

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

29th November 2024



KEY DATES

Key Dates Leading Up To Christmas

- Monday 2nd December 2024
 - Deadline for Year 6 Height and Weight Check. All must reply yes or no.
 - Vicar from St Mary's assembly to introduce the Christian festival Advent

- Monday 9th December 2024 D & T Week Children to bring in supplies
- Tuesday 10th December 2024
 - Year 6 Surrey Nurse Team Height & Weight check
 - **8pm** PTA AGM on Zoom. All welcome
- Wednesday 11th December 2024 Pantomime 'A Christmas Carol' during the day for children (thank you to the PTA)
- Thursday 12th December 2024 PTA Christmas Fun Day during school day (Years 3 and 4)
- Friday 13th December 2024 PTA Christmas Fun Day during school day for children (years 5 and 6)

- Monday 16th December 2024
 - Rehearsal for Carol Concert at Epsom College 9.00am -12.00pm. Parents volunteers helping teachers walk with children
 - Carol Concert at Epsom College 6.20pm for 6.40pm start until 7.45pm We
 hope all are able to attend
- Wednesday 18th December 2024 Carol Singing at the Café Alexandra Park
 12.45am Parents Welcome
- Thursday 19th December 2024 Children's Christmas Lunch served for all School
 Dinner children plus those that signed up. Children can wear Christmas head wear,
 tinsel or Christmas jumper with school uniform (not a Mufti day). All children will get
 a Christmas cracker.
- Friday 20th December 2024
 - Early finish for winter break at 1.25pm/1.30pm
 - JAG will be running breakfast club only on this day.



Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar

HEAD'S UPDATE

Snow and Adverse Weather

With the extreme weather and snow nationally it reminded us to review and amend our snow day policy and procedures. We have a very clear plan in the event of snow (it is on our website). We will put the details in the newsletter if snow is predicted and in the event of a snowfall, it is unlikely that school would actually close. One of the biggest factors for closing a school is enough staff getting into the building to ensure safe teaching and management of the children. However, many staff live near enough and would be able to make it in on a snowy day if roads are clear. For now all I need to mention is a snow plan is in place and the chances of closing school are slim. Over the last ten years the last few big snowfalls have resulted in most local schools remaining open. The adverse weather seems to effect clubs, kitchen staff and wraparound care more than standard teaching and learning in the main

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

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

school day. As usual, keep an eye on the website and details to follow should the school experience adverse weather. Thanks for your ongoing support and understanding. **Mr Lee. Headteacher.**

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week



This week's Stars of the Week are above. Only one per class is nominated in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. They 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.

Times Table Rock Stars - England Rocks



Well done to all those children who contributed to the fantastic scores for each class on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) during the England Rocks competition! The top 3 children from each maths group have been awarded for their efforts in class and the top 3 in the school have been celebrated in Celebration Assembly. All the children have been awarded 5 house points for their efforts. A fantastic effort! **Miss Sarjeant, Maths Lead**.

Science Quiz Team Success

Well done to our amazing Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who took part in the area heat of the national science quiz championships on Thursday. They had lots of fun competing and worked very well as a team. Fuelled by biscuits and a thirst for science, they managed to finish in an impressive 6th place overall with 1350 points (a mere 10 points behind 5th place). They have made it through to the semi-finals in January, as a highest scoring finisher. Congratulations to the whole team- we are very proud of you! **Mr Hurd, Science Lead**.



Christmas has Arrived at Wallace Fields Junior School

Thanks to the PTA ,Christmas has arrived at Wallace Fields Junior School. The PTA have put up and decorated the Christmas Tree in the hall and the reception desk. Thank you!

The Wallace Fields Juniors Christmas card 'Post Box' will be in the hall from next week so children can get their Christmas cards posted all around the school to their friends. Please ensure the children put the first and last name of their friend and their class. The delivery trays arrive at the end of the day and the teachers give them out. Please do not put any sweets or treats inside the cards due to allergies. No letters to family members or Father Christmas - please send those using the standard Royal Mail.



EVENTS COMING UP & IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Get Your Child's Fun Day Tickets

Get yours now to secure your child's place:

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=90162

Let's make lots of memories for the children this holiday season! Love PTA



Sports Fixtures

Well done to all the children who took part in this weeks sports fixtures:

- Monday 25th November 2024 Selected Girls' football players took part in a tournament at Priest Hill. A really fun tournament with lots of enthusiasm. It was very close with lots of draws and one win. Wallace Fields Junior School started to get some goals towards the end. Thanks very much to all the spectators braving the cold and being so supportive.
- Thursday 28th November 2024 Netball team played St Clements during their normal scheduled netball training. Wallace Fields Junior School knew they were up against a very good team. St Clements were the stronger team and did win the match. Morale increased throughout the match and the children learnt a lot from their first fixture.
- This afternoon Friday 29th November 2024, to the Girls' Tag Rugby team took part
 in a tournament at Auriol School. *HOT OFF THE PRESS* We have just heard that
 our girls won the tournament. More information to follow next week.

Christmas Carol Concert - Monday 16th December 2024

As the Carol Concert gets ever closer and the rehearsals continue in school. The Christmas Carol service at the Epsom College Chapel. All parents and siblings are welcome to come to watch and listen to the concert.

If for religious reasons your child is unable to attend, please email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk³

We expect your child to attend the rehearsal (on the morning from school) and the evening service unless we hear from you.

Timings

- No-one to arrive on site before 6pm. Parents/carers must NOT arrive before 6pm and unfortunately there is no parking on site.
- Staff arrive 6.10pm in side door
- Pupils in full school uniform drop off at side door 6.20pm
- Parents/Carers /Siblings queue up enter through back doors of church
- Concert starts 6.40pm
- Concert should be finished by approximately 7.40pm
- · Parents/Carers leave out of the main doors of the church only
- Pupils are collected from teachers/staff from area at the side of chapel please be patient.

If you need disabled access and disabled parking please inform the School Office by emailing Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁴

Further information will be sent out next week about collecting children at the end of the concert and a google form for those not collecting their own children. Safeguarding is our key concern so we would appreciate your patience at the end of the concert.

Parent Walking to Christmas Concert Rehearsal

Thank you to the parents who have already signed up to help. We still need some more parent volunteers to walk with the children to and from the Epsom College Chapel in the morning of Monday 16th December 2024 for the rehearsal. We are leaving school at 9.00am and returning at 11.45am. Parents do not need to stay for the whole dress rehearsal unless they wish to. If you can help please email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁵

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Carol Singing in the Park - Wednesday 18th December 2024

Parents are warmly welcomed to come along and support the school choir, as they bring some Christmas Spirit into Alexandra Park. The School Choir will be carol singing in Alexandra Park Recreation Ground by the Park View Café on Wednesday 18th December 2024 from around 12.45pm until 1.10pm. Children should wear full school uniform (no PE kits) and bring a coat and can wear Christmas headdresses/tinsel . All parents are very welcome to come along and watch. The cafe will be busy so go early if parents/carers want to buy drinks/lunch to avoid queues. There will be a collection for the school nurture room, so if you do have any spare change, donations are much appreciated.

Christmas School Lunch

Thursday 19th December 2024 is the children's Christmas lunch day. All children will receive a cracker and are permitted to wear with their school uniform a Christmas jumper, headdress or tinsel if they wish. Children who have school lunches (and all those who normally have a packed lunch who signed up) will get served a Christmas dinner. Anyone having packed lunch is welcome to bring their packed lunch Christmas themed with maybe a few more treats than normal - don't forget no nuts are permitted.

Don't Forget Tissues If Your Child has a Cold

Please send your child in with tissues if they have a cold. We do have some tissues in class for unexpected sneezes or nose bleeds etc though children with colds bringing their own tissues in will help reduce the disruption to class with children getting up and down to use the class tissues. Much appreciated.

Buy Wine to Raise Money for the PTA



Spare Gloves Needed

We need a generic appeal for any spare gloves – any size (smaller/child size preferred) as the children use them to climb on the trim trail and it helps protect their hands.



YEAR 6

Year 6 Materials for D & T Week - 9th December 2024

Year 6 children will need fabric to make slippers. Any old clothing e.g. fleeces, dressing gowns, sweatshirts etc would be absolutely fine but we appreciate some children may want specific fabric. The children will need about **1m x 1m** (it does depend on their foot size). If you want to check, measure over the highest point of your child's foot and add 3 cm, and the length of their foot + 4cm - we need enough fabric for 4 of those.

Also, if anyone has **any old vinyl flooring or old carpet underlay**- it would be much appreciated! We used to raid local flooring shops for their sample packs- though in recent years they understandably have been unable to provide this for us. This forms the sole of the slipper.

Thank you, Ms Gough and Miss Hill Year 6 Class Teachers

Year 6 Height and Weight Check - Sign up by 2nd December 2024

Earlier this week we sent to you a letter from the School Nurse team regarding their visit to our school on **Tuesday 10th December 2024** for height and weight check of all children in Year 6. Please complete the electronic consent form with either Yes or No on the online portal by going to https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP. Enter your school's unique code: - **SR125298**. Deadline is 2nd December 2024.

YEAR 4

Year 4 French Homework Reminder - Due Friday 13th December 2024

The Year 4 French homework was handed out on Wednesday and is due in Friday 13th of December 2024. It is also on Google classroom.

YEAR 3

Year 3 Design & Technology Week

Over the coming weeks, Year 3 will be completing their D&T unit where they will be creating Christmas packaging! **On Monday 9th December 2024**, Year 3 will look at examples of packaging in all their different shapes, sizes and colours. Please could children bring in any surplus packaging they have at home on Monday 9th December 2024. Examples include cereal boxes, biscuit boxes, tooth paste boxes, washing up power boxes. Any boxes and/or packaging would be brilliant! Please note, no packaging that contained any form of nuts. Thank you, Year 3 Team.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Photos and Videos Permitted - Do Not Share on Social Media

You are welcome to take photographs and record videos of all the lovely school and club events, though we ask that you please ensure they are strictly for your personal use only. Do not share any photographs or videos on social media or any public platform as some children are not permitted to be included and their privacy and digital footprint must be protected. Thank you for your understanding.

PG Films

Children may watch a PG film on the last day of term in the class room. If you do NOT give permission for your child to watch a Parental Guidance film (PG) please contact the school office by Monday 16th December 2024 on Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁶ who will make their class teacher aware.

Please Check for Class and School Library Books at Home

Please search around your house and return any school library and school class library books that have been read or may have been forgotten to the School Office!

- School library books have a plastic cover and author sticker on the spine
- Class library books have a Wallace Fields Junior School stamp inside the cover and red tape on the spine.

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

• Any books with a class teacher's name on. Ms. Gough (and former teacher Mrs. Crabb) had brought in their own books for their Year 6 book corners many of which have gone missing.

CLUBS

When Does My Child's Club Finish for Christmas?

A reminder that Tennis club, Spanish and Science Clubs have already finished and will not return until after the Christmas holidays. Below are all the finish dates for all the other school clubs in alphabetical order.



Piano Lessons - Spaces Available

Mrs Cratchley does piano lessons at some lunchtimes and some days afterschool at Wallace Fields Junior School. She currently has one space available on Friday at 4pm (children can sit with her during the lesson before or go to JAG if required). There is also a possibility of piano lessons at the school on **Saturdays** with times to be confirmed. If interested please contact Mrs Cratchley:

email: alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com⁷

phone number: 07526 602231

Gardening Club Update - 26th November 2024

Well done to the four children who came to Gardening Club this week and did a great job making the Eco area look nice including a big litter pick finding two big bags of rubbish.

⁷mailto:alisonmcratchley306@gmail.com





Junior Adventure Group - Breakfast Club Only on Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, 20th January 2024, there will be breakfast club only at Junior Adventure Group. There will be no wrap around care when school finishes at 1.30pm.

Exciting Themed Activities at Wraparound Care - JAG!







${ \begin{tabular}{l} \triangle \end{tabular}}$ Join us for festive fun & activities this December at JAG!

As December arrives, our wraparound clubs are gearing up to bring festive sparkle to your child's days. Every day will shine with seasonal games, activities, and crafts from our Adventure Programme, giving every child the chance to celebrate, create, and explore.

Antarctica Day (W/C Monday 2nd)
 We're diving into the wonders of the "coolest" continent! To celebrate Antarctica Day, children will explore the signing of the Antarctic Treaty through quizzes, games, and activities from our Brain Boosters category.

A Christmas Jumper Day! (Thursday, December 12th)

It's Christmas Jumper Day! Children can wear their silliest, sparkliest jumpers and enjoy fun activities from our Wellbeing Warriors category, including selfies at the Christmas Jumper Station and mindful colouring.

The countdown to Christmas begins! Children will dive into festive activities from our Creative Inventors category, creating crafts and learning about holiday traditions from around the world.

Don't miss out on December's festive fun, discovery, and celebration!

Becure your spot here:

https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/
Parent Support: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-

support/
? RAgs: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parentsupport/frequently-asked-questions/
Descriptions: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parentsupport/payment-options/

Come join the fun with JAG today!

- Secure your spot here: https://bookings.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/.
- Parent Support: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/
- FAQ's: https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/frequently-asked-questions/
- **Payment Options:** https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/parent-support/payment-options/.

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



Concerns about Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child at WFJS then please talk to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL, call the school office on 0208 393 0350 or send an email to DSL@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁸. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

⁸mailto:DSL@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

- Mrs Day Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Elliot Deputy DSL and SENDCO
- Mr Lee Deputy DSL and Headteacher
- Mrs Bruen Deputy DSL, ELSA, SEND Assistant and Librarian
- Mrs Boddy Deputy DSL, School Office Administrator
- Mrs Fowler Deputy DSL, HLTA and ELSA

COMMUNITY

Applying for a Junior School Place for September 2025

Do you have child starting school in September 2025

You can apply for a primary, infant or junior school place from 4 November 2024 if your child:

- was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, or
- is leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2025

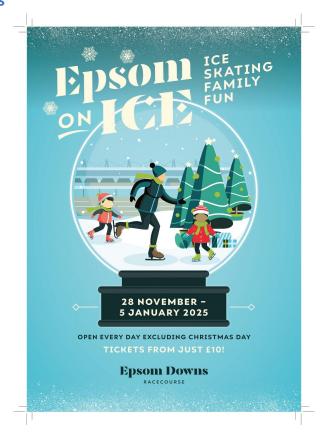
The closing date for applications is 15 January 2025. Click here⁹ for more information.

If you are a parent or carer living in Surrey, and your child has an existing Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and is due to start a new primary, infant or junior school in September 2025, you will need to follow a separate process by clicking her¹⁰e.

⁹https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply

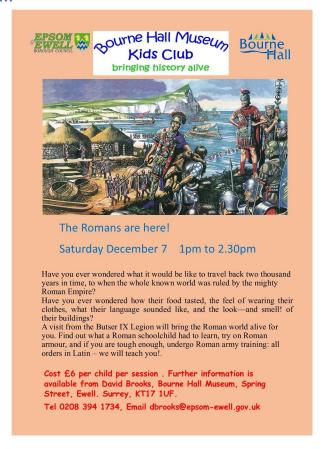
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Christmas Activities





Bourne Hall Museum



Football Activities

Our sessions are designed for keen footballers aged 6-14 who want to develop their skills in a supportive environment. Led by experienced and passionate coaches, we focus on fostering both technical growth and confidence, ensuring each child feels valued and motivated to succeed. We believe these sessions could be a fantastic opportunity for students with a passion for football, and we'd be thrilled to work together to make parents aware of this resource.

