



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

31st January 2025

KEY DATES

- **Monday 3rd February 2025**
 - Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 Selected
 - NS Sport Fundraising Afternoon **3.30 pm- 4.30pm** - Lots of fun. Bring some cash to help school fundraising.
- **Wednesday 5th February 2025** - Happy School Bag Collection bring at drop off (before 9.00am at latest)
- **Friday 7th February 2025** - Girls Football Match v The Vale at home. See SPOND for more information. Boys training only after school.

[Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events](#)

[Click here² for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar](#)

Head's Update

JAG Improvements - Responding to Parents

Junior Adventure Groups (JAG) provide wraparound care within Wallace Fields Junior School and although they are an independent provider I am always keen to ensure that their provision is meeting the needs of our parents. I received some emails from some parents mentioning issues. Obviously safety and safeguarding are top priority however, I wanted to ensure regular and secure leadership with clear structured activities and full resourcing beyond the safety of the children. I have met with JAG management reiterating the parent concerns (they had received emails directly). JAG are corresponding directly with parents and made some very swift improvements to the club. The JAG sessions I have witnessed have been much better with a clearer timetable, consistent leadership, full engagement and lots of fun and games going on. I like to respond to feedback from parents and although it might not all be positive I am keen to ensure that any provision linked to the school has a good reputation.

My thanks to JAG for listening to feedback and for their quick response and I am sure feedback will be very positive this term and I hope this continues. Remember if you would like your child to do a club, for example Creative Arts, JAG will take them after a club (most clubs conclude at around 4.30pm) and the children go straight to JAG via the hall. This is also true of events such as the disco next week - children can go straight from the disco to JAG afterwards (please inform JAG directly if this is your intention). This is not possible with some other childcare provision.

Stranger Danger

The safety of our pupils is our top priority. We urge all parents to remind their children about the importance of stranger danger. Please reinforce the following key safety messages with your child:

- Never get distracted by or go anywhere with someone you do not know.
- If a stranger approaches, move away quickly and tell a trusted adult immediately.
- Take safe, familiar routes and avoid isolated areas.
- Where possible, walk to and from school with friends or family members.
- If they ever feel unsafe, they should shout for help and run to a safe place, such as a shop, a friend's house or return to school.

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

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

We strongly encourage you to have a planned and safe route for your child's journey to and from school. If your child walks independently, please discuss ways they can stay alert and be aware of their surroundings. Consider if your child is mature enough to walk alone to and from school and would make sensible decisions should a situation arise. Be sure they are able to cross roads safely and will stick to an agreed safe route.

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish to revoke their right to walk home alone, then please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe. If you or your child notice someone looking suspicious or if your child believes they are being followed then please contact the police with details of the individual as soon as possible. Thanks to the police for their swift and thorough response and their subsequent presence at the end of the day.

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. Usually only one pupil per class is nominated 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 - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

BELIEVE Awards



The Believe Award is presented to those children who show all of the school values including **brilliance, enthusiasm, learning, inspiration, equality, vision and every pupil matters**. These children are all round excellent individuals with a willingness to do their best, work with others, approach tasks with vigour and achieve real progress. This is not simply an academic award but more of one of improving and showing willing, teamwork and resilience. They are children who are kind to others and work well in a team whilst understanding that there is a reason for everything we learn and do in school. They are outstanding individuals who deserve this recognition. The Believe Award is only awarded once a month and is worth ten house points. Congratulations to this month's winners.

Science Quiz Team Competed in National Semi-Final



Congratulations to the National Science Quiz Team who did amazingly well and reached the Semi Final. The team had been revising hard prior to the competitions and worked extremely well as a team. They have a very good science knowledge and this was evident during the quiz. This team has made us extremely proud and we are thrilled they got through to the semi final. They competed against over 150 children and we will need to wait for the results to find out if they have made it through to the final round. Whatever the result they have done very well to get this far. Well done team!


Positive Parent Workshop 'Helping Your Child Developing Independence'


Thank you to all those who attended the Positive Parenting Workshop with Lesley Lane from Home Start on Thursday 30th January 2025. The workshop provided Practical advice and help to ensure your child develops their independence. The handouts or other useful tips will be shared with parents as soon as they are sent to the school from the organisation.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

WFJS PTA


Friday 31st January 2025





MATCH FUNDING?

Do you work for a big corporation who offer Match Funding?
You could help us **DOUBLE** our profits!
If you do, please get in touch with Jade or Kelly or email us at wfspta@gmail.com




Currently fundraising to buy 70 new Chrome Books!

Valentines Disco

Wednesday 12th February
16:30-17:30

Book your childrens tickets for just £5
ON SALE NOW
pta-events.co.uk/wfspta




Tribute Social

Friday 14th March
at 7:30pm



ENTRY £8

NEW EVENT - Book your ticket for an adults only social night with a fab tribute act who will mingle with the crowd and play us some classic bangers!



Tickets are on sale now!
pta-events.co.uk/wfspta

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

 wfspta@gmail.com  facebook.com/groups/wfspta

NS Sport Fundraising Afternoon - Monday 3rd February



Our brilliant new NS Sports team will be hosting an open afternoon this Monday to introduce all the children and parents to the New Holiday Club which will be running from WFJS starting this February half term. Pop along straight after school and see for yourselves all the fun things they have planned. Children will get to play on inflatables and games whilst the parents can chat to the team. Any donations to play the games will all be going straight towards our Chromebook target! A pay café hosted by the PTA will also be available. The event will run for one-hour between 3:30pm - 4:30pm on Monday 3rd of Feb. Infants and Junior school children welcome ❤️ PTA

PTA Valentines Disco and Tribute Social

PTA have been busy again and organised an event for the children - **PTA Valentines Disco** - and an event for the parents/carers - Tribute Social. Please sign up for these events for lots of fun and help school funds.

For the PTA Valentines Disco, the children can dress up and wear their sparkly clothes and crazy wigs as per usual.

Entry is via the main gate and then the children go to the allocated classroom along the Year 3 and Year 4 side of the building. Please be aware of the drop off and pick up points.

Year 3 - 3T

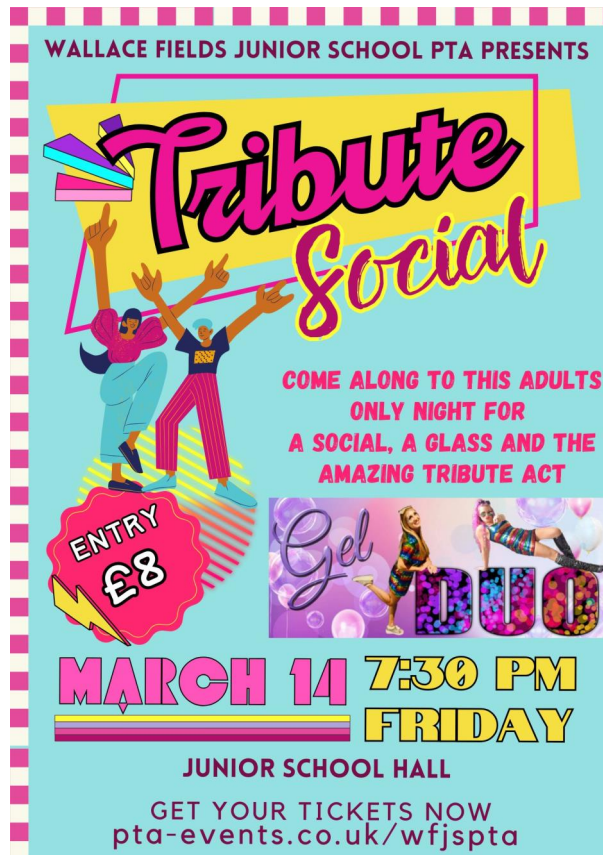
Year 4 - 3D

Year 5 - 4K

Year 6 - 4C

The classroom doors will be labelled. There will be dance competitions and lots of fun. A drink and a snack are included in the ticket price. Please wait outside these classrooms for collection of the children. Tickets must be purchased before arrival and a list is prepared for safety reasons.





Happy School Bag Collection - 5th February 2025

A reminder of your upcoming Happy School Bag collection is 5th February 2025. A few of the bags had incorrectly labelling of 10th February - this is incorrect. Please use this opportunity to turn your unwanted clothing and paired shoes into funds for the school. If you lose the official Happy School Bag do not worry - just put your clothing into a clean bin bag and drop off at the gate on that Wednesday morning. You can drop off your bag first thing in the morning. The collection time is expected to be 9.00 am. So please ensure your bags are dropped off outside school by 9.00am at the latest.

Thank you so much in advance for your donations - they make a real difference and you get to have a bit of an early spring clean as well.

We Are Fundraising For Your Local School!

Hey, I'm Hoppy

Our Brand Mascot

Hi Pupils & Parents, Your school is participating in our Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme!

Through your kind donations of unwanted & pre-loved clothing to your school, we will pay the school 40p per KG collected!

If your school has scheduled more than one collection in advance, the rate becomes 45p per KG.

Meaning the more you bring the more your school raises for investments!

What we collect

We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
- ✓ Toiletries, perfumes,
- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts

Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days. Thank you

If unsure about anything, please call us on 0170 868 5071

We do not accept:

- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD'S
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes

(Please note that the current price may change based on factors outside of the business's control, such as sanctions and conflicts which may affect global trade and the economy)

0170 868 5071

info@happyschoolbag.co.uk

www.happyschoolbag.co.uk

Sign Up for Adult v Children Fundraising Football Challenge – February 2025

These will be after school events. We are arranging mini 15 minutes matches where the children can face their adults. These will be held for **Upper School children and parents Thursday 13th February 2025 and Lower School children and parents on Thursday 27th February 2025**. Both events run from **3:45pm – 4:30pm** and we will be asking for a donation on entry to the matches, which goes towards the new sporting equipment.

You do not need to be a great footballer, or super fit and the emphasis is on having fun, rather than beating the children! You will need shin pads and a good team spirit.

We will need to consider numbers so if you are interested in playing, please complete the **Google Form** on the link below. <https://forms.gle/W2pVLuUKs6BhikCBA>

The deadline is Thursday 30th January to register your interest. After this date, you will not be able to enter as the groups will be arranged.

On the day of your child's match, you will need to be available for a briefing at **3.15pm** in the school hall, kitted out and ready for action! Studs can be worn on the grass pitch if you have them. Refreshments will be available and QR codes can be scanned on the day to pay.

If your child usually attends an after school club on a Thursday, they can still attend this club after the football matches have finished as Mrs Day will escort them to the club.

Alternatively, they may leave with you. Please indicate your preference for this on the Google Form.

Do not delay - this is a very popular fundraising event. We encourage mums to take part!

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP

INSET Day Reminder - Monday 24th February 2025

On Monday 24th February 2025, only staff are in school as it is a training day. Children return from half term on **Tuesday 28th February 2025**. There is no wraparound care available on that Monday so please make sure you have sorted your childcare.

Half Term Approaching

Half term is fast approaching. If you have not sorted your holiday childcare yet, you might want to consider NS Sports Holiday Club which will be held at Wallace Fields Junior School over half term. NS Sport already run the popular football clubs and coach the football team through NS Sport, and it is much more than football. NS Sport is offering an action packed holiday club with a range of sports, arts and crafts and leisure based activities for children in a safe and nurturing environment. Sign up soon before the spaces fill up. See details below.

NS Sport
NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
YEAR 1-6 PUPILS ONLY
NS SPORT PRESENTS AN ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME FEATURING A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS AND LEISURE BASED ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT
WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR
SCHOOLING CHILDREN | WAREHOUSES | OFFICES | POSTS | BUSES
RUNNING 17-21 FEBRUARY 2025
CHILD CARE FROM 8AM-6PM EARLY BIRD PRICES AVAILABLE
www.nssport.co.uk
@NSSport_Surrey

NS STARS PROGRAMME
For children who want to stay active and have fun and variety in their day!
This programme allows them to explore a range of sports, activities in their play, get stuck into crafts, design and drama and fire up their imaginations!

NS STRIKERS PROGRAMME
A football focused programme that looks to capture the imagination for the game and inspire children to develop their skills further. We take them to matches that they want to watch. There will be 'World Cup' competitions and lots to inspire them.

THEME: SUPERHEROES	THEME: FOOTBALL FREESTYLING
MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY Scooters & Ride-ons Superhero Masks & Crafting	MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY Rabona & Rainbow Flicks Monday Focus: Dribbling (Messi & James)
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY Top Shot Tuesday Superhero Skills & Powers	TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY Around the World & Knee Stall Tuesday Focus: Passing (Die Bruyne & Trossel)
WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY Wellbeing Wednesday Superhero Fitness Challenge	WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY Cross Overs & Heel Juggles Wednesday Focus: Shooting (Kashford & Keen)
THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY Fruity Thursday Superhero Games & Relays	THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY Maradona Seven Thursday Focus: Attack/Defend (Ronaldinho & Williamson)
FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY We can be Heroes Disco Dress up as your favourite superhero	FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY Friday Focus: Champion Friday (Mbappe & Morgan)

* * * Schedule may be subject to change without prior notice

Music Performance Assembly Dates

- **Year 6 Music Assembly - Tuesday 11th February 2025 2.45pm.** Auditions in lesson on Thursday 6th February 2025.
- **Year 5 Music Assembly - Tuesday 11th March 2025 2.45pm.** Auditions in lesson on Tuesday 25th February 2025.
- **Year 4 Music Assembly - Tuesday 29th April 2025 2.45pm.** Auditions in lesson on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

- **Year 3 Performance Assembly - Tuesday 20th May 2025 2.45pm.** Auditions in lesson on Monday 12th May 2025.

Parents of children performing are invited into school to watch these music assemblies. We hold our weekly Music Assemblies at the end of the day on Tuesday so giving a precise start time is difficult to say as it will depend on the number of performers. I anticipate around 2.45pm and I will confirm the time in the newsletter the Friday before.

I will hold 'auditions' in the class lessons - please see dates above. As there are often so many children who would like to take part, I have to restrict performances to 1 minute maximum. Please could you ensure your child's performance fits within this time. If they are singing pop songs, they will need to be able to provide me with the YouTube backing track (no vocals) and the start and finish times of the selection they are singing. I can advise if they need help choosing the 1 minute section if they come to me in advance of the class auditions.

Looking forward to some wonderful performances.

Children's Art Exhibition Horton Art Centre and Help Needed

From the 4th to 8th March 2025, artwork by children attending Wallace Fields will be on display at The Horton Art Centre. Parents of the children whose artwork has been selected have been emailed with further information about viewing the exhibition and reserving and purchasing on Scopay their framed artwork.

Mrs Curran is looking for volunteers to help her set up the artwork, at The Horton. The setup will start at **09:00 on the 4th March 2025 at The Horton until approximately 12:00**, earlier if we finish. It involves hanging the framed artwork onto the boards. The Horton will provide clasps to hold the frames up. No hammering or heavy lifting will be required. There will be 72 pieces to hang up. Please inform the office by emailing Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk³ before the 26th February 2025 if you are able to assist.

Deadline Extended to Sign up for Choir Festival

The Upper Choir have been invited to the annual Epsom Playhouse Music Festival on Tuesday 25th March 2025 and Wednesday 26th March 2025, 5pm - 7pm. There will be a rehearsal during the day on Monday 24th March (usually from around midday) that requires your child to be collected from school and dropped off at the Epsom Playhouse - another consideration for your planning!

I intend to do the same as last year and have a different group performing each night to enable the maximum number of children to take part as we are only able to take 17 children for each performance. Even doing this, there will not be enough space for everyone in the choir to take part which I find really disappointing but unfortunately this is something out of

³<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

my control. We are going to put on and record a school performance of the song with the whole choir so that everyone can still be involved.

I am going to give Year 6 priority as this will be the last opportunity they will have to be part of this event and will then select the Year 5s to fill the remaining places by drawing names out of a hat during choir practice.

So that I can organise the groups please fill in the Google form ⁴. The deadline has been extended to **Monday 3rd February 2025**. Please let me know if your child would like to take part and which day/days they would be able to attend.

Kind regards, Mrs Johnstone

YEAR 3

Road Safety Awareness Training

We are pleased to announce that Year 3 will be participating in Surrey County Council's new road safety awareness course **Feet First: Walking Training Programme on 25th and 26th February 2025**.

Our Year 3 pupils will be participating in activities held within the classroom as well as on-road practical training led by fully trained and DBS checked Surrey County Council Walking Instructors. There are also some at home activities to continue the learning!

We want all Year 3 children to participate but we will need all parents to give permission by clicking here⁵ and completing Surrey County Councils consent form by Wednesday 12th February 2025.

Feet First is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that will be aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3). It will provide pupils with road safety awareness skills, providing them with a key life skill that prepares them for travelling independently in the future.

Pupils will be trained in:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think.
- Road signs and pedestrian crossings.
- Recognising safer and unsafe places to cross.
- How to cross between parked cars.
- The benefits of active travel on health, wellbeing, and the environment. There is a voluntary donation on Scopay of **£6** and it is **free for pupils eligible for Free School**

⁴<https://forms.gle/gxokTyQrJ5eXKebG6>

⁵https://walkingtraining.online/public/school_training/10000394/

Meals. For this, schools will get access to online 'Safer Steps' training modules, lesson plans and a parent / carer worksheet that can be provided at the end of the training.

- Pupils also get a certificate, pencil, sticker and fluorescent zip clip for their school bag.

Further information about Feet First can be found [here](#)⁶ and [click here](#)⁷ for a promotional video.

YEAR 4

Year 4 Residential Trip to Ufton Court 19th - 20th March 2025

We are looking forward to our residential trip to Ufton Court in March and will send out a final letter with full details in February. In the meantime, please note **the final instalment of £70** is due by **15th February 2025**.

YEAR 5

Year 5 Squid Games Discussions

It has been noticed that children in Year 5 have been discussing the Netflix series 'Squid Game' during break and lunchtimes. As you may know, Squid Game is rated 15+ due to its violent and graphic content, making it unsuitable for younger audiences. However, despite being aimed at adults, the show has elements that appeal to children, as it is based around games similar to traditional playground games. This has made it particularly engaging for younger audiences, even though its themes and content are wholly inappropriate for them. Beyond the series itself, there have been numerous spin-offs and viral clips circulating on social media platforms such as Tik-Tok and YouTube, which children may have come across even if they have not watched the full series. Some of these clips contain themes and imagery that could be distressing or unsuitable for their age. We kindly ask for your support in monitoring your child's online activity and discussing with them the importance of engaging with age-appropriate content. Additionally, we would appreciate your help in reinforcing that conversations about Squid Game and its spin-offs should not take place in school.

Please see the poster below for further information. Please take the time to read it carefully. Our priority is to ensure that all children feel safe, happy, and supported at school. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your cooperation.

⁶<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/teachers-and-education-staff/road-safety-and-sustainable-travel/primary/steps-pedestrian-awareness-training/frequently-asked-questions>

⁷https://www.youtube.com/embed/XB_9YFPI8dA?feature=oembed

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION 15+
Suitable only for 15 years and over

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children of face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The cartoon (kawaii) such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed (i.e. what they have watched or searched for). Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or harm-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes. Re-enactments have also been played on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable talking to you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Hogg is an experienced and highly respected freelance technology journalist, editor and content creator. She is the author of best-selling book *The iDad's Guide*. Carly now works as the news editor for Computer Shopper and IT Pro and writes for a number of publications including *Computer Week*, *ITPro*, *The MTR*, *ITWatch* and *WPC*.

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Year 5 Residential trip to Marchants Hill 6th – 9th May 2025

Instalment reminders:

3rd Instalment : £130. 24th January 2025

4th Instalment : £130. 1st March 2025

Year 5 French Fashion Show – Monday 10th February 2025

In Year 5 we have been learning how to describe clothing in preparation for our French Fashion Show. This will be held on **Monday 10th February 2025**. Both Year 5 classes will be presenting to each other, and in order for the children to feel more comfortable, on this occasion no parents/carers will be invited.

I would be grateful if you could please ensure that your children bring in their clothing and accessories by next **Monday 3rd February 2025**. Please could children have their clothing in a plastic bag with their name on it as these will be kept in the classrooms until the day of the Fashion Show.

Thank you so much for your co-operation. The children are very much looking forward to it!

YEAR 6

Year 6 Residential Trip to France

Instalment reminders:

- **2nd Instalment of £120 by 22nd January 2025**
- 3rd Instalment of £120 by 25th March 2025
- 4th Instalment of £130 by 10th May 2025

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 normal.

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.

INFORMATION and REMINDERS

Please Use The Turning Circle and Drive Respectfully

Driving outside the front of the school has been poor recently. Please drive down to the bottom of Dorling Drive to use the turning circle. This keeps the traffic flowing. Please do not park on double yellow lines and do not do three point turns that block traffic, slow the flow and endanger the children. We can request traffic enforcers however Surrey staff are limited and so we rely on sensible and responsible driving of parents to protect the pedestrians. If you live close please try to walk to school. It is less pollution, safer for the children and better for the environment. Mr Findlay tries to help the flow of traffic though very selfish

drivers do not consider the safety or wellbeing of others. Thank you to those that walk and to those who drive and park with respect.

If you have a disability, a blue badge or special personal circumstances then we can arrange for you to have a pass to park in the staff car park for drop off. Please See Mr Findlay to arrange this provision.

Slime and Magnetic Toys are a Danger

Children are not permitted to bring Slime or Magnetic Toys into school. They are both highly dangerous if swallowed and present a choking hazard as well. They will be confiscated by the teacher if found. Click here⁸ for more information about the dangers of the tiny magnetic balls.

Start of the Day

The school gates open at 8.40am for children to come into the playground. The gates close at 8.50am – and staff monitoring the back gate in the morning have to return to their classes to take the register and so cannot stay late for latecomers. If you are late to the back gate then you will find it locked and you will need to walk around to the front entrance of the school. The front gate is open for a minute longer and after this time children must come in via the School Office and sign in on the computer screen. Please be prompt and if you are late you will find the gate closed.

Maths Hub



As a school, we have been engaging with the Maths Hub for the last few years. Over the last two academic years we have been working on developing and embedding our 'maths mastery' approach even more across the school. We have recently had over 20 teachers from schools across Surrey come in to see our mastery approach in action within maths lessons. We have received very positive feedback about the clear mastery embedded across the school and how well maths is being taught in the school. This is a fantastic commendation for the school from the NE Hampshire and Surrey Maths Hub and always good to have confirmation of good practice from outside bodies. You will see the Maths Hub logo on our letters and on the school website to celebrate and formally recognise our engagement and involvement with the Maths Hub.

⁸<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2021/05/dangers-of-children-swallowing-magnets-prompts-nhs-call-for-ban/#:~:text=The magnetic objects are forced,altogether to prevent further incidents.>

Donate To School Funds on Scopay

We have a fantastic PTA who raise significant funds for the school. We also have our own School Fund which has also been a very important source of income over many years, providing money to support some of the things which enriched the educational experience of your children including the recent refurbishment of our IT suite converting it into two separate rooms.


Please do consider donating to our School Fund next time you are on Scopay. Select **WFJS Voluntary Contribution** at the bottom of your Scopay screen

<https://www.scopay.com/wallacefields-jun>.

Funding is becoming tighter and finances are being squeezed.....we're 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. **Thank you** in advance for your help and continuing support.

School Stationery Shop is Open

Open to all children - Tuesday and Thursday playtimes in the 4C window. The shop is very well run by Year 6 Prefects. Please send your child in with cash in coins.



Stationery Shop
*Open to all children - Tuesday and Thursday playtimes in the playground.
Shop run by Year 6 Prefects.*

Purple pen.....	30p
Pencil	20p
Staedtler Pen	70p
Ruler	30p
Pritt Stick	£1.40
Berol Pen	40p
Barrel Sharpeners	£1.00
Whiteboard Pen.....	70p
Erasers	40p
Highlighters	40p
Whiteboard erasers.....	70p

S:\Office\Everyone\Admin - Non Curriculum\Forms, Flyers, Notices, Headed paper, Logos & Signs\Stationery Shop price list

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HEALTH & FITNESS APPS

Physical wellbeing apps are useful tools for monitoring and improving our health. They allow us to balance nutrition, set goals, track our activities and sleep patterns, and motivate us to exercise. Nonetheless, there have been some reported drawbacks; this guide outlines some of these concerns and explains how to use fitness apps safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- LACK OF PERSONALISATION**
Many fitness apps use one-size-fits-all approaches, failing to account for the varying ages and abilities of children (2 to 16 years old). For example, children with different physical needs to a child of 10, may have completely different requirements and activities which may be too advanced for younger children or too simple for older ones.
- NOT DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS**
Some fitness and wellbeing apps are developed by experts in the field – but a surprisingly small number of them aren't. As such, these platforms may contain inaccurate information, they may include misleading physical activity or mental health tips, or provide advice which wasn't clearly sourced from a health professional.
- REDUCED INTERACTION WITH OTHERS**
Physical wellbeing apps can reduce the social and interaction aspects of being active, meaning people of fitness classes, at the gym or during school sports may be missing out on the benefits that young people generally derive from participating in these activities. This may also reduce their motivation to exercise in the company of friends or other like-minded individuals.
- DATA AND PRIVACY CONCERNS**
Fitness and wellbeing apps tend to collect a lot of personal information from their users, including names, locations, date of birth, details of their physical health and more. It's worth being aware that some of these apps may use this data to third parties. We'd advise that any app you provide consent to should have the correct regulations in place to protect their safety and privacy while using the service.
- ADDITIONAL COSTS**
While many fitness apps are free to download, the initial version is often basic. Users will only receive more helpful content (such as meal planning, nutrition advice or a personalised plan) by signing up to a subscription or paying for extra features. This can involve users to spend money on the service – a cost which can quickly mount up.
- DEPENDENCY ON THE APP**
While physical wellbeing apps can help motivate people to exercise, they can also become a crutch. If a person stops using the app, they may find it difficult to maintain their fitness routine. Young people may also become obsessed with tracking their progress, health and eating habits. This can have negative effects on their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- EXERCISE AND SOCIALISE**
Highlight the importance of children enjoying fitness activities with family and friends, rather than always exercising alone. Emphasise the fun they can have by exercising, and where relevant, trying to do an app in between their sessions. Remind them of the importance of staying active, as well as the benefits of going to with someone.
- PROMOTE POSITIVE BODY IMAGE**
While we want children to be active and healthy, we must also ensure they don't become fixated on how they look and begin using things too far. During childhood and adolescence, the body is still growing and changing. It's really important for young people to embrace their unique body shape and a healthy relationship with food, empowering them to make informed decisions about their diet and lifestyle.
- REVIEW THE APP FIRST**
Before allowing someone under 18 to install a fitness and wellbeing app, check its age rating, read the reviews and scroll through its data policy to ensure its suitability for younger users. You could also try it yourself, to see if it's appropriate for the child's particular needs and decide if you're comfortable with them using it. Ensure that any privacy-complaining features – such as location tracking – are disabled.
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
As with all apps, it's important for parents to familiarise themselves with any controls on the app and to use these as a safety net. The specific settings vary between platforms but – most commonly – these will relate to screen time limits, disabling or logging in-app purchases, and managing social aspects of features which aren't age-appropriate. By utilising these controls, you can help to ensure a child's getting a safe experience.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented safe-staying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and articles, and served on the Australian Government's national use and setting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/wellbeing-fitness-apps>

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Free Online Safety Webinars

Today is #DataPrivacyDay and as such we wanted to share with you some free webinars all about online safety for you and your family.

These interactive 60 minute presentations cover a variety of topics and are designed to be engaging and informative, yet not needlessly technical. Each also includes a Q&A at the end.

Tickets are completely free and of the thousands who have already attended, over 91% state they learned something to keep themselves or their loved ones safer online.

- Online Safety for Parents - <https://orlo.uk/DBhbY9>
- Cyber Security for Business - <https://orlo.uk/5EKAx10>
- General Online Safety - <https://orlo.uk/XI9Y511>
- Online Safety For Women and Girls - <https://orlo.uk/qINZ612>
- Safeguarding Humanity - Risks of AI and Deepfakes - <https://orlo.uk/Aeprp13>

⁹<https://s-url.co/yxEbAA>

¹⁰<https://s-url.co/zBEbAA>

¹¹<https://s-url.co/zREbAA>

¹²<https://s-url.co/zhEbAA>

Be sure to “Follow” the Eventbrite page to stay up to date as new sessions will be added throughout 2025

Family Learning Courses for Parents and Carers



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run course that are available for families to enrol on with a few simple clicks on the website¹⁴. You can cut and paste this into your bulletin for parents and carers.

[Click here¹⁵ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School](#)

CLUBS

Do You Need Financial Help With Clubs?

Do you, or have you previously, been eligible for free school meals?

If so, we can provide your child with the opportunity to try something new or that they have not done before. We have a number of clubs that run before school, at lunchtime and after school and if your child is interested in joining one of these clubs, we can offer some financial assistance to enable them to join. Please click here¹⁶ to see information about the clubs at Wallace Fields Junior School. If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please do get in touch with the School Office. They will be very discreet and will let you know some of the support available. Call 0208 393 0350 or email office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.

Girls' Football Update

Great news for girl's football. We have managed to arrange two girls football matches this term :

- WFJS girls v The Vale girls on Friday 7th February 2025 during the afternoon of the school day.

¹³<https://s-url.co/zxEbAA>

¹⁴<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

¹⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

¹⁶<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/clubs>

- WFJS girls v Cuddington Croft girls and scheduled for 21st March with kick off at 4pm and finished by 4.50pm.

The normal girls football coach Tim Dowdeswell is away in February so there will be no football training during lunchtime and after school before half term, but NS Sport with coach at the football match.

NS Sport Launches New Holiday Club - February 2025

www.nssport.co.uk
enquiries@nssport.co.uk

NS Sport

NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

YEAR 1-6 PUPILS ONLY

NSSPORT PRESENTS AN ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME FEATURING A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS AND LEISURE BASED ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR
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RUNNING 17-21 FEBRUARY 2025

CHILD CARE FROM 8AM-6PM
EARLY BIRD PRICES AVAILABLE

FIND US... www.nssport2.co.uk @NSSport_Surrey @NSSport_Surrey

NS STARS

NS STARS PROGRAMME

For children who want to stay active and love fun and variety in their day! This programme allows them to explore a range of sports, indulge in free play, get stuck into craft, design and drama and fire up their imaginations.

THEME: SUPERHEROES

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Scooters & Rides-ons
Superhero Masks & Crafting

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Top Shot Tuesday
Superhero Skills & Powers

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Wellbeing Wednesday
Superhero Fitness Challenge

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Fruity Thursday
Superhero Games & Relays

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

We can be Heroes Disco
Dress up as your favourite superhero

NS STRIKERS

NS STRIKERS PROGRAMME

A football focused programme that looks to capture the imagination for the game and inspire children to develop their skills further. We take them to whichever level they want to reach. There will be 'World Cup' competitions and lots to inspire them.

THEME: FOOTBALL FREESTYLING

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Rabona & Rainbow Flicks
Monday Focus: Dribbling (Messi & James)

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Around the World & Knee Stall
Tuesday Focus: Passing (De Bruyne & Toone)

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Cross Overs & Heel Juggles
Wednesday Focus: Shooting (Rashford & Kerr)

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Maradona Seven
Thursday Focus: Attack/Defend (Ronaldo & Williamson)

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Friday Focus: Champion Friday (Mbappe & Morgan)

** Schedule may be subject to change without prior notice.

Junior Adventure Group Wrap Around Care



✈️ Kick off the Year with Special Days & Enriching Adventures with JAG this January & February! ✈️

As the new year begins and we welcome the start of the 2025 Spring term, we're thrilled to bring a fresh wave of fun, learning, and creativity to our JAG Clubs! At the heart of our clubs is the Adventure Programme—a vibrant library of diverse activities spread across seven exciting categories. This unique programme allows children to learn through play, make new friends, and enhance their education in the most engaging ways!

Our Adventure Programme comprises seven exciting categories:

- 🍷 Flavour Fest
- 🌐 Global Kids
- 🧠 Brain Boosters
- 🛡️ Wellbeing Warriors
- 🏆 Power Teams
- 🦸 Super Sports
- 🛠️ Creative Inventors

By engaging in activities across these categories, we'll also celebrate special themed days in January and February, enriching children's learning, expanding their horizons, and sparking their curiosity about the world around them.

Some of the celebration days include:

January

🌾 Lohri (13th Jan)

Say goodbye to winter and welcome the harvest with vibrant festivities through activities in our Global Kids category. Let's embrace the lively spirit of this Punjabi celebration!

🐻 Winnie the Pooh Day (18th Jan)

Join Pooh and friends for a day of friendship and sweet wisdom through activities in our Brain Boosters category. Kids will explore the joys of friendship and curiosity.

🧱 International LEGO Day (28th Jan)

Get those creative gears turning through activities in our Creative Inventors category! Kids will build, explore, and unleash their imaginations with LEGO fun.

February

🧘 Children's Mental Health Week (W/C 3rd Feb)

Well-being is the focus this week through activities in our Wellbeing Warriors category. Kids will dive into mindfulness and self-care activities to promote a healthy mind and happy heart.

💌 Valentine's Day (14th Feb)

Show some love through activities in our Creative Inventors category! Children will make special gifts to celebrate the friendships and connections that matter most.

🤝 Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th Feb)

Spread joy and kindness through activities in our Wellbeing Warriors category—because the more kindness, the better!

Join us at JAG this spring term for a journey filled with adventure, creativity, discovery, and joy!

COMMUNITY

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COULD YOU RESCUE A DOG?
ON CHANNEL 4'S
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the Dog House

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HOME START
Surrey

RECRUITING NOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-3 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Home-Start Surrey covers all 11 boroughs in 8 local branches:
East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom, Ewell & Banstead, Guildford, Runnymede & Woking, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath & Waverley
www.homestartsurrey.org

Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!

Spring 2025 Courses starting throughout Surrey very soon, don't delay get in touch today!

For further details please call: 01252 737453
Or email: volunteers@homestartsurrey.org



One-minute guide

Home-Start in Surrey



face to face informal interview and completion of an application form that requires names and contact details for two-character references. Suitable applicants are invited to attend a mandatory volunteer preparation course and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is undertaken. Volunteers are usually parents themselves. All volunteers have regular support and supervision with a Family Co-ordinator and are expected to take full advantage of the comprehensive continual learning and development programme. Home-Start Surrey also need volunteers to help with other things such as being a Trustee, helping at groups and fundraising.

Key Contact Information:

Home-Start East Surrey

Telephone: 01737 770 220.

info@home-starteaststaysurrey.org.uk www.home-starteaststaysurrey.org.uk

Home-Start Elmbridge

Telephone: 0203 757 7220

enquiries@home-start-elmbridge.org.uk www.homestartelmbridge.org.uk

Home-Start Epsom, Ewell & Banstead

Telephone: 01737 379 902.

homestart@hseeb.org.uk www.hseeb.org

Home-Start Guildford

Telephone: 01483 511181.

office@hsguildford.org.uk www.hsguildford.org.uk

Home-Start Runnymede & Woking

Telephone: 01483 740 367

info@homestartrow.org www.homestartrow.org

Home-Start Spelthorne

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Home-Start Surrey Heath

Telephone: 01276 681121

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Home-Start Waverley

Telephone: 01252 737 453.

info@homestartwaverley.org www.homestartwaverley.org



Asthma Workshops for Parents/Carers

Beating asthma together: Asthma triggers, the effects of smoking, vaping, housing and air pollution on asthma

10th March 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d69c58-004c-4124-879f-53117c194c2837c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Does your child or young person have asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on this webinar which focusses on what action we can take to reduce their exposure to triggers that can make their asthma worse.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

Beating asthma together

13th February 7.30-8pm




<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ab0bb3b-ab38-4b23-e331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Are you a parent or carer whose child has asthma or suspected asthma?


Join us on at this event to look at the challenges facing children and young people with asthma and how we can help overcome them.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

Bourne Hall Museum Club




Great Victorians — Florence Nightingale and her work in nursing and health reforms
Saturday 8 February 2025
1pm to 2.30pm



Florence Nightingale will visit Ewell after returning from her nursing duties in the Crimea. Meet her and discover her life story; hear about her famous lamp-carrying while at the Scutari Hospital and her later campaigns for nursing and health reforms in England.

Hear about the difficult conditions that the nurses found themselves in. Find out how and why nurses were recruited and what the offences were that sent some home. Do you have what it takes to be one of Nightingale's nurses? Would she let you stay or send you back to England without pay?

Learn about the battles, poor living conditions and harsh weather which caused so many soldiers to be wounded and fall ill under the care of Florence and her team — see what treatments they would have got. Try out some of their nursing methods and decide if you would have liked to take her medicine!



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-ewellewell.gov.uk

CAVE PAINTING

Thursday 20 February
11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm

Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



In the deep time of prehistory early men crawled down into the darkest caves and used light from primitive candles to paint pictures of themselves and the animals they hunted.

They left behind a vivid record of their way of life and some clues of what they believed in. Discover how and why these paintings were created.

Then by flickering light try to create your own cave painting in our very own 'caves'

Cost £6 per child. Two identical sessions will be run, please book to reserve your place; maximum 16 children.

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

Email dbrooks@epsom-ewellewell.gov.uk

Familiarisation 11+ Test Opportunities

Tiffin School offer a series of mock 11+ tests during the Easter and summer holidays. This is to give children the chance to practise taking school entrance tests in a real secondary school environment, so as to help them feel more confident when they tackle real tests later in the year. Discounts are available for families who attract Pupil Premium funding. To find out more information go to the following website: www.11plustestkingston.co.uk¹⁷

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