

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 2nd October 2025

KEY DATES FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Friday 3rd October 2025 PTA Parents v Children Football Tournament 3.45pm 6pm (followed by pizza and drinks)
- Wednesday 8th October 2025

- Flu vaccinations and Year 6 Height and Weight Check
- 2pm Year 3 Tea Party Please bring in cake donations in the morning
- Thursday 9th October 2025 2pm Year 4 Tea Party please bring in cake donations in the morning
- Friday 10th October 2025
 - 9am Happy Bag Collection
 - 1.50pm-3pm Inter House Cross Country Parents welcome to watch
- Monday 13th October 2025 Epsom & Ewell Borough Cross Country Race at Sutton Grammar Playing Fields 3.30pm-5pm. Top 8 girls and top 8 boys
- Wednesday 15th October 2025 2pm Year 6 Tea Party
- Thursday 16th October 2025 2pm Year 5 Tea Party

Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events

Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. Click Here³ for School Term Dates and INSET days

Head's Update

A.I in Education Review

We are living in a time of extraordinary technological change, and artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly becoming part of our everyday lives. From the way we communicate to how we learn and work, AI is shaping the world around us—and our school is embracing this evolution with thoughtful enthusiasm.

At Wallace Fields Juniors, we recognise the exciting potential AI offers to enhance education. It provides powerful tools that support teachers in planning and delivering lessons, helps staff streamline administrative tasks, and even offers parents new ways to engage with their children's learning. Our pupils are already exploring AI in creative ways—many are using Canva, a dynamic presentation platform that includes AI features to help them design, write, and present their ideas with confidence and flair.

However, with innovation comes responsibility. We are committed to ensuring that AI is used safely, ethically, and effectively within our school. That's why our staff are undertaking dedicated training to understand and apply AI tools in ways that benefit our learners while maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding. We are actively developing policies and

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

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

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

guidelines to govern the use of AI, ensuring that we stay ahead of developments and remain aligned with best practices in education and technology.

As AI continues to evolve, we will keep reviewing and updating our approach, always with the aim of preparing our children for a future where digital literacy and critical thinking are more important than ever. We believe that by embracing AI thoughtfully, we can enrich learning experiences while keeping our school community safe, informed, and empowered.

Staying Safe Online—Together

While we explore the possibilities of AI and digital tools, our commitment to online safety remains stronger than ever. Children continue to receive regular lessons on how to use technology responsibly, understand digital risks, and protect themselves online. These sessions are designed to empower pupils with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the digital world safely.

We know that keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility, and we deeply value the partnership we have with you, our parents and carers. Together, we can ensure that all technology—whether used at school or at home—is approached with care, respect, and awareness. Thank you for working with us to support your children in becoming safe, responsible, and digitally aware citizens.

Wallace Fields Junior School Council

A big welcome to the new School Council who met this week for their first meeting. They are a dedicated and articulate bunch who ensure that school voice is loud and effective at Wallace Fields Juniors. Each councillor is elected by their class to represent the needs, ideas and inspirations of the children in each class. Every class has two representatives and we meet once a month - the venue has shifted to our lovely Garden room / breakout space and this means a much less crowded feel to our 16 strong meetings. Below is the full list of our School Council for 2025-2026. The School Council have formal meetings and the minutes form those minutes are shared with the children, the teachers and the governors. The first meeting went well and already they have some great ideas for improving the school and creative points to help make the school better for them.

School Council	is your PUPII	VOICE Know vo	aur school co	ouncil members.

Musa H. (3T)	Edward Y(5S)		
Prisha G (3T)	Alice W (5S)		
Sofia C (3D)	Jacob C (5H)		
Sami P (3D)	Nyla H (5H)		
Charlie W (4K)	Lochlan S (6H)		
Alicia S (4K)	Adam J-H (6H)		
Katrina B. (4C)	Kieran L (6G)		
John H. (4C)	George R (6G)		

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

School Council & the Head teacher Mr Lee meet every month. Minutes are written and classes consulted every month. Feedback also from suggestions in class discussion time. Meetings are in school time and not at lunchbreak so all councillors get a proper break.



Stars of Week



Last week's **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly last Friday - they create an superb role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values.

Nominated each week in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. All of the Stars of the Week receive a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school BELIEVE values - Brilliance, Enthusiasm, Learning, Inspiration, Equality, Vision and Every pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

THIS WEEK

Tag Rugby Match on Friday 26th September 2025



Well done to all the Wallace Fields Junior School tag rugby team who played their first fixture at Sutton & Epsom Rugby Club on Friday 26th September 2025.

Wallace Fields Junior School took part in three matches in the first stage of the upper school tag rugby League. The squad played really well. The squad made good use of all the players, using quick passes to create space. The rugby was fast paced and close; resulting in WFJS winning two of the three matches they played. Thank very much to our fantastic squad. Thank you to the parents who transported the children and supported the games.

Celebrating Languages Day



On Friday 26th September 2025 we celebrated languages from around the world. For example, in Year 4, the children enjoyed learning some Chinese words and phrases before welcoming two wonderful parent volunteers into the classroom. They shared their Ukrainian and Romanian languages, along with traditions that brought these cultures to life.

Thank you so much to the following parents who made the day so memorable by sharing their language, culture and traditions with the children in such a fun and engaging way.

Thank you to Rosie's Mum in 3D who spoke about Mandarin, Adva's mum in 3T who spoke

about Telugu, Tanya and Nathaniel's Mums who came in to Year 4 to talk about Ukrainian and Romanian, Musa's Mum who spoke to Year 6 about Chinese.

It was especially lovely to see children embracing their own language roots and wearing beautiful traditional clothing with such pride.

For more photos from Celebrating Languages Day click here.4

Epsom College Music Festival

The upper school choir enjoyed a fantastic day of singing at the Epsom College music festival on Tuesday run by Mr Wickham, Assistant Director of Music. After some dynamic warming up, the children worked on learning six songs from musicals old and new. They had to sing as a range of characters and with encouragement gradually started to get into role, enjoying the two part interplay. Lunch was delicious and the glorious sunshine meant that the children could enjoy a lovely spell of free time on the luscious grassy field rolling down the bank, playing IT and making up dance routines! After lunch the children were treated to a concert by some of the Epsom College choral competition winners. When the two soloists were singing you could have heard a pin drop the whole hall was listening so intently! The acapella groups were just as impressive.

The day ended with a concert for parents where all the hard work paid off - it was a wonderful performance especially considering it was achieved in just one day! Wallace Fields Junior pupils were a real credit to the school. We were the biggest choir attending by far, and the children's behaviour was impeccable and I was exceedingly proud of every one of them!

One of our pupils appeared on an Epsom College Instagram post about the event. Click here⁵ to see the post.



⁴ https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-10-01-celebrating-languages-day

⁵https://www.instagram.com/reel/DPQy2viCkZt/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link









Girls' Football First Upper School Fixture - Thursday 2nd October 2025

Good luck to the Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football who are taking part in their first fixture tonight, Thursday 2nd October 2025.

EVENTS COMING UP



1 - https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta6

⁶https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=shop

Harvest Celebration - Food Bank Donations

As part of our whole school **Harvest Celebration**, we are once again supporting our local food bank to help families in need. Our school has a long and proud history of generosity, and together we can make a real difference. Children can start bringing in their donations to their classes, from Monday 6th October until the **15th of October 2025**. We warmly invite children to bring in items such as tins of soup, beans, vegetables, pasta, rice, cereal, and long-life milk. If your child brings in several items, please send them in a carrier bag. Single items can be brought in on their own. Every single contribution, big or small, helps us share the spirit of Harvest and continue our tradition of caring for our community. For more detailed information, please visit the following link:

https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Mrs. Kidwai

Autism Review and Invite to Parent Discussion Group



We are having a full autistic review of the school on 8th October 2025. **As part of this we would like all parents / carers (children and staff) to complete this questionnaire link**. It will only take 5 mins of your time. The information gathered will be used to improve our provision of autistic children, their families and in turn everyone. We hope this will be a valuable tool in supporting our whole community the very best way we can.

In addition, on **22nd October 2025 at 2.15pm - 3.15pm** we would like to invite parents in for a parent discussion group with an independent practitioner, Vanessa Frances for a parental audit of how we support our autistic community. All parents are welcome. We particularly encourage those who have autistic children, are autistic or think you may have autistic traits.

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Little Wandle Letters and Sounds - Phonics Intervention

Parents and carers will soon be informed if their child is selected to participate in our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds **Rapid Catch-Up Phonics** Programme this year. The aim of this programme is to help children to reach and maintain the expected standards in phonics, spelling and reading whilst also developing children's reading fluency, comprehension and other essential skills related to reading efficiently. Children who will be completing phonics sessions will be sent home with a letter next week which details information about the programme. Further information will follow in the coming weeks regarding ways you can support your child with reading at home by accessing an e-book website with books suited to the children's learning. Kind regards, **Miss Day. Writing and Phonics Lead.**

Temporary Menu Changes

Due to staff absence in our kitchen of our head cook (Emma), Twelve15 are alleviating some of the pressure on the remaining staff. They planned a few minor adjustments to the menu this week as follows:

- Tuesday: Pear muffins served instead of pear sponge and custard.
- Wednesday: The dessert was strawberry jelly and yoghurt.

If Emma remains absent next week, they may implement further changes to support the kitchen team. These adjustments are intended to help maintain the quality and standards of the meals they provide, while also ensuring the team is not overstretched. Thank you for your understanding.

Year Group Tea Parties

Later in the term we hold a year group Tea Party. The children will serve you tea and cake, and it is an opportunity to meet the teachers and to mingle with other parents. Hot topics will be discussed and the children usually perform a song or give a recital of some sort for the parents' entertainment. Details will follow nearer the time. The tea party dates are as follows:-

- Wednesday 8th October 2025 2pm Year 3 Tea Party
- Thursday 9th October 2025 2pm Year 4 Tea Party
- Wednesday 15th October 2025 2pm Year 6 Tea Party
- Thursday 16th October 2025 2pm Year 5 Tea Party

Cross-Country: Parents Welcome - Friday 10th October 2025, 1.50pm-3.00pm

The children will have all had the opportunity to run in heats for the cross-country race and we will shortly share with you and the children who will be taking part in the **School Cross Country event on Friday 10th October 2025**. Each year group will select 16 boys and 16 girls to represent their house.

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.

From the Upper School a few children will be selected to enter the Epsom and Ewell event on Monday 13th October. As this is very short notice please keep your eye out for emails and Google permission form to confirm they are able to attend if selected.

Happy Bag Collection - 10th October 2025

Are you having a clear out at home? Please bring in your second hand donations at drop off on 10th October 2025.

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 2025 Please drop off items by the school gate before 9am on that day. Children were sent home with a Happy Bag but if you have lost yours or have too much to include then any bin bag or plastic bag will be fine.

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





Flu Vaccination - Wednesday 8th October 2025

Surrey Immunisation Service is coming in to Wallace Fields Junior School to administer the **flu vaccinations on Wednesday 8th October 2025.** We sent you a letter earlier in the week with more information. Please complete the e-consent form by Thursday 2nd October 2025. Please visit www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk⁷ and enter your school's unique code **SR125298** (For Years 3-6). If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, we ask you to complete a consent form and select the 'No' option.

Please see further information about the NHS child flu vaccine on this You Tube clip.

⁷https://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk

Year 6 will also have their height and weight check when the nurses come in for the flu vaccination.



https://youtu.be/lemX05TO4Iw

Pumpkin Making Competition

The annual pumpkin-making competition is back!



Design your own pumpkin using either materials that you have at home or, Design your own pumpking units and the materials that you have at forme of if you need materials, please speak to Mrs Curran. Be as creative as you can. The winning designs will receive a prize. (1st to 3rd in lower school and the best pumpkin in Year 5 and 6 will receive a prize).

The final hand-in date for your pumpkin creations is the ${\bf 15}^{th}$ of October. The winners will be called out in assembly on the 17th of October.



Please see some design ideas on the slides that follow. We can't wait to see your awesome pumpkins!











Beaded pumpkin





Awesome pumpkin making ideas



More PTA and Fundraising Events

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

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



GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTA TO HELP MAKE OUR
SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE
YOU CAN DO AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU CAN
TAKE THE LEAD ON AN EVENT
OR JUST GIVE US AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME
HELP US BUILD A STRONG SCHOOL COMMUNITY















'Macbeth' The Young Shakespeare Company Storytelling Interactive Workshop 3rd November 2025

As part of the Year 6 literacy curriculum, we are looking at classical texts and famous authors. Following the enormous success of last year's visit, we have been fortunate to secure a visit from **The Young Shakespeare Company** on **Monday 3th November 2025**. The storytelling workshop, delivered by a team of experienced actors, provides a fun learning experience bringing to life the text of Shakespeare's **'Macbeth'**. Throughout the performance, the storytellers enable the children to become actively involved in the play through carefully structured drama and language activities. The children are encouraged to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the characters using improvisation and drama.

In order to cover the cost of the visit we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £12.50. Please make your payment through Scopay, our online payment system. If your child qualifies for free school meals, there is some financial assistance. Please contact the school office for further details.

Year 6 - The Ambassador Elections Presentations

Thank you to all those who have applied to be ambassadors. The teachers will short list applicants and the finalists will be asked to make a 2 minute presentation to the whole school in an assembly on **Monday 13th October 2025**. All children will then vote for a candidate to represent them and our school The 2 winning candidates will be announced in the following week's assembly.

Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Each year in England, school children in Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. To find out more about the programme and how the data will be used, please visit www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/ ⁹

On Wednesday 8th October 2025 members of the School Aged Immunisation and Screening team weigh and measure children fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

This is a national opt out programme and **if you do not wish your child to be measured please email the team as scfh.contact@hcrgcaregroup.com** putting in the email title **NCMP Opt Out and name of your child's school.** In the email please state your child's name and date of birth or NHS number to identify them and confirm that you wish to opt out of the measurement screening programme. If you do not opt out the results will be sent to you via the contact details on our electronic system. If your child's measurements fall outside the normal range details of further support will be included in this communication.

If you do not receive your results please contact our advice line on **0300 247 0025** option 3. Children do not have to take part on the day if they do not want to.

⁹https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/

How to Apply for Secondary Schools for your Year 6 Child

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by 31 October 2025. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.



How do I apply?

- You can start your online application any time from 1 September 2025 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2025. We would suggest you submit your application by Friday 24 October 2025, before the half-term holiday.

- On 2 March 2026 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 16 March 2026.

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.

- 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.

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 If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.

- applied online).

 If your child has an education, health care plan, there is a separate process you will receive more information fro your child's SEND Case Officer.

No internet?





Important dates

1 September 2025 You can apply online for a school place.

24 October 2025

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

31 October 2025

2 March 2026

By 16 March 2026

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

By 13 April 2026

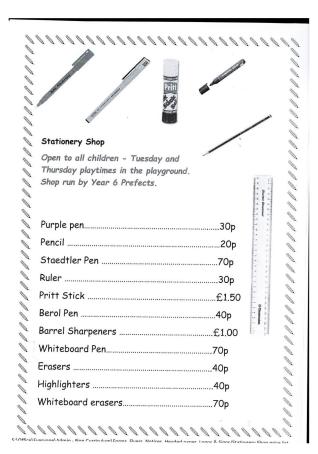
Is your child in year 6?



IMPORTANT REMINDERS & OTHER NEWS

Stationery Shop Now Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

The stationery shop opens tomorrow, Tuesday 30th September 2025. It is open to all children every Tuesday and Thursday playtimes in the playground. This shop is run by Year 6 children. Please send children in with coins to pay for the stationery. Please see attached the price list.



Dojo Rewards - No Need to Pay

Parents can see the positive praise children have received throughout the day via 'Class Dojo Rewards' on the **free version** of the Dojo App. Dojos are an electronic form of house points that run alongside physical house point tokens. **There is no need to purchase or pay for the app.** We do not use Class Dojo as communication with parents. **Do not pay for any aspect of Class Dojo**. Any messages via Class Dojo do not go to the teachers so if parents / carers have a message for staff, they should contact office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹⁰

Cycle Helmets Compulsory and E-bikes & E-Scooters Not Permitted

Please remember that children must wear cycle helmets if they cycle to school.

A quick reminder that E-bikes and e-scooters are not permitted due to them being heavy, dangerous and most importantly a fire risk on the school grounds.

¹⁰mailto:office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk

Please note that in the UK, it is illegal to ride privately owned e-scooters on public roads, pavements, and other public spaces because they are classified as motor vehicles and are not legally insurable. Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Unauthorised Absence

Please email **office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk** if your child is to be absent for any reason.

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. During the academic year, pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days. Please be aware that the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 state that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised absence of **5 days or more** will result in the following action being taken:

- 1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the **rolling 3 year period** will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- 3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the **Magistrates Court** under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Headteacher will consider the reasons for absence request carefully and will notify parents/carers of the decision. In the absence of a decision, parents/carers cannot assume that permission for the absence has been given.

For further information, please click here 11 and refer to our School Attendance Policy.

¹¹https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance

500 Words Competition Reminder

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

All children are encouraged to enter. It is all about the creativity!

If your child would like to enter, details can be found on the BBC website.

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

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

Good luck!

Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme

This is for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and over two weeks the teachers will be deliver supporting classroom activities. It is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot 'Buddy'. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/

Click here 12 for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

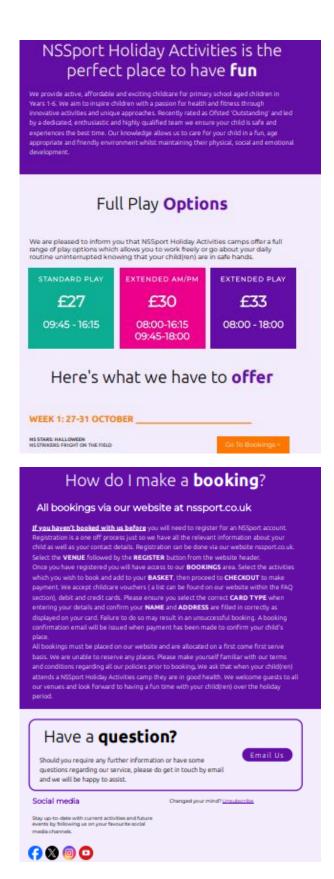
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CLUBS

Sign Up for JAG Wraparound at Half Term



¹²https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding ¹³https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding



Gardening Club Reminders and Donations Needed

Please can children who want to take part bring in a pair of gardening gloves please (or alternatively school purchase some for us)

Please remember to send them in with a coat and old shoes/ boots in case the weather is wet.

If any parents can donate small trowels / forks they will be most welcome.

Next week there will be the planting seeds of broad beans, onions, radish, and garlic ready for spring harvesting.

The pumpkins will also be picked next week for display at school.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Player of the Week

Phoebe J won **Player of the Week** for Alexandra Utd U8 Sapphires on Saturday. She scored 4 goals in their 5-4 win against Woodmansterne. Well done **Phoebe** and all the team!



Beaver Scout Achievement

Will KB (3D) was promoted to lodge leader at beavers this week.



Well done for Achieving Karate Green Belt

George J, 5H, got his green belt in karate at the weekend.





2 - One open day session will be authorised per child.

