

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

28th March 2025

KEY DATES AFTER HALF TERM

- Monday 3rd March 2025
 - Donations of Second Hand Books suitable for WFJS children to School Office
 - Beginning of Book Week Bring shoe box and book.
 - **Year 6** bring in cosy reading things all week.
 - Swimming starts back for selected **Year 5 and Year 6**
 - PTA WFJS & WFIS Colour Run volunteer slots go live at 8pm click here ¹for priority tickets
- Tuesday 4th March 2025

¹https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=94733

- **Year 5** bring in cosy reading things
- Gardening lunchtime club starts back please remember boots or old trainers and coat.
- Garden Room Opening and PTA Event 2.30pm. Please sign up to attend.
- Wednesday 5th March 2025 All bring a £1 donation for the PTA book sale during the school day.

• Thursday 6th March 2025

- All World Book Day Dressing Up as a Book Character (not Mufti)
- Book Week themed menu to all school lunches and those packed lunch children who have signed up
- Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand/Racecourse

Friday 7th March 2025

- Year 3 & 4 bring in cosy reading things today
- 1.00pm 3.00pm Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Epsom & Ewell Rugby Match at Priest Hill.

Click Here² for Upcoming Events

Click here³ for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

Head's Update

Wallace Fields Juniors To Leave Twitter (X)

You may be aware that many schools are moving away from social media as a platform for sharing activities. Our decision to leave Twitter (X) is rooted in our unwavering commitment to upholding the principles of diversity, inclusion, and a safe and positive community. We remain dedicated to connecting with you through alternatives. Using emails, the newsletter and the website we can continue to share our great lessons, exciting visits and trips and also the enormous number of extra-curricular events, sports achievements and individual achievements of the staff and children. We will be moving towards populating special year group gallery pages on the website, for easy access for parents/carers to locate and enjoy.

As we move away from Twitter (X) to sharing photographs more directly (and less publicly), we will need to review the permissions that have been given in the past. You have previously indicated on forms if you did or did not not permit your child's photograph to be used, so we

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

³https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar

will be contacting those without permission to confirm if your child does or does not have permission to be used on the website and in the newsletter.

Please also note, that the taking of photographs of an event comes secondary to ensuring the safeguarding and safety of any school activity, and so there will be no guarantee that children with permission will be definitely included in a collection of pictures. Regarding trips, photographs will not be sent privately for those children without permission and the school affirms that those children will not be included in any photographs of any trip or visit. We fully respect your right as a parent/carer to protect the digital footprint of your children and no judgement is made on those children without permission to be in photographs. If by chance, a picture does include a child without permission, please contact the school immediately.

I believe a move away from Twitter (X) is in keeping with the school ethos and you may want to take this opportunity to take any pictures from that platform before I fully shut down the school account in the summer term.

Denmark Government - Ban on Mobiles in School

Denmark is to ban mobile phones in schools and after-school clubs on the recommendation of a government commission that also found that children under 13 should not have their own smartphone or tablet. The government said it would change existing legislation to force all *folkeskole* – comprehensive primary and lower secondary schools – to become phone-free, meaning that almost all children aged between seven and 16 will be required by law not to bring their phones into school.

Thank you for your ongoing emails of support regarding the school's policy of no smartphones. We have about three non-feature 'dumb phones' coming into school at the moment and obviously zero levels of phone bullying and inappropriate use of phones in school. Please remember that any smartphones found in school will be confiscated and parents/carers are responsible for their collection form the main office.

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week



This week's Stars of the Week were nominated in assembly - they create an excellent role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values. Only one pupil per class is 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.

Football Fundraisers - Children V Adults

Lower School Children v Adults: Thanks to all the all parents, children and staff who helped with the Children v Adults lower school football games this Thursday. It was an even more successful event than last year and and the PTA are still counting the money though it is believed to have raised at least £400 – well done to all for organising, supporting and getting involved. Special mention to Miss Hill and Mrs Day for organising and to Mr Taylor and Mr Findlay for refereeing / playing. Well done to all the parents who played including mums and dads and the adults did go fairly easily on the little ones to keep things fair. This brought all the staff parents and children together with an attendance of well over 100 people. The children came out victorious inmost of the matches so well done to them.

See the school website for the photos from the event by clicking here⁴.

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to the **Upper School Children vs Adults football** event before half term for the Upper School. We had a great turnout: both for those who were competing and those who came along to spectate. Many goals were scored; shots saved; and fun was had as the children competed against their relatives! Many thanks for your generous donations: we raised an amazing **£279**, which has been used to buy a new **basketball hoop** for the playground! Thank you too to the PTA who provided the players with well-earnt refreshments!

https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-02-28-another-successful-football-fundraiser



Year 3 Road Safety Training

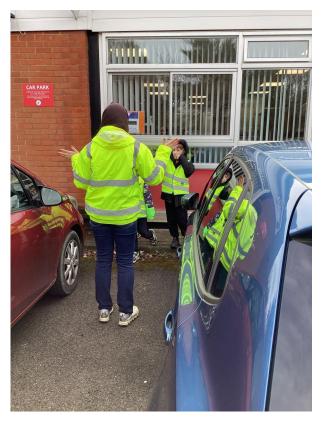
Year 3 took part in road safety training this week, provided by Surrey County Council. The children learnt about the Green Cross Code and used their knowledge whilst walking around the local area. Our trainers were very complimentary about the inquisitive questions our children asked and their brilliant behaviour. Children have been sent home with certificates, a pencil and a keyring this week. Well done Year 3!









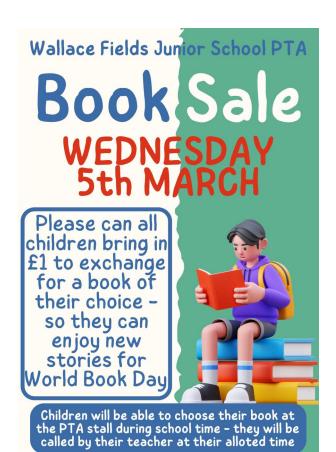














Book Week March 2025

Book Week Reminders - Remember!

Book in the Box - We will be planning their ideas on **Monday 3rd March 2025** and then creating their vision on Wednesday 5th March 2025 . If possible, children need to bring in a shoe box by Wednesday 5th March 2025. Children may also want to bring in items from home to add to their 'Book in a Box' which teachers will discuss with them in their planning session at school.

Cosy Reading - We have a planned cosy reading sessions: Year 6 every day; Year 5 Tuesday, Year 4 Friday and Year 3 Friday. They are welcome to bring in pillows, blankets and cosy items.

For more information about what is happening during Book Week please click here⁵.

⁵https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events/2025-03-03-world-book-week

Thursday 6th March 2025 is Book Character Dress Up Day!

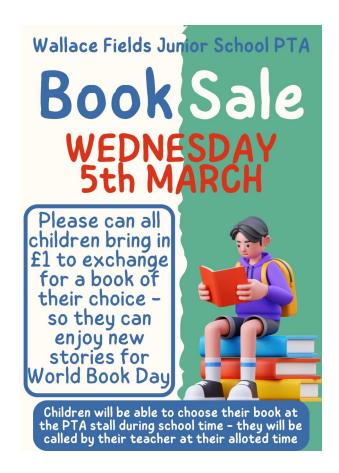
On Thursday 6th March 2025 we will have a Book Character Day where all the children and staff can dress up as a book character. It is a day for dressing up as a personal favourite character for a book – for example: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Alice in Wonderland, Gangsta Granny, Pippi Longstocking, Voldemort, Cat in the Hat, Peter Pan, Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG, Angelina Ballerina, Mr Bump, Paddington Bear, Burglar Bill, the witch from Room on the Broom, Billionaire Boy, The Boy in a Dress, Thing 1 (or Thing 2), The Highway Rat, The Gruffalo, Aslan or the Snow Queen (Chronicles of Narnia) etc. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes. Make props and masks – use your creative genius to think of new and innovative characters you have read about! It is not a football kit day or mufti day – book characters only please. If unsure, school uniform can be worn.

Children on a PE day should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons. Ideally children could have a costume that has a sports base of a layer they can take off to reveal their sports clothing.

Bring £1 donation to Buy a Book on Wednesday 5th March 2025

PTA will be running a second hand book stall in the hall next **Wednesday 5th March** for and hour and invite the children - class by class, to come with a **£1 donation** and buy a book. This event happened last year and it worked really well with every child getting a book to take home to read. If you have any unwanted books that are still in great condition and could be a read for a child then please donate them to the school.

We still need book donations - deadline extended until MONDAY 3rd March 2025.



COMING UP & REMINDERS

PTA Tea Party and Official Opening of the Garden Room

A few final places left. You are cordially invited to attend the formal opening of The Garden Room and talk by the PTA on **Tuesday 4th March at 2.30pm.**

The attached poster was designed by Rocha, Freddie and Edith from year 6 and the ribbon cutting will take place during the afternoon. Please **complete the Google form below** if you would like to take part and **have a genuine interest in helping the PTA in the future**. There are only 20 places available, so do please sign up soon. We will notify parents after half-term if they have been selected to attend.

Click here to sign up⁶

⁶https://forms.gle/GQtbcFcF7e2Mn2Pm7



Donation of Cuddly Toy Turtle/Tortoise Toys

As part of our maths curriculum, there is a character called 'Tiny Turtle' who makes mistakes and the children are encouraged to help him get the right answer. We currently have one Tiny Turtle in the building that the children have love writing questions for and helping unpick common misconceptions. We are hoping to have one Tiny Turtle in each maths class so we can involve the character in the lessons more and provide more opportunities for the children to master their maths. If you do happen to do a cuddly toy clear out, and have any turtles/tortoises amongst the toys, we would really appreciate them. Please ask your child to drop them off to Miss Sarjeant and we will give them a certificate to show our appreciation. Thank you.

Wallace Fields Junior School Children's Art Exhibition at The Horton

Parents, grandparents, friends and family are encouraged to visit The Horton Exhibition to see their child's artwork, on display. The exhibition runs from Tuesday 4th March 2025 to Saturday 8th March 2025 at The Horton Art Centre. The Horton Art Centre is located at Haven Way, Epsom, KT19 8NP and is open 9.15am-4.00pm daily. As children are at school during the week, parents may wish to visit The Horton with their child on the Saturday. The exhibition is purely the work of the children from Wallace Fields Juniors and you can look at your leisure. There is a café available for refreshments and a rest before or after looking round the exhibition.

Sports Fixtures Coming Up

Well done to the Year 4 footballers who played today at the tournament at Auriol school.

We have lots of exciting sports fixtures coming up in March including the following:-

- Friday 7th March 1.00pm 3.00pm Year 5 & Year 6 Epsom & Ewell Rugby Match at Priest Hill. Email sent to selected.
- Tuesday 11th March 1.00pm 3.00pm Year 3 & Year 4 Epsom & Ewell Rugby Match at Priest Hill. Email sent to selected.
- Friday 14th March 2025 3.45pm 4.30pm Girls and Boys Football Home Match v St Martins. See SPOND.
- Tuesday 18th March 2025 4.00pm 6.00pm Netball Tournament at Rosebery School.
- Tuesday 25th March 2025 3.45pm -4.30pm Year 3 & 4 Football Home Match v Cuddington Croft
- Friday 28th March 2025 1.15pm 3.00pm Girls Year 5 & 6 football at Auriol Juniors
- Friday 25th April 2025 1.15pm 3.00pm Girls Year 3 & 4 football at Auriol Juniors
- Friday 23rd May 2025 1.15pm 3.00pm Mixed Year 5 & 6 cricket at Auriol Juniors

Playhouse Music Festival

Parents/Carers of the Playhouse choir have now been emailed to confirm which evening they will be performing and with more details of the event.

- Performing on Tuesday 25th March 2025 are: Year 6: Aurelia, Betty, Cara, Hannah, Heidi, Isla, Lalana, Maya, Sophie and Year 5: Chloe, Eliana, George, Leena, Marta, Reema, Rose, Thea
- Performing on Wednesday 26th March 2025 are: Year 6: Alexandra, Amelia, Anna, Celine, Clarissa, Edith, Ela, Felicity, Kate, Sabina and Year 5: Anna, Bea, Ella, Grace, Mai, Nandika, Sophia

Tickets for both nights went on sale on Tuesday 18th February 2025 on the Epsom Playhouse website. There is obviously big demand for these so it is advisable to book early if you wish to watch the performance. Click here⁷ to buy tickets.

Green House Mufti Coming Up - 13th March 2025

Well done to Green House who have won a mufti day on Thursday 13th March 2025 for winning the most house points in the first term of spring. Green House can wear their own

⁷https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/shows/epsom-and-ewell-schools-music-festival-2025

clothes ideally including something in their outfit to match their house colour to celebrate the victory. Many congratulations to Green House!

YEAR 3

Year 3 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 3 Performance Assembly is to be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 2.45pm. Auditions in lesson on Monday 12th May 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

YFAR 4

Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court - Medical Meeting Reminder

If your child has any dietary allergies, requires to take any medication or are required to take preventative medicine i.e. inhalers, travel sickness tablets on the trip, please attend a brief individual meeting on:

Wednesday 12th March at 8.45am in the school hall.

Please enter the school via the school office. **All medication,** including return travel sickness pills, **must be clearly named and handed in with written instructions to school at this meeting. We cannot accept medicine at any other time as full instructions must be given in a face to face meeting.** The only exception to this are antibiotics, which can be handed in on the Wednesday morning.

Year 4 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 4 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 2.45pm. Auditions in lesson on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

YEAR 5

Year 5 Music Performance Assembly Dates - Reminder

Year 5 Music Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 11th March 2025** 2.45pm. Auditions were Tuesday 25th February 2025. Parents of children selected to perform are invited to attend.

YEAR 6

Junior Citizen Scheme – Thursday 6th March 2025

As part of the Year 6 work in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) in the Spring Term, Year 6 take part in a Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand on **Thursday 6th March 2025.** In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services,

pupils learn about personal safety relevant to their transition to secondary school and to help them develop their independence. The children leave school by coach at 9.15am and return to school at approximately 11.45am in time for lunch. They will eat lunch at school as usual.

In order to cover the cost of this trip, we need to ask for a voluntary **contribution of £11.50**. If your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for financial assistance in paying for this trip. Please visit our on-line payment system Scopay to make your voluntary donation.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and informative morning.

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



Click here⁸ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Gardening Club Will Start 4th March 2025 and Donations Needed

Gardening club will start on Tuesday **4th March 2025**. This is a lunchtime club that anyone can turn up for but they must have spare shoes or boots and a coat.

⁸https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding

If parents are going to Garden Centres over the half term break we would appreciate any donations of compost, small tools and gardening gloves. Gardening Club will be planting seeds for pumpkins/ courgettes in March so donations of seeds would be very gratefully received and also potato tubers.

Junior Adventure Group Wrap Around Care



Secure Your Wraparound Care This Spring!

As we kick off a brand-new half-term, we're excited to welcome children back to our Ofsted-registered wraparound clubs for more fun-filled adventures!

This Spring, our Adventure Programme is packed with special themed days and exciting activities designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and boundless energy!

Here are some of the special days we may celebrate in the coming weeks at our clubs:

Shrowe Tuesday - 4th March
This Pancake Day, children will flip, cook, and race their way
through a delicious adventure! As part of our Flavour Fest category,
they'll explore Pancake Day traditions, test tasty recipes, and
enjoy hands-on cooking fun.

■ World Book Day - 6th March Children can dress as their favourite literary characters and bring stories to life through crafts and imaginative projects in our Creative Inventors category. A magical celebration of books, creativity, and storytelling!

⚠ British Science Week - W/C 10th March
During British Science Week, children will explore the wonders of
STEM through exciting activities in our Brain Boosters category.
They'll dive into interactive puzzles, games, and experiments.

W Red Nose Day - 21st March Time to get silly for a good cause! Children will tell jokes, take part in wacky games, and enjoy fun-filled activities from our Adventure Programme, all while raising awareness and spreading kindness.

₱ Mother's Day - 28th March
Through activities in our Creative Inventors category, children will
get imaginative and handcraft beautiful origami flowers to show love
and appreciation for their mums and mother figures.

April Fools' Day - 1st April Expect harmless pranks, silly surprises, and cheeky fun! Children will enjoy jokes, tricks, and giggles in a playful celebration of laughter and mischief!

Don't let your child miss out on this springtime adventure!

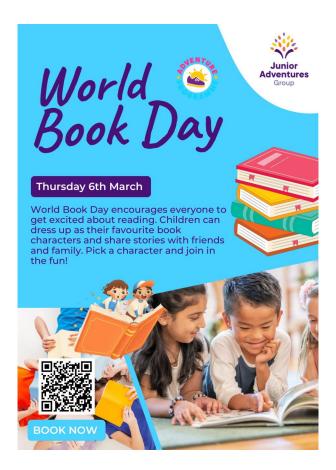
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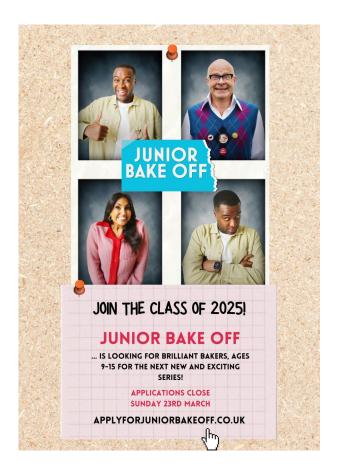








COMMUNITY





Can you spare a few hours per week to help our charity? Learn new skills | Meet new people | Make a difference

If you enjoy working as part of a team and using your own initiative, we would love to hear from you!

Epsom RDA provides both children and adults with physical and learning disabilities, the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through the therapeutic power of horses.

You don't need previous experience of horses, riding or working with disabled people.

Training is provided for all.

Minimum age for volunteers is 14 years.

IT'S WHAT YOU CAN DO THAT COUNTS











Struggling Suffragettes

Saturday March 8 1pm-2.30pm



Lean about the suffragettes and decide if you wish to join their fight to get the vote for women. Listen to the arguments and learn why some women at the beginning of the twentieth century were driven to drastic measures to get their voices heard by the Establishment. Understand the different methods used by these pioneering ladies, from peaceful protest to more militant tactics

Discover how the determination and bravery of the Suffragettes changed the way our country is today and learn how Epsom was thrust into the national headlines by the death of Emily Davison at the Derby in June 1913.



Cost £6 per child

Further information is available from David Brooks, Bourne Hall Museum, Spring Street, Ewell. Surrey, KT17 1UF. Tel 0208 394 1734, Email dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

