



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 5th March 2026

NEXT WEEK

- Monday 9th March 2026
 - Science Week

- **Year 4 Epsom and Ewell Tag Rugby tournament** - selected children
- **Deadline to return all Scholastic Book Fair wish lists**
- **Tuesday 10th March 2026**
 - **Year 6 Junior Citizens Trip pm**
 - **Girls Football Match** at Meadow Primary
- **Thursday 12th March 2026**
 - PTA Special Person Gift Morning
 - St Joseph A & B football match @ home 3.30-4.30pm
- **Friday 13th March 2026** - PTA and Comic Relief Fundraiser £2 cash donation and red nose or accessory with uniform

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HEAD'S UPDATE

Becoming a Phone Free School

The Government has recently strengthened its guidance on mobile phones in schools. Although pupils at our school do not use phones during the day, issues linked to mobile phones extend well beyond lessons. Many schools are seeing the effect of cyberbullying, online messaging, and social media pressures on children's wellbeing, even when these take place at home.

From the start of the new academic year, we plan to become a fully phone free school. This means that pupils will not bring any type of mobile phone onto the school site. Our aim is to support children's wellbeing, reduce digital pressures, and ensure that school remains a calm, safe, and positive environment.

There are many benefits for younger children who do not have mobile phones. They often spend more time playing, talking (developing oracy skills) and developing friendships, and many families find that children are calmer and more engaged with home and school life.

Parent led trackers will continue to be permitted on the school site, as they do not give pupils access to online communication. However, these devices cannot be taken on school

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

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

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

trips for privacy and safeguarding reasons. Some children are not even aware that there are trackers in their bags - and this level of monitoring is commonplace now.

We understand that some children may begin to request a mobile phone as they grow older. Families may find it helpful to explain that a phone would not be used for most of the week, and that removing phones from school reduces competition and pressure around owning particular models or technologies.

Further information and an updated Mobile Phone Policy will follow later this term. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to promote the wellbeing and safety of all the children.

Celebrating and Supporting Our Multilingual Learners

We are very proud to have many different languages and cultural backgrounds represented across our school community. This diversity enriches our classrooms and helps create a welcoming environment where every child feels valued.

When children join us who are still developing their English skills, we assess their phonics on arrival so that we can understand their starting point and plan the right support. This may include targeted interventions, adapted lessons, and focused phonics teaching. We repeat the phonics screening check in Year 3 (and any news arrivals) to ensure we have an accurate understanding of each child's levels and progress as they move through the school.

Our pupils with English as an Additional Language continue to achieve highly and this success is reflected in recent national results. Their progress is a testament to their enthusiasm as learners, the commitment of their teachers and the strong partnership we have with families.

Alongside academic support, we celebrate the many languages and cultures within our community. This is reflected in our displays, assemblies, and the recognition of a wide range of festivals and celebrations that are important to our children and families. These moments help all pupils to appreciate and understand the rich diversity around them.

We are delighted that other schools have approached us to learn more about our approach. Visitors will be joining us in the coming weeks to see our provision in action, and we are proud to share ideas that help our multilingual pupils thrive.

THIS WEEK

Stars of Week



The latest **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly last week - they create a superb role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values.

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

Kids V Adults Football Fundraiser Success



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Kids vs Adults football event last week for the Lower School. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout, both from those who took part on the pitch and from the many families, who came to cheer from the sidelines.

It was a lively and energetic afternoon, with plenty of goals scored, impressive saves made, and a wonderful sense of fun as the children competed enthusiastically against their relatives. The atmosphere was warm, supportive and full of excitement throughout.

We are extremely grateful for your generous donations. **The event raised an amazing £485**, which will go directly towards new equipment for the playground. The children will have the

opportunity to help choose the items, ensuring that the new resources reflect what they enjoy and value most.

Thank you once again for your support and for helping to make the event such a success. Also, a huge thanks also goes to Miss Hill, our PE lead who organised this event for everyone.

To see some more photos from the event please click here⁴.

Congratulations to Maths Quiz Club

A huge congratulations to our brilliant **Maths Quiz Club team - Alice, Averi, Rhea and Annabelle** - who achieved an impressive 27th place out of **127 schools** in their recent national competition! 🎉

The questions in this challenge go well beyond the KS2 curriculum, yet this team tackled every round with determination, enthusiasm and exceptional teamwork. They supported one another throughout and demonstrated fantastic problem solving skills under pressure.

We are now eagerly waiting to hear whether they have secured a place in the finals.

Whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of how amazingly well they have done!



Year 4 Won Football Tournament

The Year 3 and 4 children represented Wallace Fields Juniors brilliantly at the football tournament held at Auriol School on 27th February 2026. Their energy, teamwork and determination shone throughout the event and they should all feel incredibly proud of their achievements.

A very special well done goes to the Year 4 team, who won the Year 4 NS Sport Tournament and returned to school with the trophy. This was a superb accomplishment, especially with eight schools taking part.

Across the afternoon, the Wallace Fields Juniors team played three group matches before reaching the final:

⁴<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-03-02-another-successful-football-fundraiser>

- Match 1: Won 4–0
- Match 2: Drew 0–0
- Match 3: Won 3–0

These fantastic results meant **the team qualified for the final on goal difference**. In a tense and exciting final match, the children showed brilliant focus and teamwork to secure a **1 – 0 victory** and lift the trophy.

Their behaviour throughout the tournament was excellent. They demonstrated great sportsmanship, supported one another and played with enthusiasm and respect.

A huge thank you to George of NS Sport for organising, supporting and leading the matches so brilliantly.

Congratulations to all of the children involved. It was a fabulous effort and a wonderful achievement for the Wallace Fields Juniors!





Sutton and Epsom Tag Rugby League Match Report

Our top tag rugby players took part in the second stage of the Sutton and Epsom Tag Rugby League on Friday 27th February 2026. After finishing in the top two of the group in the first stage, WFJS had high hopes of making it through to finals day. WFJS did amazingly well weaving through solid defensive lines, to win the majority of matches. Despite coming joint second on points, WFJS did not qualify. Well done to the squad for showing such determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Netball Match Report

WFJS netball squad played a fixture with Meadow Junior School on Tuesday 3rd March 2026. Meadow brought two teams to play our squad, who's performance did not disappoint. It was great to see fast passing of the ball up the court from WFJS combined with great shooting from Georgia H who did not miss! This resulted in a convincing win for WFJS. Big thank you to the supporters and also Meadow, whose squad brought an admirable sporting attitude to our school.



Final Chance to Visit The Horton Art Exhibition

We are so impressed with the amazing pieces created by our pupils. Their work will be on display at **The Horton until Saturday 7th March 2026**. Horton Art Centre is located at Haven Way, Epsom, KT19 8NP and is open 9:15 to 16:00 daily.

Parents of artwork on display can collect from 3.30pm or Mrs Curran will bring back work to school for collection. Parents may reserve and purchase the framed artwork before the exhibition on Scopay at a cost of **£11**. There is some financial help available for those children on free school meals. Please visit Scopay to make your payment.

To see some photos from the exhibition and for more information click here⁵.



WFJS Enjoys Another Amazing Book Week

The children and staff all had lots of fun during our Book Week. There was lots of cosy reading, trips to the library and sharing books. Children got involved in a "Masked Reader" competition, took part in a writing task "Where is my place?" and created a 'book in a box'. Thanks to Mrs Hernandez for reading their favourite book to the Year 5 children and sharing their passion for reading with the children. There were some fantastic and very creative costumes on Thursday and the selection of book characters was truly inspiring. The World Book Day £1 token was handed out to children in class and can be used for children's use at

⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-03-04-wfjs-artists-work-on-display-at-the-horton>

local bookshops. Twelve15 also had a Book Week themed menu on Thursday. For more photographs of this event please look on the Wallace Fields Junior Schools website news page by clicking here.⁶



⁶<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-03-05-book-week-fun-2026>



Music in Book Week

Year 3 and 4:

We are exploring composing in music this term with a focus on weather sounds. Over past few lessons we have listened to examples of music from around the world that portray different types of weather. Books are a great inspiration for composing music and this week in **Year 3 we looked at the book 'Birdie and the Storm'** and in **Year 4 we read 'Franklin and the Thunderstorm.'** Children then experimented with a wide range of percussion instruments to try to replicate sounds to accompany the weather events from the story. We

discussed effective choices and next lesson in **Year 3** we will be working as a whole class to create and record a final performance of 'The Storm.' Look out for the link to our masterpiece in a future newsletter. For now, here are some photos of the work in progress.

In **Year 4**, children will be working in small groups to create their own Storm compositions, some of which I hope to be able to share with you in the future but here are some photos of children exploring instruments to recreate weather sounds from this week's lesson.

Click here ⁷to see the photos.

Year 5 and 6:

Linked to the belonging theme of book week, '**Where is my place?**' **Year 5 and 6** have been undertaking some digital music composition. Previously in class, **Year 5** created an Island that represented a special place where they belong and are writing about it this week. In Music, they have been exploring the loops and pre-recorded sounds on Bandlab to create a musical anthem, in a style they really like, to go with their island.

Similarly, **Year 6** are using the same software to create their own track that shows their style, but as we have been studying drumming this term, they are composing their own drum grooves from scratch to go with the pre-recorded melody loops from Bandlab. We are also exploring adding rap lyrics inspired by MC Grammar, who has recorded some excellent World Book Day songs.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents for attending and supporting the a Scholastic Book Fair this week. The children love choosing a book at the fair, and it is also an important fundraiser for the school.

Please ensure all **online orders are done by Friday 6th March 2026** and please **return all wish lists by Monday 9th March 2026**. Due to the huge success of the fair some books will be out of stock so Mrs Bruen will need to order then before the books are sent home with the child.

Year 5 Suffragette Talk

A huge thank you to Mrs Hernandez, our school STEM ambassador, who came in to talk to the children about the importance of the suffragette movement. The children listened very well and asked lots of thoughtful questions.

⁷<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-03-05-music-in-book-week>



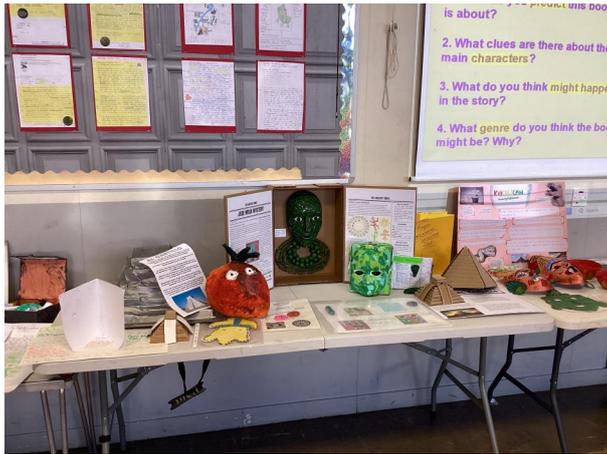
Our Year 5 Topic Homework Display is Now Open!

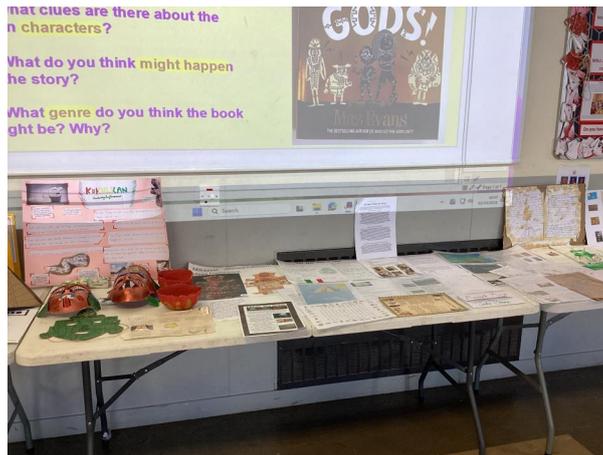
We are incredibly proud to share that the outstanding Year 5 topic homework is now on display in the school hall for the other children to see. The children have showcased an impressive range of creativity and knowledge through their vibrant Ancient Maya masks, engaging poems, imaginative diary entries and eye catching newspaper reports.

The effort, enthusiasm and pride that the children have poured into their work is truly remarkable. It is clear how much time, thought and care has gone into every piece, and we are delighted to celebrate their achievements.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for the invaluable support you provide at home. Your encouragement plays an important role in helping the children deepen their understanding and bring their learning to life.







IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent Consultation Appointments Now Live

Parent Consultation appointments may be selected for either in person in the school hall on Monday 16th March 2026 3.45pm – 6.00pm , or via video call on Tuesday 17th March 2026 3.45pm – 6.00pm.

A letter was sent to all parents/carers on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 for all the main details but here are some key points:

- All appointments will last 6 minutes and will be available for class teachers only.
- If your child is currently in a maths group, the class teacher will be provided with information on your child's progress and attainment.
- Please appreciate that time is limited and therefore only key information can be given.
- We would prefer if children did not attend the meeting.
- If separated or divorced parents would like an individual appointment, it will be necessary for **both** parents to set up appointments using their separate email addresses registered with the school.
- If parents are in separate locations, one parent can book and invite the other parent to join the video call prior to the meeting.
- Mrs Elliot (Sendco) will also be available for limited face-face bookings for **new** SEND enquiries on Monday 16th March only (pre-booking necessary).
- Please book your teacher appointment on SchoolCloud. Please book as soon as possible to guarantee your preferred choice. You will need to use the email that is registered with the school and the the child's name and date of birth exactly as on

our database to access your account. Please do contact the school office with any problems regarding the use of this system.

British Science Week (w/c 9th March)

This year we will once again be hosting a scientific photography competition to celebrate British Science Week on the week commencing 9th March 2026. Ideas for photos can be found using the following link, but we encourage the children to try to be original:

<https://www.st-peters-sittingbourne.co.uk/entries-3/>

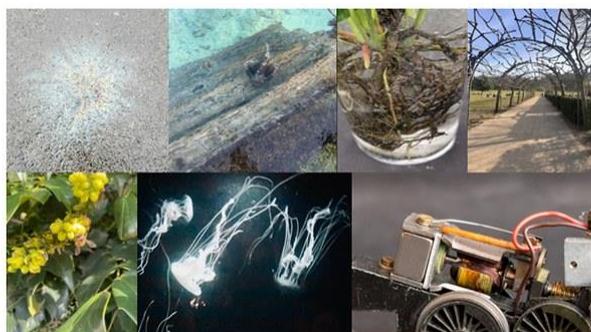
The photos will be celebrated by the school and the entries will displayed for all to see in the main hall. This year's British Science Week theme is: Curiosity. The children could use this as inspiration for their own photo or choose something entirely different; the choice is theirs! If your child would like to take part, they can upload their photo; a brief description of the science seen; and their name and year group.

Each class will have a Google Classroom assignment that has been created (this will appear online Monday 9th March 2026).

The deadline for entries will be: Monday 16th March 2026.

Happy snapping!

Some of children's entries from last year below:



Pupil Artwork on Display at Epsom Library

The Arts Society is running an arts exhibition at **Epsom Library** from the **7th to 12th March 2026** and all parents are welcome to come along during library opening hours. This year's theme celebrates the imaginative world of **Giuseppe Arcimboldo**, the famous artist known for his playful "composite heads" made from fruit, vegetables, and flowers. Pupils were encouraged to let their creativity shine by producing artworks inspired by his distinctive style. Fifteen pupils work was selected and their parents have been invited to a viewing of the artworks at Epsom Library from **5pm - 6pm** on the **6th March 2026**.

Year 6 Junior Citizen Scheme –Tuesday 10th March 2026

As part of their work in Personal, Social and Health Education in the Spring Term, Year 6 will take part in a **Junior Citizen Scheme** at **Epsom Grandstand on Tuesday 10th March 2026**. In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services, pupils will

learn about personal safety relevant to their transition to secondary school and independence.

The children will leave school by coach at 12.00pm and will return to school at approximately 3.00pm. Lunch will be at school as usual (going in earlier).

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.

Build Your Own Easter Egg



Build your own Easter Egg

Create your own egg using any medium that you would like. You can use clay, sew your egg or make it out of paper, cardboard, etc.

Please submit your egg to Mrs Curran. Please submit the eggs to Mrs Curran by Thursday the 19th of March.

The winning three eggs per year group will receive a prize.
Good luck!

Year 3 Day Trips Coming Up

During the Spring and Summer the Year 3 pupils are given the opportunity to attend a few trips to complement and extend their classroom studies including day trips to Butser Ancient Farm and to Wisley Gardens.

- **On Thursday 26th March 2026** Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm, Hampshire, to enhance their topic work in the classroom and discover more about the Iron Age. Butser Ancient Farm is a unique archaeological reconstruction of ancient buildings and farm. The children will take part in activities such as archaeological excavation, jewellery making and chalk carving.
- **On Wednesday 20th May 2026** we will visit Wisley to support science studies on green plants.

To cover the cost we must ask for a voluntary contribution of £52 per child, which can be paid via the Scopay website. Scopay will permit you pay in two installments of £26 or even smaller instalments. If your child currently qualifies for Free School Meals or have any financial difficulties there may be financial assistance in paying for this trip, please contact the school office. Please note that unfortunately we are not able to give a refund if your child is unable to attend the trip due to illness or any other reason. We take payment as indication that you give permission for your child to take part.

Updated Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Content

In 2025, the government updated the RSE curriculum to be rolled out across UK Primary and Secondary schools for September 2026. RSE is the statutory part of the PSHE curriculum, which covers physical, social, health and economic education. The changes are subtle, and have been made in accordance with both pupil and parent voices across the UK to try and prepare children to be healthy, happy and prepared for life in and beyond school. There is a heavy focus on mental health and children's online presence. For clarity, we have put the old curriculum against the new one so that you can see the changes made. We have also updated our RSE curriculum in accordance with the new changes.

Here is a foreword from the Secretary of State to explain why the changes were made. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/foreword-by-the-secretary-of-state>

We will be conducting a parent survey on RSE as part of our commitment to our Healthy Schools award and we would love you to keep an eye out for that in the summer term.

Please note, some of these concepts look quite grown up or quite scary to a parent, though please be reassured that everything is taught in a child friendly, age appropriate manner and we work closely with the guidance provided by the DfE, Surrey and the PSHE Association.

Tag Rugby Kit Return

Thank you to all the children who took part in the tag rugby event last week. They represented the school brilliantly and we are very proud of their efforts.

If your child brought home a tag rugby kit, we would greatly appreciate it if the kit could be washed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Your help in keeping our sports equipment ready for future events is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Games and Puzzles Needed for The Hub

The hub is used as a quiet lunchtime space for selected children and we are looking for donations of easy board games, puzzles, puzzle books and lego suitable for lower school age. Please bring into the School Office for Mrs Murtagh.

PTA

PTA /Comic Relief Day Plans

To support our school and the incredible Comic Relief charity we are planning to ask for a £2 cash donation for some inflatables in school and children can wear a red nose or a red accessory with their uniform on Comic Relief Day Friday 13th March 2026. All children will be given a 30 minute slot on the inflatables. The inflatables can only go ahead if the weather

is suitable, so we will let parents know an alternative date if needed. 50% of the money raised will go to the PTA and 50% to Comic Relief.



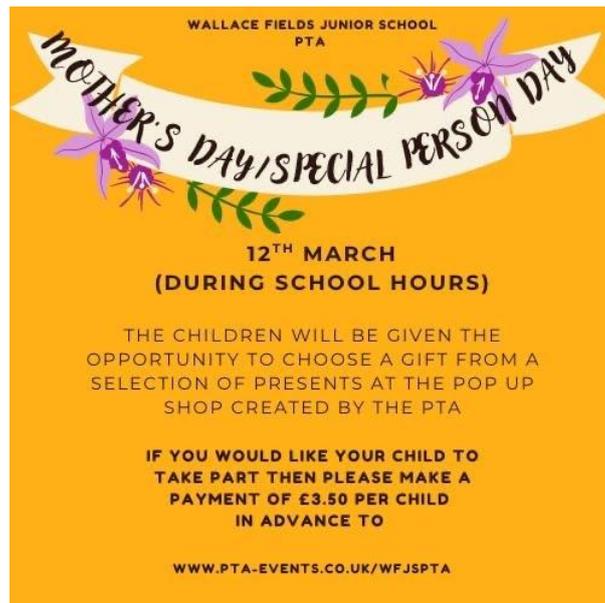
Special Person Shop for Mother's Day

This year the children will be given the opportunity to choose a gift, during school hours, from a selection provided at the pop-up shop created by the PTA on **12th March 2026**.

If you would like your child to be able to take part and select a gift then we ask that you please pay in advance **£3.50 per child, per gift**.

The children are welcome to choose gifts for other relatives and special people in their life, should you wish them to, as long as this is paid for in advance.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110984>



Gather Your Friends and Join Us for QUIZ NIGHT 2026: The Battle of the Schools!

We are delighted to be holding a Quiz night on **Friday 20th March 2026**, jointly with our friends at the Infant School PTA!

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champions? Will the Infant School or the Junior School come out on top? Will the Infants staff team or the Juniors staff team beat the parents? Who will win the top prize and who will go home with the wooden spoon?!

Your ticket includes entry to the Quiz, pizza supper and a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). There will also be a fully stocked bar (cash or card payment).

If you have already formed a team (of a maximum of eight people) please email us at wfispta@gmail.com⁸ with your team name and the names of all the participants. If you don't have a team, not to worry! We can team you up with some lovely people! Do email us on wfispta@gmail.com⁹ and we will be delighted to help.

Get your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111614>

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Sign up Now for PTA Colour Run on Sunday 17th May

PLEASE ensure you READ the following before booking:

Races will be set off every 10 minutes - if you would like to run with specific friends please make contact with them to discuss which time to book before booking - we cannot move runners after purchase.

Race times will be between 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

*All children at the event are the responsibility of their parent or carer at all times. Please ensure you supervise your children and follow all safety advice including the wearing of glasses. **During the race itself, all INFANT SCHOOL children must be accompanied by an adult or carer who will also need their own ticket to race.***

We will of course need volunteers too - slots will also be live to sign up to when tickets are released tomorrow.

Click on link below (Sunday 17th May 2026).

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=112759>

Please contact Kelly Tebbs with any questions on 07813 663002

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REMINDER AND USEFUL INFORMATION

PE Kit for Year 5 & 6 Swimming Days and Swimming Reminder

Swimming lessons are going well. For those selected, swimming will continue on Monday mornings at Epsom College, and this will help to develop their swimming skills. Lessons will happen on the following remaining dates:

9th, 16th and 23rd March,

20th and 27th April,

11th and 18th May 2026.

Remember swimming things (including costumes, towel etc) in a waterproof swimming bag and water bottle and snack.

Please remind your child to **wear their PE kit to school** on Mondays from next week. We hope this will speed up changing and allow more swimming time in the pool.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Music Festival Tickets - 24th and 25th March 2026

Mrs Johnstone has now gone back to choir parents to confirm who will be performing on each night of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Music Festival.

- **Tuesday 24th March 2026:** Aarushi, Alma, Bea, Chloe, Eliana, Grace, Jessie, Leena, Mai, Marta, Monty, Nandika, Nyla, Rhea, Violet, and Vivienne.
- **Wednesday 25th March 2026:** Alice, Anna, Ella, Emily, Eva, Francesca, George, Hana, Joe, Reema, Rose, Sabrina, Sophia, Thea, William, and Yoon Seul.

Tickets for the 'Borough Music Festival' will **go on sale directly through The Playhouse from Monday 9th February 2026**. They sell out quickly so it might be wise to set a reminder to avoid disappointment. Click here¹⁰ for their website.

Are You Looking for Swimming Lessons?

Colin Bull Swimming Lessons has offered a couple of vouchers for a term's swimming lesson. Please email Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk¹¹ with an offer of how much you would donate to the school funds for a free term's swimming lesson by next Thursday 5th March 2026 and the highest bidder will be sent a voucher.

Wallace Fields Junior School are Going to the Moon!

Four astronauts will fly around the Moon and back on **Artemis II**, the first crewed flight under NASA's Artemis campaign. Artemis II will test NASA's deep space capabilities, as humans fly on the SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft for the first time. The approximately 10-day mission will launch from Launch Complex 39 at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida **no later than April 2026**.

To celebrate this monumental return to the Moon for the human race, each class in the school has received a special boarding pass and the submitted names will be included on an SD card that will fly inside Orion when the Artemis II mission launches... we also thought that we better send Mr Lee and Mrs Day to the Moon as well just for good measure, so they have their own individual passes!

If your child would like to have their personal name added to the SD card and join the mission, please feel free to enter your information at home by clicking on this website link: <https://www3.nasa.gov/send-your-name-with-artemis/#user-information>

¹⁰<https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/>

¹¹<mailto:Office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ADULT ANIMATED CONTENT

Bright, bold, and widely shared, adult animated content is more popular than ever, but not always what it seems. These videos, which may appear cartoonish and harmless, often contain strong language, explicit themes, graphic violence, or dark humour. Many are accessible through platforms like YouTube, TikTok or streaming services, where filters may not catch them in time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISLEADING VISUAL STYLE
Many adult animations mimic the colourful, exaggerated look of children's cartoons. This can easily mislead not just children, but also adults, who thinking they're suitable for younger viewers. Without watching the content fully, parents or educators might approve a show or video that contains explicit jokes, graphic imagery, or highly inappropriate language, all disguised beneath a playful and fun visual style.

EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL THEMES
A number of adult animated shows and online videos explore mature or disturbing themes, such as addiction, trauma, abuse, self-harm, or violence, and often do so in a stylised or humorous way. Younger viewers may not have the emotional maturity to process this content, leading to confusion, distress, or the normalisation of very serious issues that should be discussed in a supportive context.

RISK OF DISTRESS AND FEAR
Some adult animations, especially horror-based content or 'creepypasta' style stories, include disturbing imagery, unsettling music, and sudden scares. These videos sometimes feature distorted versions of well-known children's characters, such as Sonic the Hedgehog or Peppa Pig, in frightening or violent scenarios. Children can be negatively affected if they come across this unexpectedly, leading to sleep disturbances, anxiety, or long-lasting fears, especially if children have existing worries or sensitive personalities.

INFLUENCE OF EDGY HUMOUR
Dark, edgy humour is common in adult animation and often includes jokes about topics like sexism, racism, mental illness, or abuse. When children hear these jokes, they may repeat them without fully understanding their meaning. This can lead to inappropriate behaviour in school or online spaces, and in some cases, it can reinforce harmful stereotypes or desensitise children to real-world injustice and discrimination.

ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS
Video platforms are designed to keep users watching by suggesting similar content. If a child watches one mature animation, they may quickly be shown more, including even darker or more extreme videos. These recommendations are based on viewing patterns, not age-appropriateness. Without strict settings in place, this can lead to a rapid spiral into unsuitable, upsetting, or even harmful content online.

DESENSITISATION TO VIOLENCE
Stylised violence in animation is often exaggerated and constant. Repeated exposure to it can reduce a child's emotional response to harm, making aggression or cruelty appear entertaining or acceptable. Over time, children may become less empathetic or more tolerant of harmful behaviours in real life, especially if they see others online reacting with humour, memes, or praise for violent characters or scenes.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING
Take time to ask children what they're watching and who their favourite creators are. Sit down and watch a few videos to get a full understanding. This helps you spot inappropriate content early and shows children that you're interested and engaged in their online world, not just policing it.

TALK ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE
Keep communication open and non-judgemental. Talk about why certain themes or jokes are not appropriate for children, even if they appear in animated form. Help children understand that just because something is popular or shared widely, it does not mean it's suitable or safe. If they've seen something upsetting, respond calmly, offer reassurance, and explain things in an age-appropriate way.

USE PLATFORM SETTINGS WISELY
Make use of built-in safety tools like content filters, restricted mode, and age settings on platforms such as YouTube, Netflix or TikTok. Turn off auto-play where possible and regularly review what children are being recommended. Although these settings aren't foolproof, they add an important layer of protection and help reduce the risk of children encountering disturbing or adult content accidentally.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING
Help children think carefully about what they watch. Talk about the difference between fictional exaggeration and reality, while helping them question why certain content is made. Is it informative, entertaining, or meant to shock? This builds digital resilience and encourages them to make safer choices in future, rather than simply following viral trends or peer pressure to watch mature content.

Meet Our Expert
Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. We offer memberships and packages to help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

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You Won't Know 'til You Ask (DSIT)

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an

ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>

Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for DSLs to draw on when communicating with parents. It addresses one of the most common questions schools are asked: when is a child ready for a phone, and how can families manage the risks?

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Including or signposting this resource in a parent newsletter can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety, and support a shared approach to online safety.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>



Support for parents & carers who have children diagnosed (or suspected) with autism & PDA

At **You Are Not Alone** you'll find a safe, welcoming space to connect with like-minded parents and carers. You will find guidance and understanding to help you support your child with meltdowns, emotional dysregulation, education and so much more - right from the start.

Topics that will be discussed are:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings (meltdowns etc)
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



Erik & Sally

Erik is a social worker and Sally is a teacher. Both come with 20+ years of lived experience being the parent of an autistic child.

Here's what parents have said:

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I **really do feel less alone** and more validated. My hope is back' - Louise - parent*

Support we would like to offer you:

Free Monthly Drop-in - ever 1st Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8.30pm (Zoom)

A whole free month membership - access to our **weekly drop-ins** (Mon morning 10 - 11am and Tuesday evening 7pm - 8.30pm) plus access to our **online library of resources** as well as our supportive **You Are Not Alone Whatsapp group** for daily connection and support

To gain access to either of the above options, please go to
<https://youarenotalone.community>



A helping hand for a healthier family

Do you need help to achieve a healthy weight for your child or teenager?

Be Your Best is a funded healthy lifestyle programme for Surrey families with children & teenagers aged 5-17 years, who are above the healthy weight range.

We can help you make a positive difference to your child or teenager's health & wellbeing.

The programme is made up of one-to-one and group sessions:

Sessions include

Live cooking workshop
Meal planning for the whole family
Easy food swaps
Managing screen time
How to become an active family
Importance of sleep

One-to-one sessions

With a health & wellbeing advisor at a mutually agreed time & location

Online group sessions for parents/carers

Week days after school via Zoom

Online physical activity sessions

Group sessions via zoom or on-demand video content

"Me and my boys are really enjoying this programme and we are so grateful to be taking part." - Mum

Find out more :



YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

Family Wellbeing Service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team offers support to parents/carers whose children are experiencing challenges or difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The Family Wellbeing service helps families set goals and identify needs through 1:1 or group support. We empower parents with the tools and knowledge to create a more supportive home environment, promoting better mental health for children.

This service offers support to parents/carers in the following local authority areas:

- ▶ Epsom & Ewell / Elmbridge / Mole Valley - parents/carers with children aged 11-18

We work from YMCA centres in Mole Valley, Epsom and Tadworth. We also offer online support via Teams and in other community venues.

We accept self-referrals from parents/carers and direct referrals from professionals.

For more information or to discuss a referral, please get in touch.

E communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Or complete our [Family Wellbeing Service Contact Form](#)

www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

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Scan to get in touch >>



YMCA EAST SURREY

Registered office: YMCA East Surrey, Princes Road, Redhill, RH1 6JJ
Registered charity no. 1075028

[Click here¹²](#) for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Gardening Club Is Coming Back!

We are delighted to let you know that **Gardening Club** will be returning at lunchtime on **Tuesday 10th March 2026**. The children are always enthusiastic gardeners, and we are looking forward to another season of planting, growing and exploring outdoors.

At this time of year, the ground can be very muddy. To help keep everyone comfortable and safe, we ask that children bring **wellies or an additional pair of shoes** on Gardening Club days. If they do not have suitable footwear, it is best that they sit out until the area has dried out.

Thank you for your support in keeping our young gardeners happy and ready to dig in!

Remember to Book Your Easter Holiday Club

The poster features a vibrant, colorful design with a yellow sun in the background. On the left, a cartoon girl in a yellow bunny suit holds an Easter egg. On the right, a cartoon boy in a green and white soccer kit kicks a ball, and a girl in a purple and white soccer kit runs with a basket of eggs. The text is centered and includes the NNSport logo, the event title 'NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES', the age group 'YEARS 1-6', a description of the program, the school name and address, dates and times, and contact information. A wooden signpost on the left points towards the school and mentions childcare costs. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and NextStepSport are at the bottom.

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

NNSport
NEXT STEP
HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES

YEARS 1-6
NNSport presents an action-packed, holiday activities programme, offering a fun mix of sports, arts & crafts, and leisure activities for children in a safe and nurturing environment

CHILD CARE FROM AS LITTLE AS £3.60 PER HOUR
EGG HUNT THIS WAY

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL
DORLING DRIVE
EWELL, KT17 3BH

30 MARCH-10 APRIL 2026
(excluding bank holidays)
08:00-18:00

FIND US... www.nssport.co.uk @NextStepSport @NextStepSport

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



NS STARS PROGRAMME

For children who want to stay active and love fun and variety in their days! 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:

EASTER

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Egg & Spoon Races
Bikes, Trikes & Ride-ons

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

Pin The Tail on the Bunny
Top Shot Tuesday

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Easter Obstacle Course
Workout & Wellbeing Wednesday

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt
Bunny Bounce Disco

FRIDAY 03 APRIL

CLOSED
Good Friday

THEME:

ANIMAL GAMES WEEK

MONDAY 6 APRIL

CLOSED
Easter Monday

TUESDAY 7 APRIL

Animal Arts & Crafts
Top Shot Tuesday

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Animal Relay Races
Workout & Wellbeing Wednesday

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

Animal Tag Games
Hop 'til we Drop Disco

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Animal Bingo &
Boogie Disco



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:

EASTER

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Chickens v Fones

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

King of the Easter Basket

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Race for the Egg

THURSDAY 2 APRIL

Rabbit Rondes

FRIDAY 3 APRIL

CLOSED
Good Friday

THEME:

FOOTBALL STYLES

MONDAY 6 APRIL

CLOSED
Easter Monday

TUESDAY 7 APRIL

High Press

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Counter Attack

THURSDAY 9 APRIL

Tiki-Taka

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

Champion Friday



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

** COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY FUN **

NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COMES ALIVE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS.

WHAT TO BRING...

We ask that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and to play.

A healthy packed lunch with snacks and a water bottle. No fizzy drinks.

Note: Children staying with us for an extended play will need an extra snack.

Venues are **NMT FREE**, so please support us with this by ensuring all lunches are nut-free.



Our Ofsted service works closely with policies and procedures similar to those in place at schools and care settings. Our unique programmes ensure that your child can maintain their development and learning through play in a safe and appropriate environment.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE LOOKED AFTER?

Upon booking we ask for you to tell us a little about your child. From the very first meet your child becomes part of our setting and will be made to feel welcome and comfortable. Our staff to child ratios are extremely strong which ensures that your child's needs are priority.

HOW WILL MY CHILD SPEND THEIR DAY?

Each day is never the same and we can assure your child will enjoy their day. Our plans are devised with Fun, Physical, Emotional and Social Development in mind. We have a balance in activities and maintain enthusiasm and excitement in all that we do.

We ask that when your child attends an NSSport Holiday Activities camp they are in good health. We welcome guests to all our venues and look forward to having a fun time with your child.

WHAT YOU SAY...

Having NSSport as an option throughout the school holidays is fantastic. We know all of the coaches and they genuinely care for my children's safety and well-being and treat them as an individual which is great.

PARENT

NSSport is fun, there are so many activities to try out! I can't wait to come back!

CHILD



STANDARD PLAY
£30
From 09:45 - 16:15

EXTENDED PLAY
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From 08:00 - 18:00

EXTENDED AM/PM
£33
AM: 08:00-16:15 PM / 09:45 - 18:00

ALL BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NSSPORT.CO.UK

Payments can be made online. You can also make payment with Childcare Vouchers, see our website for more info.

COMMUNITY

 The Downs Netball Club CIC

EASTER NETBALL CAMPS

FOR AGES 8-13

10AM - 3PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
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EWELL CRICKET CLUB



Looking to develop your Cricket skills? Or want to try a great new sport this summer?

Join your local team this 2026 season, starting mid-April!



Mini Cricket
For Girls & Boys aged 4-8

Training starts 22/4

Two sessions available every Wednesday:
6.00pm – 6.45pm
6.45pm – 7.30pm

Enjoy building Cricket skills through a fun and interactive coaching programme.

Run in partnership with award-winning Mini Crickets.

Training starts 16/4

Junior Cricket
For Girls & Boys aged 9-16



Every Thursday 6.30pm – 8pm

Develop your Cricket skills through weekly qualified coach-led training sessions focusing on batting, bowling and fielding. Build your confidence and teamwork skills in a friendly, inclusive environment.

We have 8 Junior teams, creating the opportunity to play Junior League Cricket.

Please join us for our registration season start social event, on Thursday 9th April at 6pm at The Pavilion



Outstanding Coaching Achievement Award
Surrey County Cricket Club

For further information about Junior & Adult cricket please contact us:

The Pavilion, 27 Ruxley Lane, Ewell, KT19 0JB : info@ewellcricketclub.co.uk
: www.ewellcricketclub.co.uk : [@ewellcricket](https://twitter.com/ewellcricket)



NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Good Company

We're here to help you if you're facing financial difficulties. At Good Company, we provide practical support and guidance to help you manage debt, access benefits, find housing advice, and connect with other services that can make life easier. We also offer emotional support and work with the community to make sure you don't have to face challenges alone. Come and speak to us at the Advice Café – we're here to listen, guide, and help you take the next steps.

Alison Mitchelmore, Support Worker
Email: support@goodcompany.org.uk



Waythrough

Are you in need of support to return to work, support to speak to your employer regarding adjustments in the workplace or support to find new employment? Waythrough offers support to those who are suffering with a health barrier that is impacting their employment or their ability to work. Through the Workwell service, we have a dedicated Workwell Coach who can support you. This isn't just about employment. It's about listening, wellbeing, lifestyle, and motivation – all aspects of someone's health and wellbeing. We will be based at the Advice Café every other Friday, or please feel free to pick up a leaflet from the café and you can access our referral form there.

Kelly-Marie Taylor, Service Manager
Email: kelly.taylor@waythrough.org.uk



Age Concern

Age Concern Epsom & Ewell is a local independent charity dedicated to empowering older residents of Epsom and Ewell to live active, independent and fulfilling lives. Sal will be at the Advice Café to speak to older residents to offer guidance about the local services we can offer.

Sal Bacon, Outreach Support Worker
Email: sal.bacon@ageconcernepsom.org.uk
Telephone our Information and Advice Desk:
01372 732456 9:30am-1:00pm Monday to Friday





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 **Surrey Goalball Club**
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2026
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

Baby Grand Piano Donated

Do you have a passion for music, or know someone who does? We are delighted to share that the school has been offered a generous donation of a Yamaha baby grand piano. The donor would love for it to go to someone who will truly cherish it and take good care of it.

If you are interested in giving this beautiful instrument a new home, please contact the school office for further details. Please note that collection and transportation of the piano would be the responsibility of the person receiving it.

This is a wonderful opportunity for any music lover and we are very grateful for the offer.





