



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

27th September 2024



DATES NEXT WEEK

- Monday 30th September 2024
 - Potential ambassador presentations to the whole school.

- Nasal Flu Spray
- Deadline for free delivery of Bentley photographs
- **Tuesday 1st October 2024**
 - 10.30am - 4.20pm Year 5 & 6 Choir Invited to Epsom College Music Festival
- **Wednesday 2nd October 2024** - Selected Sports Crew Training in Leatherhead 8.45am - 12.00pm
- **Thursday 3rd October 2024**
 - Year 5 River Trip - All day.
 - Twelve 15 Harvest Festival Special School Lunch Menu
- **Friday 4th October 2024**
 - Inter-house Cross Country 1.50pm-3.00pm. Parents welcome to watch
 - Visit by England scrum half, Claudia Macdonald (former pupil)

[Click here¹ for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar](#)

[Click Here² for Upcoming Events](#)

HEAD'S UPDATE

England Rugby Scrum Half Claudia Macdonald to Visit

Former pupil, member of the England Rugby Team (number 11) and the Exeter Chiefs is visiting us next week. Claudia visited last year and chatted to the children and donated a signed shirt for display in school. As you may know already, Claudia was a pupil here at Wallace Fields Juniors where she excelled in all sports including tag rugby, football and netball. She was also successful academically and her mum was a teacher here for a time. I invited Claudia in during the summer term to talk about women in sport and to inspire our girls to really go for it if they wanted to be successful. She is returning to promote sustainability and how we can be more mindful of things to help the planet - a topic very close to her heart. She will also teach one class a rugby skills lesson - the class with the most house points will win this opportunity. We all look forward to seeing Claudia again and the newsletter will include details of her visit.

Welcome to the New School Council

I had the pleasure of meeting the new school councillors this week. They have been selected by their peers to represent their class views and they become a very strong part of pupil voice. There is a wide variety of representatives and they will get the opportunity to meet me once a month to talk over their ideas and opinions. The latest item that the School Council were keen to see completed was the all weather surface and this has just been finished. This years' school councillors are a feisty and expressive bunch with lots of great ideas to improve school. Their badges have been ordered and they will be able to wear them on their uniforms as soon as they arrive.

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

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



WFJS School Council 2024 - 2025

School Council is your **PUPIL VOICE**. Know your School Council members.

Henry K (3T)	Violet D (5S)
Ezra J-H(3T)	Louis H (5S)
Theo C (3D)	Livi B (5H)
Brooke O'S(3D)	Finlay K-Q (5H)
Lander S(4K)	John G (6H)
Amelia P (4K)	Zachary D (6H)
Alma C (4C)	Andy W (6G)
Hugh D (4C)	Henry C (6G)

Venue: Group Room Meetings will be called in the afternoon on the PA system.

School Council and the Head teacher Mr Lee meet every month. Minutes written and classes consulted every month. Feedback also from suggestions in class discussion time. Check minutes for next meeting.

Farewell To An Ex-Volunteer

Over the summer, one of our pre-pandemic volunteers Sue Ward, passed away. She was 74. Sue was disabled and in a wheelchair, however arrived at school regularly to help in the office. I will be attending her funeral next week along with office team member Mrs Boddy and a former head teacher Mr Mapleson. Sue became part of the office team as a volunteer and was a great asset - getting on really well with the whole team for many years. We will miss her very much.

THIS WEEK

Celebrating Languages Day - Friday 27th September 2024

On **Friday 27th September 2024** we celebrated the study of different languages, cultures and countries at Wallace Fields Junior School on Celebrating Languages Day. It was lovely to see so many **children dressed up in traditional dress or their cultural clothing**. See below some great photos of some of the children. It was a lovely way to explore and celebrate the rich diversity that exists within Wallace Fields Juniors.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to help on the day by sharing their language, culture and country of birth. Thank you to Olga Zubko, Nataliya Irvine, Hiu Yee Leung (Cynthia), Federica Scollo, Machiko Watanabe and Epsom College. Unfortunately Deniz Ucuncu was unable to attend though might be able to come in at a later date. The children learned about many different languages and cultures including facts and language in Ukraine, China, Italy, Japan and Turkey.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1839671241231278474>







Our Pupils Work at Bourne Hall Art Festival

Congratulations to Marta Haka, Luna Chan, Harper De Bliquy and Reema Kumar for representing Wallace Fields at Bourne Hall. Their amazing artwork was displayed at the art festival this week and is still available for public viewing.





Squads Selected



The football and netball squads have now been selected and parents/carers informed. The football and netball teams are using the app 'Spond' to organise activities and share information. Parents/carers have been sent the link so please don't forget to sign up.

Sorry if your son/daughter is disappointed that they didn't get in the team. It was a very tough competition this year. We will endeavour to try and arrange a C team fixture at some point in the future. If your Year 5 didn't make the team please be aware that we do prioritise the Year 6 children as it is their last chance in Junior School to represent their school so please do encourage them to sign up for trials next year.

Home Start Parenting Workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents at our **Parenting Workshop on 26th September 2024.**

Hopefully they all found it useful and we will try and arrange another very soon. It was a very useful and informative session that covered a wide range of critical parenting issues in a face to face forum.

It is a very calm and informal setting that allowed for questioning and discussion where needed. It was a shame that many who had signed up were not able to come, in future please do let us know if you are no longer able to attend. Please see the handouts attached below.



Dealing with Difficult Emotions



We are all emotional beings. We need to teach children to **identify and name** feelings, and find ways of expressing them that are honest, while not hurting ourselves, each other or our surroundings.

All feelings are valid – they contain information about comfort or discomfort, safety and danger, trust and hurt. No feelings are intrinsically bad (though many people are made to feel they are). Everyone needs to be helped to identify and understand their feelings, to express them healthily and respect the feelings of others.

Accept your child's feelings and show you understand - Use **EMPATHY**

Denying someone's feelings won't make them go away. They will come out some other way.

Ways we deal with feelings

Suppressing, Bottling up, Withdrawing, Dumping, Acting out, = feel like they help at the time but don't solve the problem. They tend to be destructive

Below are healthier ways of dealing with feelings

Reflecting – Accepting our feelings, without being overwhelmed by them, thinking about them, reframing or resolving them.

Expressing – Letting the feelings out, acknowledging them to ourselves, talking, taking safe action (e.g. crying, punching a pillow)

Letting go – When we have taken notice of the messages our feelings bring, we can release them.

REFLECTIVE LISTENING

Empathise with your child, take a guess at how they may be feeling, listen to what they say and reflect back to them, what they have said "So you are saying that you are upset that you didn't get a turn?" Don't try to fix it straight away. Listen and reflect.

We are our children's role models.

How do we communicate our feelings?

Do we model healthy ways to manage anger?

Ideas for handling and releasing anger

- Say "I feel....."
- Hitting a cushion / punch bag
- Write the name down of the person you are angry with and tearing up the sheet of paper
- Writing an angry letter
- Scribbling on a pad or paper to express anger
- Take some time out
- Exercise
- Walk in the garden/ country
- Run around in the garden
- Scream out of earshot, or into a pillow
- Have an 'I feel angry' mask or placard, or simply say it.
- Talk about it with a supportive friend

TRACKING BACK

Children do not 'act badly' – difficult behaviour is driven by difficult emotions
Think of a difficult behaviour and then think of what feelings could be driving the behaviour e.g. anxiety, fear, feeling left out etc. Find out the trigger, then deal with the emotion first.

Communicating clearly and respectfully using an 'I' statement.

Giving an "I" Statement

I feel.....
(Say *how you feel*)
When.....
(describe the situation, and avoid the word "You")

Because

(state your need not being met)

And what I would like is.....
(describe the behaviour that would meet your need)

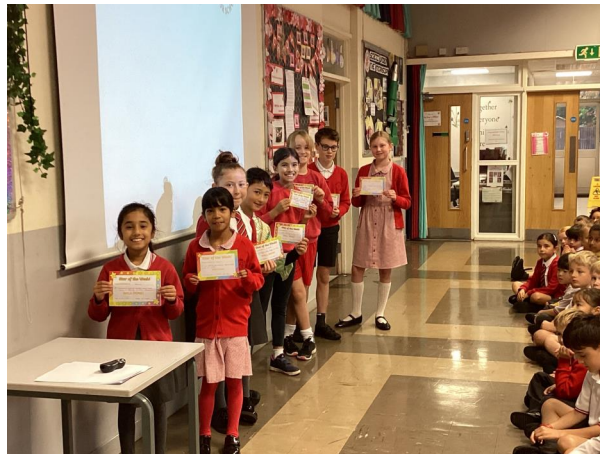
This is called 'Guiding without Criticising'

"TOO MUCH STRESS BRINGS DISTRESS"

What may cause children stress? How might they feel? How might they behave?
Use **Empathy and Reflective Listening**

Stars of the Week Awards

This week's Stars of the Week. Only one per class are nominated in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. They get a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school **BELIEVE** values - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters.



NEXT WEEK

Nasal Flu Vaccination

NHS nurses will be visiting school on **Monday 30th September 2024** to deliver flu vaccinations via nasal spray. Please find attached letter with full details and e-consent, which needs to be **completed by Tuesday 24th September**.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on Tuesday 24th September 2024 by visiting: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk³ and entering the school's unique code **SR125298**. **If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.** If you do not want your child to receive the spray vaccine due to porcine gelatine, please fill in the 'No' box indicating this, and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination.

For more detailed information see the email sent to parents/carers earlier in the week.

Year 5 and 6 Choir Invited to Epsom College Music Festival Tuesday 1st October 10.30am - 4.20pm

We are all looking forward to the Epsom College Music Festival on Tuesday 1st October. Mrs Johnstone emailed earlier today with a few final reminders and details. **Don't forget** that all children wear winter uniform with ties (and choir badges if they haven't lost them already!). They should bring a waterproof coat and a water bottle in a small rucksack.

Harvest Festival Special Menu on Thursday 3rd October 2024



Individual School Photographs Order Deadline

Your school photographs are now online and ready for parents/guardians to view and order. Please find attached PDF, which contains a direct link to the website and instructions to purchase. **You will be required to enter the access codes from the unique ticket your child was given on the day of the photo shoot.** The deadline for free delivery to school is **Monday 31st September 2024 at midnight**. After this date the parents will be required to pay for a home delivery.

³<https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk/>

Cross Country - Parents Welcome Friday 4th October 2024 1.50pm-3.00pm

The children over the next week or so will have the opportunity to run in heats for the cross country race happening on **Friday 4th October 2024**. Each year group has 16 selected boys and 16 selected girls to represent their house. Children will be told if they are participating. If your child is selected, they must bring their PE kit to school in a bag (unless they already have a PE lesson that day in which case they will already be wearing their PE kit). Children are welcome to wear a t-shirt which represents their house colour. Please make sure they have a water bottle too. Parents and carers are welcome to come and watch the event. Entry will be via the field gates, using the alley way. The approximate timings are as follows:

- 1:50pm - Lower school girls' race
- 2:10pm - Lower school boys' race
- 2:30pm - Upper school girls' race
- 2: 50pm - Upper school boys' race

The children will not be released until the usual pick up time.

COMING UP and IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please Always Bring A Coat

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

500 Words Competition - Now Open!

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

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

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

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

Good luck! Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead



Allergies – Mustard

Twelve15 are the company that run the school dinners. The Food Standards Agency has issued an alert to say that people with a peanut allergy should not currently eat any products containing mustard, may contain mustard, mustard powder or mustard flour. This is because there has been some cross-contamination detected. They are investigating this at the moment. As a precaution, while this is being investigated, they will not serve any dishes on the current menu containing mustard. The Chef Manager (Emma Rodford) has been given guidance on affected dishes and replacement options. Thank you.

Your Donations and Help Needed For the New Rooms

Our old computing suite has now been divided into a **meeting room and a nurture room**. Unfortunately we have very limited funding so we are looking for some kind donations of the following items. **Do you happen to have one of the following in good condition but looking for a new home?**

- **A very large flat screen TV** for us to link to the class computer.
- **A couple of comfortable or occasional chairs**
- **A small fridge**
- **A disco ball**
- **LED strip lights**
- **A big gym ball**

Please contact the school office if you think you are able to help and maybe send us a photo of the item.

We also need someone with great **wallpapering skills** and can spare us some time.

Any of the above would be amazing to help us create this space.

Thank you in advance.

Kindest regards, Mrs Elliot, SENCO

Grant Application Expertise Needed

Do you or anyone you know have grant application experience would be willing to support school in this way? Please contact the School Office. Much appreciated.

Year Group Tea Parties - Dates for Your Diary

Later this term are the Year group Tea Parties. For the Tea Party the children bring in donations of cakes and then have their books available to show you. The child will serve you tea and cake, and there will be another opportunity to meet the teachers and to mingle with other parents. The children usually sing a song that they have been learning in music and there is a brief talk from the head and deputy before the song. A lovely relaxed afternoon. Details to follow prior to the dates. Keep an eye on this newsletter. please access the school via the main office.

The Tea Party dates are as follows:-

- **Year 3 - Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 2.00pm**
- **Year 4 - Thursday 10th October 2024 at 2.00pm**

- **Year 5 - Thursday 17th October 2024 at 2.00pm**
- **Year 6 - Wednesday 16th October 2024 - 2.00pm**

Open Day for Prospective Parents

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

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

The dates are:

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

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

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER⁴](#)

We look forward to seeing you.

School Fundraising 2024-25

We have a fantastic PTA who raise significant funds for the school. With their efforts, they are able to fund many resources. For example they have funded whole school experiences, outdoor benches, the outdoor classroom, musical instruments, the school library system licence as well as the annual Christmas pantomime to name just a few recent purchases. Please help at / attend the PTA's exciting fundraising events during the year.

Our own School Fund has also been a very important source of income over many years, providing funds to support other things, which have enriched the educational experience of your children including the recent refurbishment of our computer suite, converting it into two separate rooms and contributing to the fundraising for the all-weather surface.

Funding is becoming tighter and finances are being squeezed.....we are expected to do more with the same – or even less. With staffing costs making up around 85% of an average school's expenditure, balancing the budget while focusing on a broad and balanced curriculum is an ongoing challenge. Your donations make a huge difference to the offer and experience we are able to provide for your children.

How can you donate/help us this year?

⁴<https://forms.gle/SrK5weWgH53p9sCu7>

Please do consider donating to our School Fund – this can be done via Scopay - under **WFJS Voluntary Contribution** at the bottom of your Scopay screen <https://www.scopay.com/wallacefields-jun>

Also there are lots of other ways to contribute as well – these can be achieved while you are shopping!

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> - you scan, ASDA donates. The school has registered so please sign up and choose our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wfjspta> - the PTA has registered. The retailers include Sainsbury's, Tesco, Amazon, Ocado, Waitrose, ebay, Argos, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Expedia and Thomas Cook to name a few.

Thank you in advance for your help and continuing support.

YEAR 3



Year 3 - Homework Expectations

The children have settled into junior school life really well and we are enjoying getting to know their personalities and interests! Last week, we started homework which involves a mix of writing tasks and online programmes. Unfortunately, the completion and return of this homework was a very poor. We appreciate that there has been lots of changes and plenty of things to get used to. However, we would really appreciate your support in completing the homework fully and with your support, we can have a greater impact on their progress in the classroom.

Please allow your child a quiet space to work and ensure they complete the full time actually working - not procrastinating or looking out of the window. This is all part of reinforcing concepts learned in school and preparation for life at secondary school. Homework is explained in detail and the work is a reinforcement not a stand alone task so they will know what to do and will have had it explained through to them.

Homework is not optional or negotiable and forms part of the parent / school agreement when your child joined the school.

As a reminder, the homework is:

- **TTRS** - 10 games - set on a Monday and due the following Monday.
- **Spelling Shed** - 3 games - set on a Monday and due the following Monday.
- **Mathletics** - 1 task - set on a Wednesday and due the following Monday.
- **Handwriting** - 1 written task in their book - set on a Wednesday and due the following Monday.
- **Reading** - at least 3 reads per week - reading records checked on a Monday.

This means all homework is due on a Monday. We have reminded the children that if they are struggling to log on, they should seek to speak to an adult in the week before the task is due. Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Miss Day and Mr Taylor

YEAR 4



WALLACE FIELDS
JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

YEAR 4
TEA PARTY

Thursday 10th October
2.00 - 3.00pm

Meet the Head Teacher, Deputy Head
and Teachers
View your child's work and listen to them sing!

Have Tea & Cake

Siblings and grandparents welcome

We kindly ask for baked or brought cake
donations . Please deliver to school on the
morning of the event

REMEMBER- We are a strictly No Nuts School.
Please provide a list of ingredients

YEAR 5



Year 5 River Walk – Thursday 3rd October 2024

Year 5 are currently studying the journey of the river and its surrounding environment, we have organised a river walk and a visit to Bourne Hall to learn about the importance of the spring in Ewell. The trip is planned for Thursday 3rd October 2024 and we will be **leaving school at 9.30am and returning to school at 3.00pm**. Please note, pick up and drop off is as usual.

This trip is completely free of charge. As we already have parental consent for local walking trips, you do not need to sign a permission slip.

For the trip, all children will need:

- **A packed lunch**
- **Water bottle** (plus an additional drink for their lunch- no fizzy drinks/glass bottles please)
- **A waterproof jacket/coat**
- **Trainers to change into at school in a carrier bag** (the walk can get muddy in places)
- **A clipboard (if you have one)**

Children will be required to wear their **school uniform and must bring a warm waterproof coat**. They will change into their trainers once they are at school.

Year 5 Marchants Hill Residential Trip

We are now asking parents to pay the next instalment of £120 for the Marchants Hill residential trip on Tuesday 6th May to Friday 9th May 2025 and complete the Google form for permission. The

letter was sent out earlier this week with full details of the trip and the payment plan and please click [here](#)⁵ for the google form to give permission.

YEAR 6



Sports Crew Training on Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Twelve Year 6 children have been selected for Sports Crew training at Leatherhead Leisure Centre on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 8.45am to 12.00pm. The children will spend the morning learning how to plan and run competitive sporting events at our school. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop leadership and teamwork skills through sports coaching.

The children will need to wear their P.E. Kit and trainers and they will all need to bring a packed lunch, drink, a snack and their pencil cases. Please can they bring their school uniform with them so they can get changed into that after the training and need to be dropped back into school by parents/carers.

The Ambassador Elections

The ambassadors nominate themselves and have now created their Google slides ready to present on **Monday 30th September 2024, they present to the whole school.** The children will then vote for two candidates to represent them and our school.

⁵https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo6PgaHlaKd7_MYiaegCmO68IH_v2vMgM7Sv4Be-RAF-3n1w/viewform

Secondary School Open Days and Tests

This term, some Year 6 children attend secondary school Open Mornings and some will be taking grammar school tests. Please contact Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk if your child will be absent for any reason including visits and exams.

Please give us as much notice as possible so we can plan their teaching around these planned absences. Absence will be authorised for the visit or exam time only, so children should come into school before or after a visit or exam. Year 6 is an important time so it is vital that they miss as little curriculum time as possible.

The headteacher does not authorise absence for 'hot-housing' or preparation for entrance exams and this will be marked as unauthorised absence and the absence record will be sent on to the next school.

For information on **Secondary School Open Mornings** please contact the schools directly:

- **Rosebery** - Open Mornings Friday 4th October, Tuesday 8th October or Thursday 10th October 2024.
- **Glyn** - Open Mornings Tuesday 15th October 2024, Wednesday 16th October 2024, or Thursday 17th October 2024.
- **Blenheim** - Open Mornings Tuesday 1st October or Wednesday 2nd October 2024 .



Apply for Secondary School Place Before October Half Term

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

No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call 03456 009 009 to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

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

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions



Important dates

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

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

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

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

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

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

Is your child in year 6?

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



How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 1 September 2024 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2024. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday 25 October 2024, before the half-term holiday.
- You can download the app ParentComms to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On 3 March 2025 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by 17 March 2025.

What else do I need to know?

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

WFJS PTA

27th September 2024

BINGO NIGHT – have you seen all the fantastic prizes?

Friday 11th October
Doors open at 7:30pm
£5 Entry – with a free drink – £1 per game

THANK YOU TO OUR



FIREWORK NIGHT NEWS!!! SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

This year we are hosting the joint school fireworks night at the Junior School. As usual we will be releasing the volunteer slots first. This is a big event and we need you guys to lend a hand. Everyone who signs up to a volunteer slot will have priority access to guarantee event tickets when they go on sale. So please add these dates to your diary:

- Thursday 3rd October at 8pm – Volunteer slots released**
- Thursday 10th October at 8pm – Volunteers receive priority booking link**
- Thursday 17th October at 8pm – Remaining tickets released for sale**

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thursday 24th October
 4:30 – 5:45pm Junior School Hall
 £5 Ticket includes a drink & snack

Fancy dress optional
 – prizes for best costumes



Winter Term PTA Diary Dates

- 11th October - Bingo Night
- 24th October - Halloween Disco
- 10th November - Fireworks Night
- 11th December - Panto in school time courtesy of the PTA
- 12th + 13th December - Festive Fun Day - in school time



GET IN TOUCH: Got an idea or want to get involved? Drop us a line

wfjspta@gmail.com

facebook.com/groups/wfjsp

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA
PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN *Disco*

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

4:30 - 5:45 PM

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR
SCHOOL

FANCY
DRESS
OPTIONAL -
PRIZES FOR
BEST
COSTUMES

TICKETS
£5
INCLUDES
A DRINK
AND
SNACK

BOOK NOW: PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJS

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL
PTA PRESENT



AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!!

- £50 VOUCHER FOR M&S
- £50 VOUCHER FOR JOHN LEWIS
- SHARING BOARD FOR 4 AT
THE GRAPE VARIETY WINE BAR
- 4 X CINEMA TICKETS AT THE PICTUREHOUSE
- MAKE UP LESSON BY TRACEY SALMON
- DINNER FOR 4 AT FIVE GUYS

JOHN
LEWIS
& PARTNERS

Picture
house

FIVE
GUYS



MARKS &
SPENCER



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Happy Bag Collection 10th October 2024 9.00am

Are you having a clear out at home? Please bring your bags in on 10th October 2024.

Happy School Bag is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools, clubs and other organisations to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. They are doing a collection from Wallace Fields Junior School on 10th October 2024. **Please drop off items by the school gate before 9am on that day.**

Please keep any second hand logoed uniform and bring into school for the next uniform sale by the PTA.

We accept

- ✓ Adult and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Handbags, Belts,
- ✓ Hats, Scarves
- ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Thank you

We don't accept

- ✗ Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothes
- ✗ Uniforms, Underclothing
- ✗ Toys, Books, DVD's
- ✗ Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- ✗ Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- ✗ Bric-a-Brac

CLUBS

Gardening Club Update

Gardening Club was lots of fun on Tuesday. As well as doing some planting and digging they also did some nature photography. If you have any surplus gloves, trowels or gardening tools - please donate them to Wallace Fields Junior School Gardening club as they will be put to very good use.







Sign Up for Excellent Wraparound Care - JAG!



JAG offers either end of school until 6pm or after clubs (4.30pm) until 6pm. If you do not know whether your child has got into a club of their choice, JAG have recommended you book the full session and you can amend booking (up to 7 days before start of term) to the 4.30pm until 6pm slot on the days their child has a club.

Please remember that JAG will take on children after their club at school (usually around 4.30pm) - Kidsquest (at WFI) do not pick up after clubs so you must book JAG if you want your children to take part in after school clubs followed by wraparound care up to 6pm.

Claim your free term-time session at Junior Adventures Group with this Adventure Pass and experience a school club like no other!

Simply just use code **ADVENTUREPASS** at checkout to claim!

Scan here to find out more about Term Time at JAG!



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Junior Adventures Group

JAG
Term Time Clubs
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Fun packed multi-activity clubs for every child

At Junior Adventures Group UK, we understand the importance of creating a nurturing space where children can thrive. Our clubs are more than just activities - they are opportunities for your child to build confidence, make friends and develop crucial skills.

- ✓ A big dose of fun beyond the school day!
- ✓ Make new friends across all age groups
- ✓ Delivered by a team of expertly trained professionals
- ✓ Keep active and improve wellbeing
- ✓ Explore creativity and a wide range of interests

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Junior Adventures Group

We believe in building brighter futures for children

It's hugely important that you, and your child, feel supported by us from the word go, so we've collated a wealth of information, advice and pointers to help you get started. From how to register to our different payment options, what to expect on your child's first day to what they should bring.

It's only natural that your child may feel nervous in advance of their first visit. That's why we encourage you to bring them in for an initial visit, so they can look around, meet our friendly team and even make new friends.

At collection time, you'll be asked to sign your child out and will have a chance to chat to our professional childcare experts to hear what they've been up to in our action-packed club!

- ✓ Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- ✓ Weekly Booking Discounts
- ✓ Flexible Payment Options
- ✓ Tax Free Childcare

Our Adventure Programme

At JAG, we are passionate about helping the next generation navigate their world. We do this by providing experiences and programmes that add depth and richness to children's learning beyond the classroom and school curriculum. Our Adventure Programme gives children the opportunity to develop life skills and explore their interests. Backed by research into child development and created in partnership with experts, we deliver this programme through seven fun-filled categories packed with over 200 activities!

The fun continues after school at our 'Stay and Play' afternoon programmes!

Our Adventure Categories

Flavour Fest

Explore the tasty world of food and nutrition through fun and interactive experiences.

- Cooking
- Run your own cafe
- Building Snack Plates

Creative Inventors

Engage in creative activities that combine expressive arts, materials and crafts to fuel your inner inventor and unlock hidden talents.

- Painting & crafts
- Drama
- Role play

Super Sports

Super fun and sporty sessions designed to develop essential skills for a lifetime of active living.

- Swimming
- Football
- Basketball

Brain Boosters

Quick wits, logic puzzles, and engage in captivating games and science experiments.

- Quizzes & brain teasers
- Code breaking
- Building projects

Power Teams

Fun games, rolling challenges, and exciting group activities to build team skills for life.

- Team Challenges
- Obstacle Courses
- Scavenger hunts

Global Kids

Embark on a journey to become a better global citizen and protect our planet through downspouting, essential life skills and exploring the world around us.

- Community Connectors
- Eco warriors
- Rocket building

Wellbeing Warriors

Discover a range of activities specially designed to help your child feel good by boosting happiness, mindfulness, and wellbeing.

- Yoga
- Zen Gardens
- Healthy Heart Circuits

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REMINDERS and MORE INFORMATION

Parents Handover to Staff at Morning Clubs and Wraparound Care

Parents/carers must handover to staff at morning clubs such as dodgeball and tennis and JAG Wraparound Care. Children must **not** be left alone in the car park. Some staff have found children wandering around the car park in the morning alone which is a safeguarding issue. If you are running late then call the club leader to make them aware and then wait with your child until a member of staff can take your child through to the club. The best way to avoid issues attending morning clubs is to allow a lot of time to be on time. The club leader waits for the majority at the main gate and then needs to go into school to start the club. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe. Parents picking up and dropping off at JAG are permitted to drive right into the staff car park (please drive extremely slowly).

Please Label All School Uniform

Please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled. If uniform is found then the Year 6 helpers make sure the item gets returned to the correct child.

There are lots of items currently in lost property labelled with children who are no longer at our school which may be cause these items have been bought second hand and not renamed. If lost they cannot be returned to their owner. It was great to see so many people supporting the PTA second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 18th September. **If you buy second hand uniform please use a permanent marker to delete old names or cut the old name tags out** and clearly re-name with your child's name.

Water Bottles Every Day

Please send your child in with a water bottle every day. Bottles go on a trolley that is kept with the lunchboxes. Please label the water bottle clearly. The water coolers and taps are available all around the school and opportunities to refill are build into the day and the children are reminded to refill their bottles at the end of break.

Have Your Contact Details Changed?

Make sure your details are up to date! Please contact the office if your contact details have changed this is **extremely important** to ensure we are able to contact you in an emergency. Email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁶ with your updated contact details. Thank you.

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

SAFEGUARDING

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 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 INSTAGRAM

Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eye.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTION
Many social media platforms, Instagram included, are designed to keep us engaged on them for as long as possible. They encourage scrolling often and scrolling more to ease any 'fear of missing out'. On Instagram, young people can lose track of time when endlessly scrolling and watching videos posted by friends, acquaintances, influencers and possibly strangers.

UNREALISTIC IDEALS
Children sometimes compare themselves to what they see online: how they look, how they dress, and the way their life is going in comparison to others on social media. However, most people only share the positives about their lives online and many use filters when sharing pictures of themselves. A constant comparison with unrealistic ideals can lead to insecurity over one's own appearance and lifestyle.

GOING LIVE
Livestreaming on Instagram allows users to connect with friends and followers in real time. While increase if the account is public, because that means anyone can watch the broadcast, which could result in further contact from strangers. Additional dangers of going live include an impulse to act impulsively to attract more viewers, as well as being exposed to harmful content or offensive language.

INFLUENCER CULTURE
Social media influencers are sometimes paid thousands of pounds to promote products, services, apps and more. When celebrities or anyone get paid such content, is often any 'paid partnership' above the post. In April 2024, Ofcom found that over a quarter of children (24%) believed in influencer marketing, accepting their endorsement of products wholeheartedly. So it's perfectly possible for young people to be taken in by this kind of content.

PRODUCT TAGGING
Product tags allow users to tag a product or business in their post. This tag will take viewers directly to the product detail page on the shop where the item can be purchased. Children may also be encouraged by influencers to purchase products that they advertise.

EXCLUSION & OSTRACISM
Youngsters are highly sensitive to feeling excluded, which comes in many forms: not receiving as many 'likes' as expected; not being tagged in a friend's photo; being uninvited; not receiving a comment on their post of a reply to a message they sent. Being excluded online hurts just as much as offline. Young people have reported lower moods and self-esteem when excluded in this way, feeling as if they don't belong and aren't valued.

Advice for Parents & Educators

AVOID GOING PUBLIC
If a young user wants to share their clothing style, make up or similar and use product tagging to show off the items in their shop, they may be tempted to change their settings to public. This leaves their profile visible to everyone, which carries the risk of strangers getting in touch with them. Set a child's account to private and explain the importance of this way.

HAVE AN OPEN DIALOGUE
Talk to children about the positives and negatives of social media, including the risks involved and how they can view or create content safely with family and friends. Explain how safety settings will ensure only someone can view them, and why this is so important. Also, if you find a child continuously uses filters on their photos, ask them why and impress on them that they don't need it.

MANAGE LIKE COUNTS
Due to the potential impact on mental wellbeing, Instagram allows users to hide the total likes on their posts, to prevent people from obsessing over that number in the corner. Users can hide the counts on all the posts in their feed as well as on their own posts. This means others can't see how many likes a person gets. This can be done by going into Settings > Notifications > Posts > Likes > Off.

USE MODERATORS
Instagram live has implemented a mechanic called 'Moderators', meaning that creators can assign a moderator and give them the power to report comments, remove viewers and remove the ability for certain viewers to comment at all. Consider this if a child in your care wants to go live on the platform. It's also recommended to keep devices in communal spaces as you're aware if a child does go live or watch a livestream.

FOLLOW INFLUENCERS
Following influencers will allow you to monitor what they're sharing as well as being able to discuss anything which you deem inappropriate. Talk to children about who they follow and help them to develop critical thinking skills about what the influencer is trying to do. For example, encourage the child to ask themselves if an influencer is trying to sell them a product when they make a video endorsing it.

BALANCE YOUR TIME
Instagram has a built-in activity dashboard that lets you see how much time is spent on the app. Make sure children sign in to the platform with the correct age, as Instagram's 'Teen Accounts' offer much more control for parents and carers over how long they can use the app each day. Talk with young users about how much time they spend on Instagram and work together to set a healthy time limit.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at iCyberware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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ACHIEVEMENT

Isabella's Incredible Singing

Isabella recently took part in the EMSP Showcase Concert at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury. Isabella performed as a soloist in 7 different numbers, ranging from vocally challenging ballads to comedy vocal numbers! She then also sang and danced her heart out in a large selection of ensemble numbers. The age range of this year's show was 7-60 years old, making Isabella the youngest performer on stage. She absolutely thrived - beautifully supporting, chatting and performing with everyone throughout the day long rehearsal and the evening concert. Her performances and work ethic were so strong that her singing teacher has awarded her a duet in next year's show, which we're all very excited to hear.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Wallace Fields Infant School Need Governors



WALLACE FIELDS
Infant School & Nursery

Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery are looking to appoint Governors

Do you know someone who is retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity?

Do you know someone who works in a corporate organisation offering Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV), also known as Corporate Volunteering, where the organisation's employees take paid time off to volunteer during work hours?

Does your company offer you the opportunity to take time off to volunteer?

The Board of Directors at [South Farnham Educational Trust \(SFET\)](#) have delegated certain functions to be locally managed, which means that the [Local Governing Board of WFIS and Nursery](#) has general responsibility for the effective management of the school, allowing individual pupil needs to be met effectively. Local Governors target resources and develop the nature and character of the school to effectively meet the needs and wishes of parents, children and teachers.

The Governing Body is made up of individuals with a broad range of skills who collectively help to set and implement the aims, ethos and strategic direction of the school by volunteering their time.

The Local Governing Board meet every other month during the academic year to discuss a wide range of school issues. Each Governor has an area of responsibility, and the role of a Governor gives volunteers an opportunity to become involved with the life of the school and local community.

To find out more about our Governing Body please click [here](#).

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact the Clerk sconstantino@sfet.org.uk.



1 - Our main feeder school is Wallace Fields Infant School. We keep in close contact with them and they need governors. They are under the South Farnham Education Trust (SFET) and so they have separate governors and Trustees that oversee the school. If you are interested in becoming a governor for them please look at the details in this poster.

Latest News about the SmartPhone Free Childhood

⚡ SURREY IS SECOND ON THE PARENT PACT LEADERBOARD ⚡ The parent pact leader board was published this morning. Within 2 weeks, across the UK, 35,000 parents signed the pact. ✨ And Surrey came second on the leader board!!! 🤝 This is paving the way and helping parents to have a choice. 🙌 When you think you're the only one, you feel like you have to get your child a smartphone. Not anymore! The parent pact helps: - Parents to see that they're not alone -

Headteachers to see that there is demand from parents to make a change - Politicians to see that there is a groundswell - Tech companies to see we want our kids safe Sign the parent pact here:

<https://surreyparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Christmas Photo Sessions Available to Book



CHRISTMAS MINI SESSIONS 2024

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

I'm so excited to introduce the Christmas sessions.

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

Make Christmas a little more magical.

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

PACKAGES starts from £77 ❤️❤️❤️

This year my Mini Sessions will be in Epsom

📍 Wallace Fields Junior School Epsom KT17 3BH

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

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

https://book.usession.com/s/R_pFlk6Az

Thank you and see you soon ❤️❤️❤️

Anna Pelech Capture Moments Photography 📸

If you have any questions, you can email me on annapelechphotography@yahoo.com or text on 07362456429.

Girl Footballers Needed

A red rectangular poster for Alexandra United. In the top left corner is a circular logo featuring a soccer ball and the text 'ALEXANDRA UNITED'. To the right of the logo, the text 'ALEXANDRA UNITED' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, 'GIRLS U7 / U8 FOR NEW TEAM 2024/2025' is written in white. Underneath, 'PLAYERS WANTED!' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below that, 'Current years 2 & 3' is written in yellow. Further down, 'CONTACT: PEARLS@ALEXUTD.COM' is written in white. Below the contact information, 'Train - Tuesday, Court Rec' is written in white. At the bottom, 'Aim to play in the SATURDAY girls league' is written in white. On the right side of the poster, there is a 3D rendering of a soccer ball hitting a goal net, with the net's strings visible.

Bourne Hall Poetry Competition

Bourne Hall are holding a poetry competition for local children to write poems on what they like about the local area or a local place. These will be judged by the poet Ana Mclaughlin in the following age groups: 5–8, 9–12, and 13–16. If there is the demand, they may add a further older age group.

The top three in each group will win a signed copy of her new anthology **Heroes and Villains**, which will be presented by the author at an event in October at Bourne Hall. Poems should be emailed to David Brooks at dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk⁷ or dropped off at the Bourne Hall reception desk by **1st October 2024**.

Garden of Remembrance Ceremony: On 6th November 2024 at 11am, the Garden of Remembrance in Bourne Hall Park will be opened by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and local schoolchildren to honour and remember all those who died in the service of their country. Schools will be performing songs and poems and placing poppy crosses to remember the loss of servicemen and women in all conflicts.

After this ceremony, the public can place their own crosses and tokens of remembrance. If you would like your school to take part please contact me at: dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk⁸

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Bourne Hall Events



Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club

bringing history alive



From June 1941 until 1949, buying new clothes was rationed in Britain. A short film was made by the Ministry of Information in 1943, and was called *Make Do and Mend*.



Saturday 12 October

1pm to 2.30pm

This was part of the Government's campaign urging people to repair, reuse and reimagine their existing clothes during the War. Because all the cloth was going to make millions of uniforms, handmade and hand-repaired clothing became an essential part of wartime life.

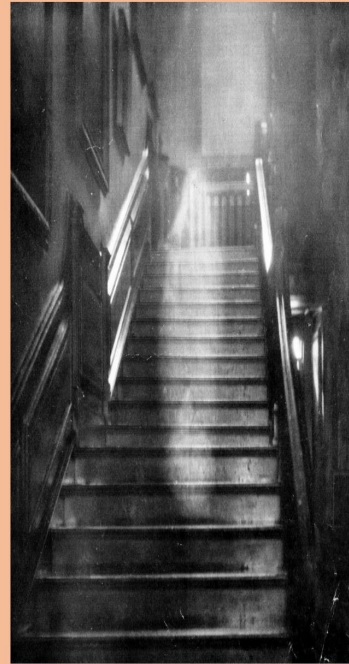
This inspired people to be more resourceful in general, and we can learn much from it about recycling and waste reduction today.

Cost £6 per child. Contact: David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 020 8394 1734.

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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

Meet opposite the fire station in
Church Street Epsom **Cost £6 per person.** **Numbers are limited: to reserve your place please contact David Brooks—020 8394 1734**
dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk,
Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street,
EWELL, Surrey,
KT17 1UF



A Halloween walk in Epsom, visiting where the dead do not rest, flats, pubs, old houses, ghostly children, and school teachers in Epsom's most haunted house, the matchstick ghost, the ghost that moved next door, an infamous 18th century ghost, a WW1 nurse, ghost policemen. Perhaps the ghost of Nell Gwyn and Mrs Beeton and is Epsom clock tower a ghost!

Other Community Events



JOSH EVANS
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OCTOBER 2024 HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

We are delighted to announce our Josh Evans Soccer School October half term Football camps are now available to book! Available for girls & boys (ages 4-13)

Venue: THERFIELD SCHOOL
LEATHERHEAD SURREY KT22 7NZ

Mon 28th Oct 2024 - Thu 31st Oct 2024

THE CAMP WILL RUN FOR 4 DAYS:

RECEPTION & YR1: 9AM - 12PM

This camp will be held in the OLD sports hall.

YRS 2-8: 9AM - 3PM

This camp will be held on Astro turf.



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