them out in the fresh air having fun and enjoying hands-on science growing fruit and vegetables.

If you could spare an hour on a **Tuesday lunchtime** that would be fantastic. No gardening experience needed just plenty of enthusiasm and willing to get your hands dirty and encourage the children to take part.

If you cannot spare any time but do have **some gardening gloves or old tools** such as trowels you can donate that would be fabulous. Do not worry about the condition - we will mend and fix up as needed. Please bring in to the School Office.

Sign Up for NS Sport Holiday Club at Half Term



NNSport Holiday Activities Wallace Fields Junior 27-31 October

SAFE. SPOOKY. FUN. ALL WEEK LONG.

[Make a Booking](#)



[View Holiday Activities Flyer](#)

Due to popular demand, our Half-Term Adventures for 4-5 year olds will also be running over October Half Term at Wallace Fields - giving little ones another chance to join the fun! Running from 9.30 AM - 1.00 PM, this half-term holiday option offers a safe, welcoming, and engaging environment where children can enjoy age-appropriate activities, make new friends, and build confidence while having a great time.

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

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

Full Play Options

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

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

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

WEEK 1: 27-31 OCTOBER

NS STARS: HALLOWEEN
NS STRIKERS: FRIGHT ON THE FIELD

[Go To Bookings >](#)

How do I make a **booking**?

All bookings via our website at nssport.co.uk

If you haven't booked with us before you will need to register for an NSSport account. Registration is a one off process just so we have all the relevant information about your child as well as your contact details. Registration can be done via our website nssport.co.uk. Select the **VENUE** followed by the **REGISTER** button from the website header. Once you have registered you will have access to our **BOOKINGS** area. Select the activities which you wish to book and add to your **BASKET**, then proceed to **CHECKOUT** to make payment. We accept childcare vouchers (a list can be found on our website within the FAQ section), debit and credit cards. Please ensure you select the correct **CARD TYPE** when entering your details and confirm your **NAME** and **ADDRESS** are filled in correctly as displayed on your card. Failure to do so may result in an unsuccessful booking. A booking confirmation email will be issued when payment has been made to confirm your child's place. All bookings must be placed on our website and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. We are unable to reserve any places. Please make yourself familiar with our terms and conditions regarding all our policies prior to booking. We ask that when your child(ren) attends a NSSport Holiday Activities camp they are in good health. We welcome guests to all our venues and look forward to having a fun time with your child(ren) over the holiday period.

Have a **question**?

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

[Email Us](#)

Social media

Changed your mind? [Unsubscribe](#)

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



ACHIEVEMENTS

First Dance Show



Darcie performed in her first dance show at Leatherhead Theatre on Sunday. They did two shows in one day, all the dancers worked extremely hard and performed amazingly.

COMMUNITY



SURREY YOUTH
ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

FREE event
Library Hub
Staines-Upon-Thames
TW18 4QB
8 November
11am-3pm

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE ARTS & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES?
Come and have a go at games coding, DJing, filmmaking, crafts and more!

surreycc.gov.uk/youthfestival

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2pm - 3.30pm:

11/10/2025

25/10/2025

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22/11/2025

06/12/2025

For more information please contact:
surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk



WHAT IS THE 'WORLD IN MUSIC ENSEMBLE'?

World in Music is an pioneering percussion and vocal ensemble from Surrey Arts. Suitable for ages 8-16 and all abilities. Come join young people from across Surrey to sing songs, discover new rhythms, music and friends! No experience is needed and all are welcome.

Through our Youth Music funded I Speak Music: Next Generation programme, working with displaced young people and local Surrey peers, we saw an opportunity for young people to embrace both western and non-western music traditions.

Using music as a tool, we continue to promote greater wellbeing and mental health in young people, help them build musical skills and to build understanding and friendship between children of all cultural backgrounds.

Led by a team of diverse and innovative musical practitioners, this ensemble aims to amplify the voices of those who make it up, with percussion and vocal activities.

As an inclusive ensemble, we have been especially excited to welcome students from diverse backgrounds and those who have English as a second or other language to this group, as well as local Surrey peers. We are also particularly excited to meet young people from vulnerable backgrounds, those who are young carers and are from care experienced backgrounds.

Cost: currently free to attend*

* Please be aware this pilot ensemble is a legacy from a Youth Music funded project. At present it is offered with no cost (excluding instrument hire where relevant). Subject to confirmation, a fee will be introduced in line with other Surrey Arts Ensembles at an appropriate date. Relevant remissions apply.

Find out more:

