

# Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

4th April 2025

#### **KEY DATES AFTER EASTER**

- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 school starts back after Easter
- Wednesday 23rd April 2025 Year 4 music auditions in lesson
- Wednesday 23rd April 2025 10pm deadline to order leavers hoodies
- Friday 25th April 2025 1.15pm, Year 3 & Year 4 girls football tournament (Auriol)
- Tuesday 29th April 2025 Year 4 planetarium visit 9am -11am
- Tuesday 29th April 2025 Year 4 music assembly 2.45pm
- Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 8.50am for Year 5 medical meeting for PGL
   Marchants Hill trip

- Monday 5th May 2025 May bank holiday school closed
- Tuesday 6th May to Friday 9th May 2025 Year 5 PGL Marchants Hill trip
- Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025 Year 6 SATS week
- Monday 12th May 2025 Year 3 music performance auditions in lesson.
- Friday 16th May 2025 Year 6 fun day
- Sunday 18th May 2025 PTA colour run event
- Week commencing Monday 19th May 2025 Year 6 Bikeability course group 1 (Group 2 after May half term)
- Tuesday 20th May 2025 2.45pm-3.30pm Year 3 music assembly
- Wednesday 21st May 2025 Year 5 visit to mosque
- Wednesday 21st May 2025 9.30am-11.30am parenting workshop
- Week commencing 26th May 2025 May half term

Click Here<sup>1</sup> for Upcoming Events

Click here<sup>2</sup> for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. Click Here<sup>3</sup> for School Term Dates and INSET days

## **Head's Update**

#### **School Council Achieving Change**

The School Council consists of two members of each class (sixteen children in all) who are elected by the class to represent children's ideas in school. This is part of what is known as 'pupil voice' and enables the children's opinions and ideas to be discussed in a formal and cooperative atmosphere. They meet with me every month and the minutes of the meeting are shared with the school governors. They have achieved a number of things over time and in more recent times they have asked for improvements in some of the day to day things. By listening to the children we get a real picture of their perception and improve things that are important to them. Here are a few of the things they have achieved this past year so far:

**Quiet Area:** This was moved to the skipping area as the quiet area in the shade sale area was not actually that quiet. There have been a number of benches and seating moved to the skipping zone to create a new quieter space to sit, read and chat in peace.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar

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

**Playground Markings/Marked Games:** School Council asked for more playground markings and this was completed. There is a circuit, reflection and skill games and we got the netball courts and playground remarked whilst they were doing that. They have recently had a second Champ Square marked out and it looks great.

**Birthday Book Donations:** A better way of recognising a child's birthday without the hassles of allergies or gifting the whole class with a small token or anything edible. Children get a certificated book that goes into the library and a personal certificate of donation to take home.

Playground Equipment: More equipment on the playground including the return of scoops.

School Dinners and Lunchtimes: A lot of feedback from the children is about the school lunches and the routines at lunchtime. I have recently met up with the managers of our school lunches (Twelve15) and discussed feedback from the pupil questionnaire feedback and individual issues arising. It was a very productive meeting with exciting plans to improve the choices and quality of the dinners. There will be taster sessions organised for the School Council (and in the future parents/carers) to get ideas and opinions on the new planned menus and options. More choice is something we hope to improve and thereby drive up the popularity of school dinners whilst meeting all the dietary and allergy needs simultaneously.

**All Weather Pitch:** Completed in the summer after several years of fundraising and school /PTA funds made up the difference. School Council were also involved in the creation of a rota for the use of the all weather pitch.

**Outdoor Classroom:** This Octagonal classroom was bought with PTA contributions. It is in full use and the Sports Crew hold activities every lunchtime in there. It is also good for outdoor classrooms and a meeting point for orienteering lessons.

**Guinea Pig Booking System:** Clearer guidelines to ensure children get to see Chocolate and Cream, our school guinea pigs.

My thanks to all the school councillors who contribute well in all meetings and take their role very seriously. They are a very potent voice for pupils and they hold sessions with their classes every month before the next meeting. A very vocal and enthusiastic force for change and school improvement.

#### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Stars of the Week**



This week's Stars of the Week were announced in assembly - they create an excellent 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 and this week was a double edition. 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.

#### **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.

#### **Head Teacher's Awards**

(In First Name Order)

Child's Name	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name	Class
Adam JH	5H	Finlay KQ	5H	Maia S	6G
Annelise F	4K	Frankie T	5H	Marta H	5H
Billy H	4K	George C	5H	Matteo B	5S
Blake T	5S	George H	5S	Max R	4K
Cara NL	6H	George R	5S	Momin A	6H
Ciaran Y	6G	Hannah R	6H	Olivia W	5S
Darcie R	4K	Henry D	3T	Patrick P	6G
Dylan M	3T	Henry K	3T	Philip M	5H
Edward P	5H	Isla H	6H	Rose W	5H
Emily A	5H	Josie O	4K	Sean M	6G
Emma B	5S	Kieran L	5S	Sophie W	6G
Ethan R	3D	Lily M	3T		
Faye L	3D	Lockie E	4K		

14th February 2025 to 4th April 2025

#### **Easter Egg Craft Competition Winners**

A huge congratulations to all of the children who received a prize for their amazing Easter Egg Creations.

There were more winners in certain year groups due to the large number of entries in the lower year groups. Thank you for all of the entries, they were amazing! Here are the names of the children who won a prize:

- Year 3: 1st -Theo C, 2nd -Nathaniel E-O, 3rd-Logan H, 4th-Faye L, 5th-William F
- Year 4: 1st Jasmine X, 2nd- Alma C, 3rd -Eva C, 4th-Maddie S
- Year 5: 1st Anna C, 2nd -Rose W, 3rd -Adam J-H
- Year 6:1st Betty O-M, 2nd- Mia T
- Special prizes for amazing effort: Lily M, Kay H, Alma T.

Click here<sup>4</sup> to see some photos of the winning eggs.

#### **Girl Football Match Report**

On Friday 28th March 2025 the Year 5 & Year 6 girls played a tournament held at Auriol School.

The girls played a fantastic tournament and were unbeaten in the group stages, winning one match 3-1 and drawing the other two games, after dominating both games. The highlights

<sup>4</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-04-01-fabulous-winning-easter-egg-crafts

included a goal from Isla H with a shot from in her own half and a goal from a long clearance by Sophie W who was in goal!

We narrowly lost the semi final to a long punt from the Danetree keeper, though we got back to winning ways in the 3/4th place play off by defeating Auriol with a neat finish from Heidi L in another game the Wallace Fields Juniors Girls dominated.

It was an exciting afternoon all round and a great performance from the whole squad.

The Year 3 & Year 4 girls will be playing on Friday 25th April 2025 and letters have been emailed to the selected players.

#### **Lower School Choir Performances**

This week, it was the Lower School Choir's turn to take to the 'stage' so to speak when they performed 'For A Moment' (from the film Wonka) to the whole school during Music Assembly. They sang well and although they may have been daunted by the large audience, they didn't let it show. So that we could share the performance with a wider audience, we decided to make a recording - with the lovely woodland backdrop of the garden room - during Choir on Wednesday. We hope you enjoy listening to this lovely song. Click here<sup>5</sup> to listen to the video.

Mrs Johnstone



 $<sup>^{5}\</sup>underline{https://wallace fields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-04-04-lower-school-choir-performances}$ 

#### **Next Week and Important Information**



#### **Please Return Sports Kit**

Please can parents return all Wallace Fields Juniors School team sports kits by the end of the term as we need to do an audit before ordering more. The team kit is very costly and we are keen not to waste money on additional kit. Thank you.

#### **Summer Uniform**

From Easter until October half term, pupils can wear the summer uniform which includes the gingham red and white check dress and the school polo shirt with school logo. The school tie is worn with a shirt only and not with the polo shirt or the chequered dress. Please no fashion shoes, boots, flip flops or sandals and please ensure plain grey or white socks. Thank you.

#### **Spring Cleaning Over Easter? Donate Those Clothes and Accessories.**

Are you spring cleaning over Easter. Keep any school uniform with logos to bring into School Office for the next PTA second hand uniform sale and any other items please keep for the next **Happy Bag Donation Day is on 6th June 2025** which will help raise money for the school.

#### **Your Donations Are Needed As Funding is Being Squeezed**

In a school where state school funding is lower than we would like, voluntary contributions and fundraising are vital. As per the recent Government Spring Statement and recent news stories, the funding we are now set to receive is being squeezed and is certainly insufficient to cover inflationary costs and expected wage rises.

We would like to thank our fantastic PTA who raise significant funds that allow us to keep offering a distinctive education such as the outdoor classroom, whole school experiences (e.g. dance workshops), the final contribution for the artificial pitch and furnishing the new

Garden Room. They would love to help us next term by match funding on additional Chromebooks.

We would also like to thank families who have donated to the School Fund this year — which again allows us to fund the extras that we wouldn't be able to from DfE funding alone - to fund projects such as the artificial pitch and the structural work we needed to convert the old computing suite to the new Garden Room — it really is a beautiful space now.

Our next large capital project is IT related – we are moving the school from traditional IT servers located in school to a cloud-based solution - an invaluable asset for schools in today's digital age. Coupled with this, we are moving the school fully to Windows 11 making us digitally secure. These are huge projects and estimated costs are £30K so if you haven't yet donated to the School Fund, and are able to, please do consider doing so, via Scopay:

#### How can you donate/help us this year?

- Please donate directly to our School Fund via Scopay (Tucasi) under WFJS Voluntary Contribution at the bottom of your Scopay screen <a href="https://www.scopay.com/wallacefields-jun">https://www.scopay.com/wallacefields-jun</a>
- 2. Please help at / attend the PTA's exciting fundraising events in the summer term

#### Every penny will go towards helping the children

**Thank you** in advance for your help and continuing support. We are very aware that times are continuing to be financially difficult for many families, though with increasing pressure on state school funding, contributions and fundraising are vital so we feel it necessary to ask you to consider donating to support our school. We know many of you kindly do so already. Please help us make Wallace Fields Junior School even better!

Claire White, School Business Manager



WALLACE FILEDS JUNIOR SCHOOL AND WALLACE FIELDS INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA PRESENT

SUNDAY 18TH MAY

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

**GATES OPEN 2PM** 

BUBBLE DISCO . DJ

BAR + BBQ • ICE CREAM

**WATER GUNS PAINT PACKS** 

**VOLUNTEER SLOTS ARE LIVE** SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PRIORITY TICKET ACCESS

TICKETS TICKET INCLUDES TSHIRT, HEAD **BAND, GLASSES AND COLOUR PACK** 

BOOK YOUR RACE PLACE NOW! PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFISPTA









#### YEAR 3

#### **Year 3 Get Creative with Fruit Salads**

This week Year 3 got really creative with fruit in their Design & Technology lesson. Click on the link below to see some photos of their creations.

https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-04-03-year-3-get-creative-with-fruit-salads

#### **Year 3 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder**

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

#### YEAR 4

#### Planetarium Visit - 29th April 2025

**Year 4** have been learning about space in their science curriculum this term and we are very excited to welcome Wonder Dome Mobile **Planetarium** into Wallace Fields Junior School, soon after the Easter holidays, on Tuesday 29th April 2025. The children will be able to experience the wonder of the universe within an inflated dome in the school hall.

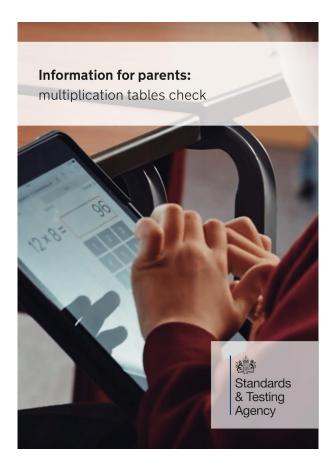
Wonder Dome inspiring shows are tailored to delivering curriculum-focused, presenter-led content which will motivate them to explore and learn more. From planet formation to the birth and death of stars, from launching rockets to stepping foot on other worlds, it is an unforgettable opportunity to bring the marvels of space right into school.

In order to cover the cost of the visit we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.50 online via Scopay.

We look forward to inspiring your future space explorers

#### **Year 4 Multiplication Table Check**

The Multiplication Table Check (MTC) is taking place after the half term between 2nd-13th June. The handout has been given out in autumn and spring terms explaining the multiplication table check; it is below again for reference. Please encourage your children to use the 'Soundcheck' area on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Completing sessions in this area will prepare your child for the check in June, with a very similar setup to the real test. We do lots of practice in school and the children have made outstanding progress with their tables over the year. The Year 4 team have worked incredibly hard to prepare the children for the check and will continue to focus on times tables next half term ahead of June. Thank you for all your continued support in getting the times tables embedded to help increase fluency and confidence in maths. Miss Sarjeant



#### Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

#### What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

#### What if my child cannot access the check?

There are several access arrangements available for the check, which can be used to support pupils with specific needs. Your child's teacher will ensure that the access arrangements are appropriate for your child before they take the check in June.

The check has been designed to be inclusive and accessible to as many children as possible, including those with special educational needs or disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL). However, there may be some circumstances in which it will not be appropriate for a pupil to take the check, even when using suitable access arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child accessing the check, you should discuss this with your child's school.

#### Do I need to do anything to prepare my child for the check? No, you do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check. As part of usual practice, teachers may ask you to practise times tables with your child. Schools will have unlimited access to a 'try it out' area from April. They can use this to make sure pupils have the necessary support to access the check This includes opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with the check application and try out any access arrangements that may be required. How will the results be used? Schools will have access to all their pupils' results, to allow them to identify pupils who need additional support Will I receive feedback on my child's check? Yes. Your child's teacher will share your child's score with you. There is no pass mark for the check. Further information Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the MTC. For further details you can also visit Further information about the personal data we collect, process and store for the MTC is available in the department's © Crown copyright 2024 Information for parents: multiplication tables check Electronic version product code: STA/24/8935/e ISBN: 978-1-78957-929-1 **OGL** You may re-use this document/publication (not including logos or images) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence v3.0. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/ . This document is available for download at www.gov.uk/government/publications www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/personal-information-charter

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#### YEAR 5

#### **Year 5 Design & Technology Biscuit Making**

Year 5 have been absolutely brilliant this week for our spring term D&T project. The children have been working towards an afternoon of making biscuits. On Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed the sunshine and made the biscuit dough, ready to be cooked at home for the children and their families to enjoy. The children have been excellent this week and were particularly fantastic on Thursday afternoon. They listened to and followed instructions, coped well with the 'Great British Bake Off' style time pressure and showed incredible resilience. We really appreciate all your support with this D&T project and we hope you enjoyed the children's creations.

For more photos click here<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-04-03-year-5-make-biscuits



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

Medicines Drop Off / Medical Conditions Meeting – 30th April at 8.50am

If your child has a medical condition that requires medication or explanation, please attend a brief individual medical meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 30th April 2025at 8.50am – 9.15am.

Please enter the school via the school office. You will be directed through to our Garden Room where you will meet with Mrs Bruen individually. All instructions and medicines including autoinjector pens (Epipens), spare inhalers and travel sickness tablets (if required) should be given to Mrs Bruen on **Wednesday 30th April at 8.50 am.** Please ensure all appropriate medicine is supplied, even if your child suffers from only mild symptoms of asthma, or eczema, as indicated on your consent form. All medicines that children require must be clearly labelled, in their original packaging and with the child's name and full written instructions for administration and dosage. Only new treatments or medicines, which cannot be handed in before the half-term, such as antibiotics, should be given to Mrs Bruen on the actual morning of the trip at drop-off.

If your child needs travel tablets, please supply both the outbound and return tablets to Mrs Bruen. She will administer both outbound and return tablets prior to the journeys. Auto injector pens (Epipens etc.) and inhalers will be taken from school on Tuesday morning and stored in insulated medical backpacks.

What should I do with my child's Autoinjector (Epipen)?

Autoinjector pens / Epipens will be the responsibility of the adult first aiders who will accompany the children. However, if your child uses an Epipen, please supply an additional/ spare one in a named insulated carry bag to be given to Mrs Bruen on the day of the trip. Please also attend the medical meeting on Wednesday 30th May at 8.45am so that school held Epipens and care plans can be checked with parents. Insulated cool wallets, which keep Epipens at a cool even temperature in hot weather, may be purchased from the following website https://friouk.com/product/frio-duo/

#### **Year 5 Epsom Islamic Centre Visit – Wednesday 21st May 2025**

As we are about to start studying Islam as part of our Faith and Philosophy curriculum in Year 5, we have organised a visit to the Epsom Islamic Centre, on Hook Road. This will give the children greater knowledge and apply their learning from the visit when we start the unit. The trip is planned for Wednesday 21st May 2025 and we will be leaving school at 9.00am prompt. Please ensure **your child is in school by 8:50am** as we want to do the register, toilet trips and water bottles before we leave at 9.00am. We will walk there and back, and will be back before lunch. Please note, **pick up is as usual** as we will be in school for lunch and the afternoon. Children do not need a packed lunch.

There is no charge for this trip as we will be walking to and from the centre and as we already have parental consent for local walking trips, we do not require any further permission.

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle and morning fruit snack for the trip (fruit or vegetables) and they are dressed appropriately with additional layers if the weather is not due to be dry. It is Year 5 PE day so the children will already be in their PE kits and trainers.

This trip will be highly beneficial and we are very grateful to Mrs Salam for helping us arrange this visit to inspire our upcoming Islam learning.

#### YEAR 5 and Year 6

#### **Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming - Continues in Summer Term**

Following the recent swimming lessons, parents/carers of selected children have been emailed about continuing the swimming programme in the summer term to embed their skills and ensure they are competent in water. Lessons will continue on Monday mornings from 28th April at Epsom College. Due to bank holidays and school events, the lessons will be on the following dates: 28th April, 19th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 16th June (exc. Year 6 on French Trip) 23rd June and 7th July 2025. Please pay the voluntary donation on Scopay and see the letter emailed about what your child needs to bring for their swimming lesson.

#### YEAR 6

#### **Year 6 National Standard Level 2 Cycling Course**

Each child in Year 6 is given the opportunity to sign up take part in the Bikeability Training Scheme later in the Summer. It will happen during the week commencing 19th May and 2nd June 2025 but we need to know numbers by Easter. The Level 2 qualification teaches cycling on roads with moderate traffic. Children taking part should already be able to cycle and have good control and balance on their bicycle. Children taking part must have a road worthy bicycle and helmet. The course is run by Surrey County Council so you will need to enrol and pay (£15 or free if eligible for Free School Meals) using the following link: https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school\_training/111434/

For more information see the letter emailed earlier this week.

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Yearbooks**

Following the recent message regarding hoodies, we also need some information from you and your child regarding the Year 6 leavers' book. To help with that, I am starting to collate information for the 'About Me' pages.

Each child will have a picture of them from Y3 and Y6 with some information about themselves. Please note; Bentley Photography are providing these, though only if your child was in WFJS in Y3. If your child did not start Wallace Fields juniors in Year 3, please can you share their school portrait with me, from whichever school they attended at that time.

I have also generated a Google form for you all to complete to easily capture this information. Please can you fill this in no later than 6th April 2025, as well as share the portrait photos if that applies to you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mM2Ze12Lf8-kneELIYajcmMg6kunA2h5cdobzEWtD7s/edit#responses

I am likely to need some further inputs but will be in touch in due course.

Thanks so much for your help and do shout if you have any questions.

With very best wishes,

Sam

#### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK**

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the image clean v	/hen scanning.	

Below are some examples to give you ideas, but PLEASE don't just copy them - use your own brilliant imagination! Use bright and colourful felt-tip pens, rather than coloured pencils, so the colours show up better when printed. Do not use glitter or metallic pens as these effects won't show up in print.



#### **YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK**

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#### YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK

Dear WFJS parent / carer

To help personalise the Y6 Yearbook, we are looking for each child to design their name, a self portrait and a few other things.

To help with this, please could you print out this document and follow the instructions and return to me by 30th April by:

1) scanning (using a printer) and send to <a href="mailto:samdixon2021@gmail.com">samdixon2021@gmail.com</a>

or

2) taking a high-resolution photo and send to <a href="mailto:samdixon2021@gmail.com">samdixon2021@gmail.com</a>.

or

3) bringing the original paper copy to me at: Sam Dixon, 49 Dorling Drive, Epsom KT17 3BH. I'm just down the road from the school. Be careful not to bend or crease the paper.

I'm asking for these images by email, as often when photos get sent through WhatsApp and text it reduces the resolution of the image and we need high resolution for printing.

If you have a problem printing this, I'm sure that school will be able to help after the Easter holidays.

Deadline for this is by the end of the month so plenty of time to look at this.

If you have any questions, please do reach out, if not have a great break.

Thanks

Sam

07515 414058

#### **Year 6 Residential Trip to France – Passport and GHIC reminders**

Passports - All children will be required to use their own passport for the French Trip.

If you need to apply for a passport, please do so in plenty of time. Please note current UK passports must be at the time of travel:

- Less than 10 years old
- Valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France. All parents will be invited to
  a passport collection point in the hall on June 4th at 8.45am. You will be required to
  provide your child's passport/ residents permit (if applicable), EHIC and pocket
  money.

If your child holds a non-EU/UK passport please confirm this on your consent form.

The current rules are that school age children do not require a Schengen Visa if travelling as part of a school trip. However, we will continue to check this for any rule changes in 2025 and keep you informed. If you hold a UK Residents Visa, please ensure you send this in with your child's passport.

**EHIC/GHIC** -All children will require either a valid in-date European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). If your child's EHIC is out of date then you should apply for a GHIC. You may apply for a GHIC up to 6 months before your EHIC expires. Applying for a GHIC is free of charge on the <sup>7</sup>NHS website<sup>8</sup>. Beware of unofficial websites that charge you a fee to apply. **Please ensure you apply for this at least three months prior to the trip.** 

#### **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies**

It has been a tradition at Wallace Fields Junior School for Year 6 to order hoodies as part of the leavers' process. They are ordered now so we can receive them in time for the children to wear them on the French trip and other end year events. Your child can select the colour they want and all the class names will be printed on the back. Please complete the Google form and the online order on time, so we do not encounter delays with our order.

Firstly on the Google Form indicate you are happy for your child's name to be printed and what name you wish to appear on the back. Typically all the current Year 6 are added so if this is not your wish you must indicate that.

#### https://forms.gle/YvTN96iuy28kBenY9

To order your child's hoodie please follow the link below which takes you directly to our online shop: <a href="https://www.hoodiehut.co.uk/leavers-hoodies/wallace-fields-junior-school-2025/">https://www.hoodiehut.co.uk/leavers-hoodies/wallace-fields-junior-school-2025/</a>

You will be responsible for completing the order direct with the supplier and you will need to enter the following information:

- **Student Name** This should be your child's full name (This is purely for delivery purposes and not what will be shown on the back of the hoodie)
- E-mail Address Please enter your best contact e-mail address
- **Hoodie Colour** You can view all colours available and then select your chosen colour from the drop down menu
- Hoodie Size A sizing chart is available on the website. Please measure your child carefully as you are responsible for selecting the correct size from the drop down menu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/ <sup>8</sup>https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/ <sup>9</sup>https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/

**OPTIONAL:** Initials Not everyone wants the initials on the front so you have to opt in for this when you place your order. Please enter the initials you would like to be printed on the FRONT of the hoodie. There is a maximum of 4 characters and it will be printed in capitals.(Note this is an additional £2.50) The price is £18.99 for each hoodie. (+£2.50 for front initials)

Please make sure you press the order button where you will be directed to the payment page (please make sure you enter all the required information). The order is not complete until payment has been successful. The WFJS online shop is now open. It will CLOSE at 10pm on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Please make sure you order as soon as possible to avoid missing the deadline. We have been assured that we should receive the hoodies in time for the French Trip. Further emails to follow soon in relation to the School Leavers' book. Please keep an eye out for these emails and respond duly to allow the process to run effectively.

#### SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



Need Help, Guidance and Advice for Pre-Teens and Teens? Workshop on 21st May 9.30am-11.30am

**Parenting** 

The lovely Lesley Lane from Home Start is coming into Wallace Fields Junior School on **Wednesday 21st May 2025**, 9.30am - 11.30am to run a pre-teens and teens parenting workshop. As carers and parents are preparing their children for transition to secondary

school, this can be a time for parents to transition their parenting style to help manage that unpredictable and sometimes bumpy road ahead. This would be a helpful course to give parents some necessary tools to navigate this tricky time.

Please click here <sup>10</sup>to sign up so we have an idea of numbers. Thank you

Click here<sup>11</sup> for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

#### **CLUBS**

#### Sign up for New Basketball Club

Thank you to all those who expressed interest in signing up for **Cobham Cobras Basketball Club.** They will be going ahead on Mondays after school. In the future they may extend it to before school on Thursdays but it will just be Mondays for the summer term. Please see the flyer below and contact the club leader to sign up to take part. It will start on Monday 12th May 2025 following the May Day Bank Holiday.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>https://forms.gle/kmDEA72ResLxMiHz6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding



#### Wallace Fields Junior School Book Club - Spring Term Update

We have covered a lot of ground in book club since the beginning of the academic year:

**SEPT 24** - We discussed what we'd read over the summer hols and then chose from books around the question **What if...?** E.g. *Loki* - (what if you were a Greek God trapped in the body of an 11 year old schoolboy) or *The Last Life of Lori Mills* (what if your gaming characters broke out of the screen and into your home?)

**OCT 24** - For Halloween we talked about books we found scary and funny things we'd done - hiding the book, reading with the lights on etc and chose from Strange & Spooky reads including *Gobbolino the Witch's Cat, The Beast and The Bethany, The Cat Mummy, Bunnicula* and *Ghost Boys*.

**NOV 24**- In the month of the US Presidential election, we talked about American authors/books we'd read and discussed the question - 'If you could recommend one book to Donald Trump what would it be and why?' We chose from books by American authors, set in the US or with a political theme. These included *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *The World According to Humphrey*, *The Wild Robot* and *The Accidental President*, *Front Desk*, *Holes* and *Alistair Campbell Talks Politics*.

**DEC 24** - we talked about which book we might like to find in our Christmas stocking and chose from books with a **wintry** theme including *Sprouts, The Snowman Code, Murder by Narwhal.* 

JAN 25 - In cold and rainy January, we spirited ourselves away with books on an Ocean theme, including A Boy and a Bear in a Boat, We Won an Island, Julia and the Shark, Peril on the Atlantic and The Somerset Tsunami. I challenged the children to pay as little as possible for a cool read by finding a book in a charity shop or at a book sale.

**FEB 25 - Reading is a superpower** so we looked at books with a **heroic** theme including *My Brother is a Superhero, El Deafo, Solving Crimes is Not my Superpower, Dexter Proctor, Night Bus Hero and Worst.Superhero.Ever* We did a fun activity where we created our own book title and then I challenged the children to create the cover art for the book.

Below are: Daniel & the Trouble with Lipgloss by Naomi (Y 6); Zach & the Dagger of Fire by Freddie (Y 6) and Ally the Puppy of Doom by Sylvie (Y 3)







MAR 25 - O.G. Vs Newbie - We discussed how authors often put a new spin on an existing idea and challenged ourselves to read a pair of books for example 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and 'The Twits Next Door' by Chris Smith; Malory Towers by Enid Blyton vs New Class at Malory Towers by Patrice Lawrence; The Borrowers by Mary Norton vs The Smidgens by David O'Connell; Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson vs Escape to the River Sea by Emma Carroll. I challenged the children to think about how they'd put a new spin on one of their favourite books by adding new characters to an existing world, taking the story to an exciting place or using an existing book as a jump off for their own new version.

**APR 25** - We did our end of term **Easter quiz** featuring pixelated book covers and have some fabulous reads to keep us busy over the holidays from authors who started out with other jobs including *Diary of a Future Billionaire* by Pamela Butchart (also a teacher) *Adventures of the Rap Kid* by MC Grammar (also a teacher); *How to Rollerskate with One Leg* by Ella Dove (also a journalist); *The Girl Who Wasn't There* by Jacqueline Wilson (also a journalist) and

*Small Fry* by David Baddiel (also a comedian). Our task over the holidays is to reach out to an author via a letter and see who replies!

If you would like to sign your child up for Book Club for the summer term, there are a few spaces left so please email Mrs Clarkson at steph.clarkson@btconnect.com

#### Year 3 and Year 4 Girls Football Tournament 25th April

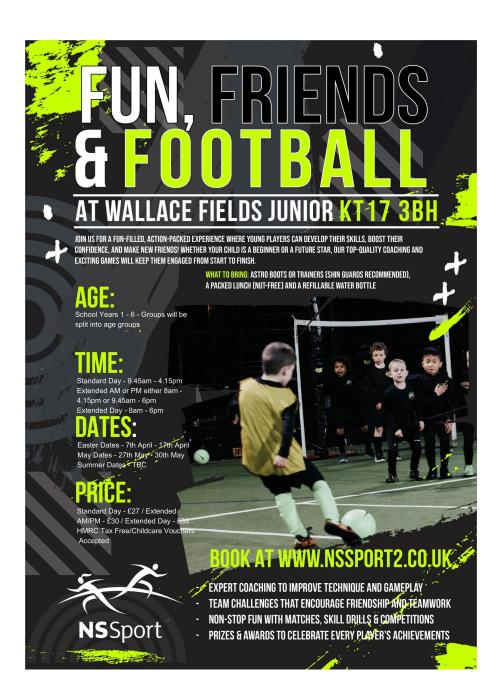
On Friday 25th April 2025 NS Sport a hosting a lower school football tournament at Auriol School.

The following children have been invited: Alma C, Mia G, Darcie R, Scarlett B, Scarlett O, Charlotte D, Layla B, Jasmine X,

Brooke O, Indiana AM. The parents of these children have been contacted with further details.







#### **New Wellbeing Club Launched**



#### **ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Talented Singer**

Isabella took part in her singing schools Talent Show. She performed "I Want It Now!" From Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It is is a vocally challenging song with tricky timings that her teachers felt she would be able to do, so she did. She performed it on stage in front of over 150 people and had the best time. She won 1st place Best Performance of the day!! So proud, but most importantly she is so proud of herself!



### **COMMUNITY**

### **Easter Play in Rosebery Park**

There is an Easter play taking place in and around Epsom on Good Friday morning, 18th April 2025.

https://www.ctie.org.uk/index.php/upcoming-events/165-good-friday-ctie-drama/2025-04-18-10-30



#### **Cycle Training Over Easter Holidays**

Bikeability<sup>12</sup> is the national cycle training programme. These sessions are run by County Council staff who are professionally qualified Cycle Training Instructors. In Year 6 during the Summer term they come into school and run level 2 cycle proficiency courses. If you are interested in **Bikeability Level 1 Catch Up Courses** which they are running across Surrey during the Easter holidays, please visit www.surreycycletraining.online/public<sup>13</sup> and book your place.

<sup>12</sup>https://www.bikeability.org.uk/

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## **Cricket for Girls**

Have Fun, Make Friends, Score Runs!



#### Come give cricket a try!

Discover the thrill of the game in a fun and supportive environment at Epsom CC.

**Taster session** 28 April & 5 May To register and for more information, emmalouiselong@hotmail.com



Epsom Cricket Club, Woodcote Rd, Epsom KT18 7QN htps://www.pitchero.com/clubs/epsomcc htps:/www.pitchero.com/clubs/epsomcc

## EASTER MONDAY FUN DOG SHOW

IN AID OF EPSOM RDA

St Ebbas Farm, Hook Road, Epsom KT19 8QW

Monday 21st April 2025

Entry from 1.45pm Judging from 2.30pm



#### £5.00 per dog (to include entry to 2 classes)

#### TEN CLASSES (£3 per class)

- 1. BEST PEDIGREE
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  2. BEST CROSSBREED
  3. BEST RESCUED OR REHOMED
  4. BEST WETERAN OVER 7 YEARS OLD
  5. MOST GORGEOUS GIRL!
  6. MOST STUNNING BOY!

- 7. DOG WITH THE WAGGIEST TAIL
  8. DOG JUDGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HOME
  9. CUTEST PUPPY!
  10. BEST FANCY DRESS

ALL 1ST PLACED DOGS GO ALL 1ST PLACED DOGS GO
FORWARD TO BEST IN SHOW SPONSORED BY 'MERTON DOG TRAINING'

Fun Dog Obstacle Course

Bar & Refreshments available to purchase plus Raffle & Guest Stalls

Entry can be purchased in advance or on the day

For further information on how to purchase tickets, download an entry form or request a space for a stall please see our website: www.epsomrda.org.uk/events or scan the QR code











# ns5.co.uk Ready to join the action?

#### Get your team **ready!**



## Team registration is a **breeze!**







# Leagues & Timings EPSOM APRIL - MAY SEASON

YEAR GROUP	LEAGUE	KICK OFF	FINAL WHISTLE	PITCH NUMBER	DAY/LOCATION
YEAR 4/5/6 GIRLS	WOMENS SUPER LEAGUE	GAME 1 - 16:45 GAME 2 - 17:25 GAME 3 - 18:05	GAME 1 - 17:25 GAME 2 - 18:05 GAME 3- 18:45	1	MONDAYS @ AURIOL JUNIOR SCHOOL
YEAR 1/2 MIXED	PREMIER LEAGUE	GAME 1 - 16:45 GAME 2 - 17:25 GAME 3 - 18:05	GAME 1 - 17:25 GAME 2 - 18:05 GAME 3 - 18:45		TUESDAYS @ AURIOL JUNIOR SCHOOL
YEAR 3/4 MIXED	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	GAME 1 - 16:45 GAME 2 - 17:25 GAME 3 - 18:05	GAME 1 - 17:25 GAME 2 - 18:05 GAME 3- 18:45		WEDNESDAYS AURIOL JUNIOR SCHOOL
YEAR 5/6 MIXED	WORLD CUP	GAME 1 - 16:45 GAME 2 - 17:25	GAME 1 - 17:25 GAME 2 - 18:05 GAME 2 - 19:45		THURSDAYS @

#### NS5 - Where football is more than a game!

# Have a question?