

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

Thursday 5th November 2026

Key Dates in November

- **Friday 6th November**
  - Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - Poppies on sale £50p per poppy, £1 for other merchandise
  - Dodgeball Tournament 15:30-16:30

- **Sunday 8th November** – PTA WFJS and WFIS Fireworks - No tickets on the gate
- **Monday 9th November** – Parent-Teacher Consultation Face to Face Meeting
- **Tuesday 10th November**
  - Open Day for Prospective Parents 09:15-10.30
  - Surrey Nurses in School – Flu Immunisation.
  - PAW visit Year 5P
  - Parent-Teacher Consultation Virtual Meeting
- **Thursday 12th November** – Open Day 10:15
- **Friday 13th November**
  - Wellbeing Day including African Workshop, Cosy Reading and all to wear PE kits
  - Year 3 & 4 Boys Football Tournament at Priest Hill
  - Deadline for packed lunch to sign up for School Christmas Lunch
- **Monday 16th November** – Girls Football Match Cuddington Croft Away Match Early pick up
- **Wednesday 18th November**
  - Happy Bags Collection
  - Sports Crew Training Day Tadworth
- **Thursday 19th November -** Red House Mufti day
- **Friday 20th November**
  - Year 3 & 4 NS Sport Tag Rugby 13:00 - 15:00
  - Surrey Nurses in School – Year 6 Height & Weight Check
- **Friday 27th November**
  - Deadline for Christmas Hamper items
  - CREW Theatre Workshops – Year 3 on Human Machines and Year 4 on Forces

Key Dates in December

- **Tuesday 1st December** – Young Carer trip 1.15
- **Thursday 3rd December** – PTA Christmas Fair children only and during school day Year 3 & 4

- **Friday 4th December**
  - PTA Christmas Fair children only and during school day Year 5 & 6
  - NS Sport Tag Rugby Girls Year 3 & 4 13:00 - 15:00
- **Wednesday 9th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and Pupils Christmas Dinner
- **Thursday 10th December** – Singing in the Park 12.45
- **Monday 14th December 6pm-7.30pm** Christmas Concert in Epsom College – all parents/carers invited
- **Friday 18th December** – Last Day of School early finish 13:30

Click here[1] **for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. Click Here[2] for School Term Dates and INSET days**

Click Here[3] **for Upcoming Events**

HEAD'S UPDATE

Site Improvements Following Parent Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire. Whilst the response rate was relatively low, we carefully reviewed all of the feedback received and have acted on the points raised wherever possible.

One of the comments highlighted the poor condition of the entrance to the JAG side gate. As a result, a significant amount of time, effort and expense has been invested in improving this area. Trees have been cut back, bins moved away and debris removed, overgrown foliage cleared, and the grass has been cut to create a cleaner, safer and more welcoming approach. We are also exploring options for additional signage to further improve the area.

Beyond the JAG entrance, we have undertaken substantial grounds maintenance across the whole site. This has included cutting back foliage throughout the school grounds, clearing the bridleway to ensure we meet Surrey's expectations regarding foliage adjacent to public highways and improving the playground perimeter by cutting back overgrown boundaries.

We have also continued to develop our Woodland Outdoor Learning Area, which was formally opened on Thursday. This exciting space is already enhancing opportunities for outdoor learning, and there is still much more planned as we continue to develop that part of the school. Thanks to the PTA for helping fund this project.

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[1] https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/calendar
[2] https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-18-inset-days-confirmed-for-next-academic-school-year
[3] https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/events

We are grateful for the feedback provided and remain committed to improving our site for all members of the school community.

Finally, if your child attends our wraparound care provision, JAG, please remember to drive very slowly and park considerately during drop-off and collection times. The safety of our children, families and neighbours is extremely important to us.

Open Days Success

A huge thank you to our Year 6 Prefects and Ambassadors who have represented the school so expertly during our Open Days this week. The feedback from prospective parents has been exceptional, with many commenting on the confidence, knowledge, affection and enthusiasm shown by our children. They have demonstrated excellent oracy skills, communicated clearly and thoughtfully, and spoken with great pride about their school, explaining their learning and wider school experiences with impressive understanding.

The role of Prefect or Ambassador is an important position of responsibility, and our Year 6 pupils have fulfilled it wonderfully as they have guided families around the school. Their maturity, professionalism and genuine passion for Wallace Fields Junior School have made a lasting impression on visitors. Special thanks to **Annabelle H, James M, Layla B, Alice W, Scarlett B, Mikayeel A, Billy H, Jess W, Mia G and Samuel W.** An amazing team who enjoyed and thrived in their role.

We still have one more Open Day next Tuesday, with an earlier start to accommodate families who prefer a morning visit, and I have every confidence that our pupils will continue to be outstanding representatives of our school. Thank you all for your help, commitment and dedication.

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week



Here is the photo of **Stars of the Week** for last Friday of term 16th October 2026. The **Stars of the Week** 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 5 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.

Head Teacher's Awards

Head Teacher's Award

Autumn Term 1

From 11th September to 16th October 2026

(In name order)

Aashi L	Ella P	Jasdeep S	Naomi N
Abeeha A	Ellis F	Jasmine H	Nathaniel E
Aiken L	Emmett C	Jasper W	Rayaan B
Aisha May R	Gabriel M	Josie O	Savannah B
Amelia P	Ingrid M	Kay H	Sinelli E
Anaizah H	Isabella A	Leo S	Sofia C
Arthur D	Isabella W	Logan H	Sonny G
Ayaz O	Isla H	Madeleine M	Tanya S
Barnaby R	Jake S	Meera C	Teddy C
Charlie W	James M	Mila O	William F
Eddie I			Zoe M

Well Done to District Cross Country Runners

Well done to all the children who took part in the District Cross Country competition on Wednesday 14th October 2026. This Surrey County competition attracted over 60 runners from across the county, making the achievements of our pupils even more impressive.

Congratulations to every child who represented Wallace Fields Juniors and gave their very best effort. We are delighted to share that the girls' team finished in an excellent 4th place overall, whilst the boys' team were crowned overall champions, finishing in 1st place. A special congratulations goes to Louis L, who achieved an outstanding 1st place finish across the entire event.

We are incredibly proud of all our runners for their determination, resilience and sportsmanship. They represented the school superbly and should all be very proud of their achievements.





Outdoor Woodland Area Grand Opening

Today, **Thursday 5th November 2026**, we were delighted to celebrate the official opening of our Outdoor Woodland Area. Our Year 6 school ambassadors, Annabelle and James, gave a wonderful speech to the entire school before introducing the PTA, who had the very special honour of cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening.

Mr Lee thanked the **PTA** for their hard work and outstanding fundraising efforts, which raised an incredible **£10,000** to bring this project to life. Mr Taylor shared the vision for the area, including plans for a fire pit in the concrete section, a range of outdoor musical instruments, and exciting opportunities to use the space to support learning in Design and Technology, Science and Maths.

Miss Hill then explained the activities for the day, with every year group taking part in planting a variety of hardy bulbs that will grow through the winter and burst into bloom in the spring. These included spring starflowers, daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths and tulips.

We were very grateful for the support of Cathy Dodd and Kelly Xuereb from Gardening Club, who helped the children planting the bulbs throughout the day.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this area such a success, especially Mrs Day and Alan from GI Landscapes who completed the work over the summer and thank you to Mr Findlay for all of his work in the outdoor area. We look forward to seeing the bulbs bloom in the spring and to watching this wonderful outdoor space flourish for many years to come.

Thank you to the parents who donated to the 'Go Green' Mufti day which raised £205.

For more photos click here[4].





Maths in the Real World - National Numeracy Workshop

On **Monday 9th November 2026**, Year 3 will be taking part in an exciting '**Maths in the Real World**' workshop delivered by Mabel, a volunteer working alongside National Numeracy.

During the session, Mabel will talk to the children about how maths is used in everyday life and share examples from her own career and experiences. The children will then explore a range of fictional characters, thinking about their jobs and hobbies, and discussing where maths might be used in these real-life situations.

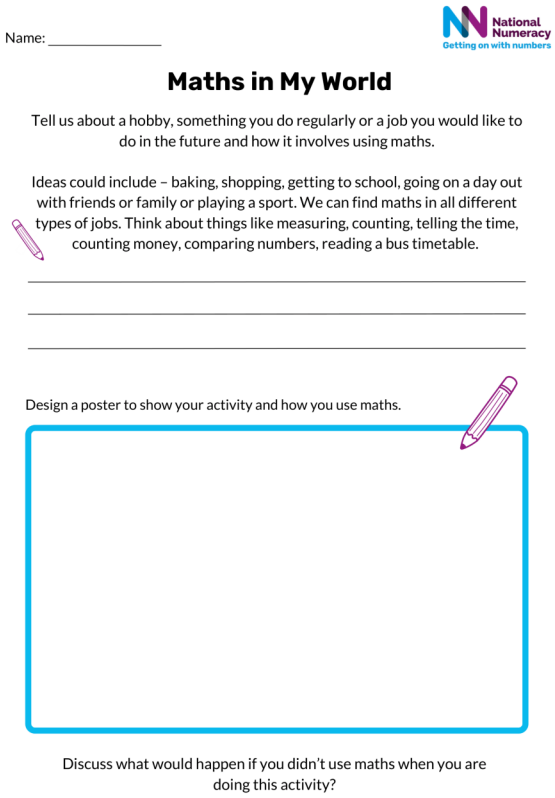
As an optional follow-up activity, children will be invited to complete a Maths in the Real World Reflection Sheet at home with their parents or carers. As mentioned in previous newsletters, discussing how maths is used in everyday life is a fantastic way to develop positive attitudes towards mathematics and encourage meaningful mathematical conversations beyond the classroom.

[4]https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-11-05-outdoor-woodland-area-officially-opened-on-5th-november-2026

If your child completes the reflection sheet, please return it to Miss Day or Miss Gavin, who will pass it on to Miss Sarjeant. Children who complete the activity will receive a certificate, and their reflections may be shared with Mabel and National Numeracy to celebrate their learning.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mabel to Year 3 and would like to thank her in advance for giving her time to support our children through these workshops. Similar sessions will be offered to the rest of the school later in the academic year.

We are sure the children will enjoy discovering just how important maths is in the world around them!



Name: _____

National Numeracy
Getting on with numbers

Maths in My World

Tell us about a hobby, something you do regularly or a job you would like to do in the future and how it involves using maths.

Ideas could include – baking, shopping, getting to school, going on a day out with friends or family or playing a sport. We can find maths in all different types of jobs. Think about things like measuring, counting, telling the time, counting money, comparing numbers, reading a bus timetable.

Design a poster to show your activity and how you use maths.

Discuss what would happen if you didn't use maths when you are doing this activity?

Pumpkin Craft Competition and Guess the Weight Winners

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Pumpkin Competition! We were amazed by the creativity, effort and imagination shown in all of the entries. It was wonderful to see so many fantastic pumpkins, and choosing the winners was not an easy task!

Congratulations to our winners:

- Year 6 Best Pumpkin - Sara L (6G)
- Year 5 Best Pumpkin - Isla H (5H)
- Year 3 and 4: 1st Place - Sineli E (4K), 2nd Place - Maksim P (4K) and 3rd Place - Molly B (3G)

Some photographs of the entries can be seen below. Thank you again for all your wonderful submissions and for making the competition such a success!











Funds Raised at Tea Parties

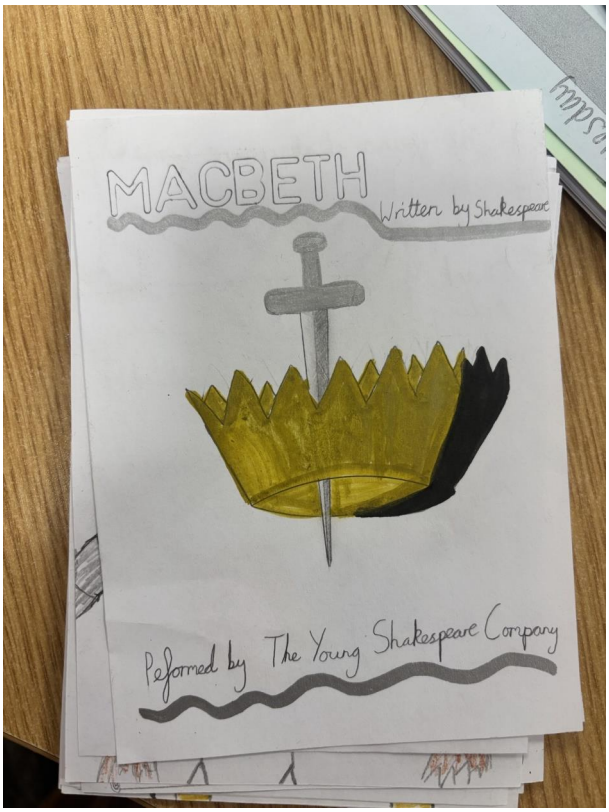
Thank you for all the parents who donated cakes to the tea parties and also to those who donated money during the tea parties. Year 3 raised £211.30, Year 4 raised £329.29 and Year 5 and 6 tea parties together raised £585.15; **so an amazing total of £1,125.74.**

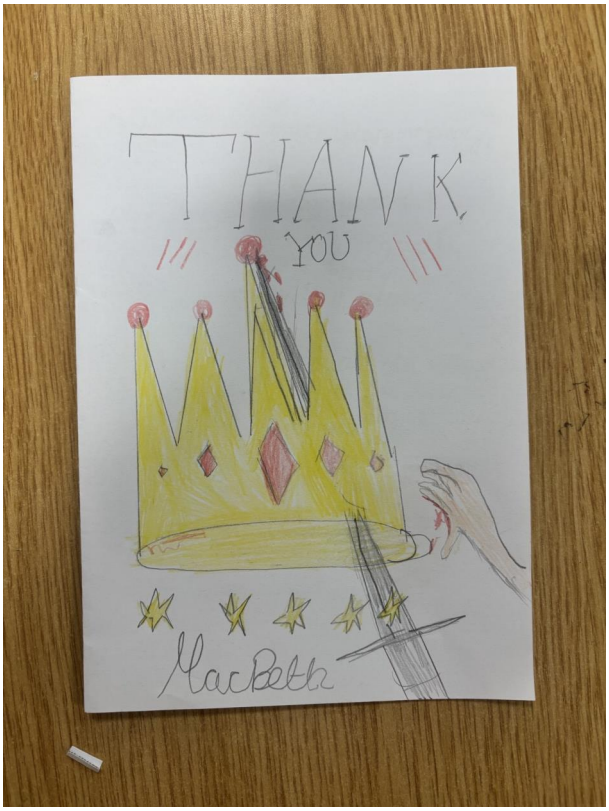
Year 6 Macbeth Workshop

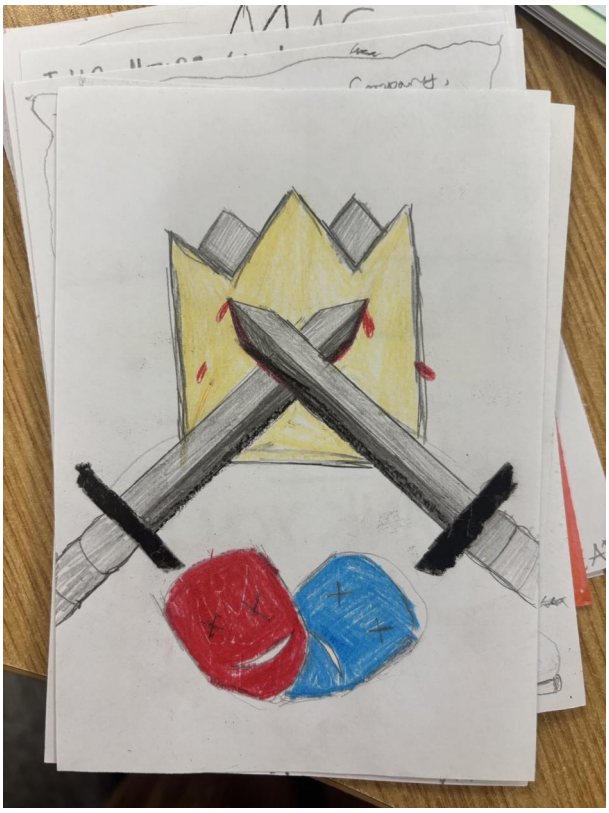
On Monday, Year 6 were treated to a fantastic performance of **Macbeth** by The Young Shakespeare Company. The visit was a brilliant way to begin the half term, and the children

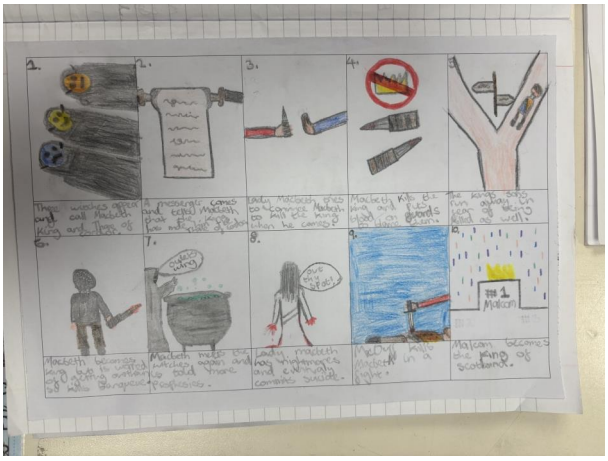
thoroughly enjoyed becoming immersed in Shakespeare's famous tragedy through an engaging and interactive theatrical experience.

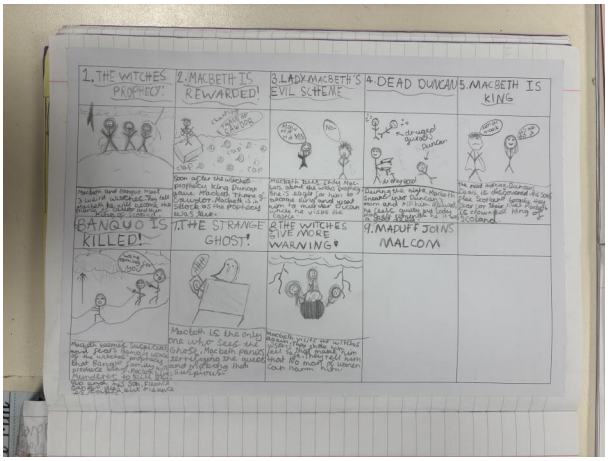
Inspired by the performance, the children have been exploring Macbeth in their English lessons this week. They worked hard to deepen their understanding of the story by identifying the key events and creating detailed storyboards to map out the plot. The children also wrote thank you letters to the actors, expressing their appreciation for such an entertaining and memorable performance. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for Shakespeare, and we are looking forward to using Macbeth as inspiration for a range of writing opportunities over the coming weeks!

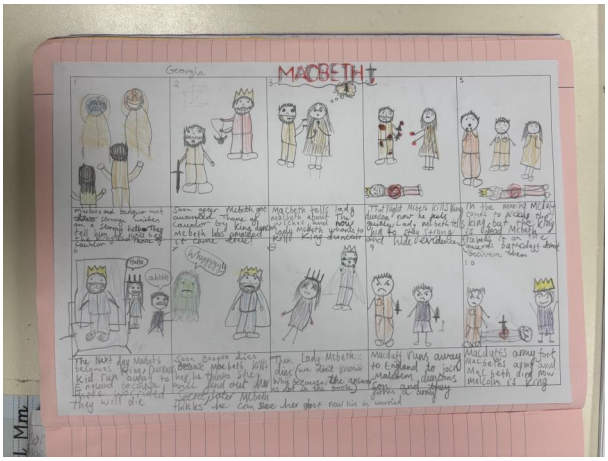


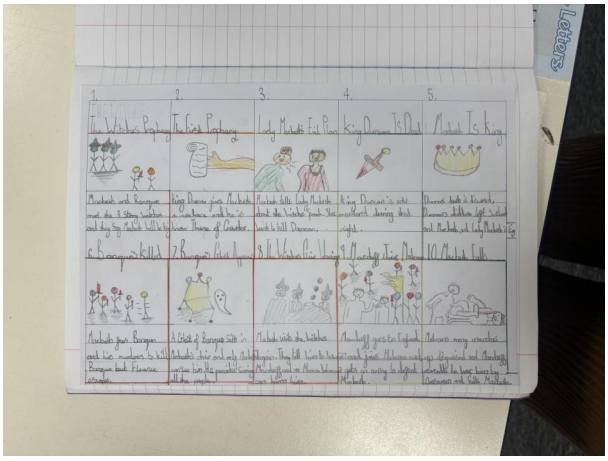

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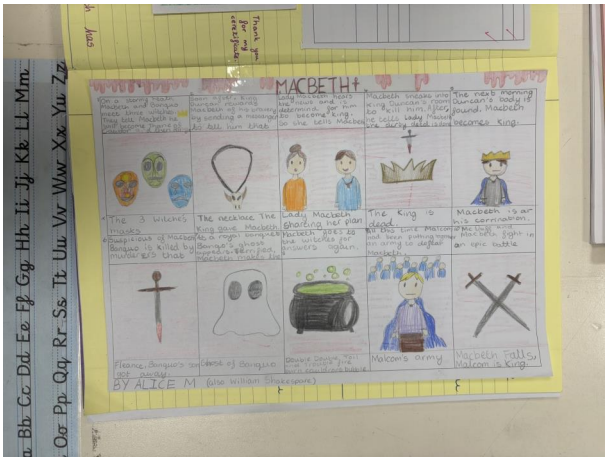





1. THE WITCHES PROPHECY!
2. MACBETH IS REWARDED!
3. LADY MACBETH'S EVIL SCHEME
4. DEAD DUNCAN
5. MACBETH IS KING
BANQUO IS KILLED!
6. THE STRANGE GHOST!
7. THE WITCHES GIVE MORE WARNING!
8. MADUFF JOINS MALCOM


Georgia
MACBETH





Ambassadors Were Announced Before Half Term

The **School Ambassadors** were announced at the end of last term as **James M** 6G and **Annabelle H**.

Annabelle H "*Hi! I'm Annabelle and I'm one of the new school ambassadors. I've know since year 3 that I wanted to put myself forward for this important role. It's an honour to have this incredible opportunity. On the day of the reveal, my expectations were low, there was fierce competition and everyone deserved it. When I saw my name up there my heart leaped. I could not believe it. There is no way to describe how I felt in that moment and how much it means to me to be writing this with badge worn proudly*."

James M 6G " *Being elected as one of the school ambassadors filled me with a rush of excitement, relief and immense pride. After a long time preparing my speech, campaigning and nervously awaiting the results; when I heard my name announced it felt surreal. I am looking forward to showing round parents and carers, running assemblies, being a role model and a voice for all students. I feel incredibly motivated and eager to embark on this new journey as ambassador to make a positive impact on our school*."



PTA

FINAL CALL FOR FIREWORKS TICKETS!

The weather looks great on Sunday, this is your final call to secure tickets for this magical event. **Gates open at 4.30pm**, come along early so your child can enjoy the disco and scavenger hunt ahead of the main display. This year for the first time we have The Colonel's Burgers and Bites and a Candy Floss stall, as well as our own fabulous Bar and Cafe offering a range of snacks and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (including beer, wine, mulled wine and hot chocolate).

Please note that ticket sales will close at midnight on Friday 6th November and there will not be any tickets available on the day. Please do not come to the event if you do not have a ticket. Tickets are available here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=120822

Do remember we are in a residential area so please be considerate of our neighbours as you arrive and leave the event. There is limited parking and all access roads must be kept clear, so please come by foot if you can. Please park all scooters and bikes in the scooter park at the entrance to the Junior School to ensure there is enough free flowing space as possible.

We ask that no one brings their own seating, fireworks, pets or sparklers. These will not be permitted onsite.



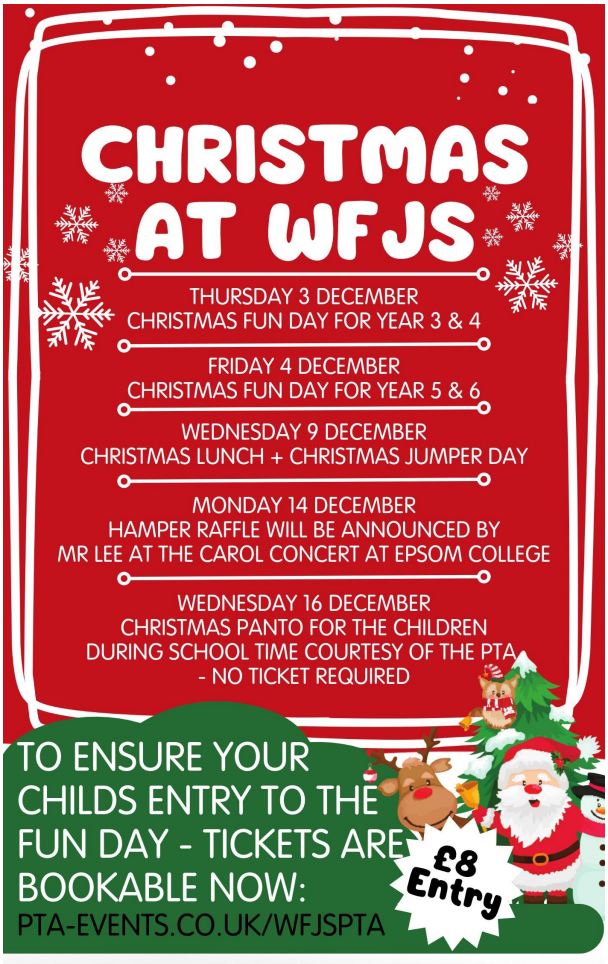
JOIN US EARLY FOR A PRE-FIREWORKS DISCO!

This year for the first time we are holding a **children's disco from 5pm** ahead of the Fireworks Display. Get the kids there early for some dancing, food and fun! Prizes for most colourfully dressed and best dancing! The is for Fireworks ticket holders only, please only come to this event if you have tickets for the Fireworks. To avoid disappointment, get your tickets now!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Yep, we are going there! It may still be early November but the PTA elves have been busy preparing to sprinkle a little Christmas magic at Wallace Fields Junior School! Mark your calendars now!!



EVENTS

Parent-Teacher Consultation Final Reminder

The parent teacher consultation meetings are on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November 2026. The booking system for making appointments has now closed and parents have been sent a reminder of their appointment time.

Just a few reminders before the parents evenings next week:

Monday 9th November 2026 15:45 - 18:00 - face to face in the school hall.

- Parents should arrive and enter the school hall via the playground / library corridor.
- Access will be via the main gate only.
- Please wait in the library corridor until two minutes before your appointment time. A member of staff will greet parents at the hall, check your appointment time and allow access.
- A bell rings to mark the next allotted time slot.
- Please leave via the quad and main office door (press the green button).

- It is preferred that children do not attend.

Tuesday 10th November 2026 15:45 - 18:00 - Online video conferencing.

• On the day of the parents' video consultation, to access your video appointments you will need to login to https://wallacefieldsjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/ and one hour prior to your first appointment, a Join Video Appointments button will appear.

- Please click on this button and the SchoolCloud software will automatically take you to your teacher appointment without the need to dial-in for each individual appointment.
- Again, a full guide on how to make video appointments was emailed to you previously.
- It is preferred that children do not attend.

We look forward to seeing you next Monday or Tuesday

Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December 2026

School Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 9th December 2026.** The meal is being offered to ALL children and costs £2.90. You will find the Christmas menu below.

If your child is normally packed lunches and would like a Christmas lunch, please complete this online form no later than Friday 13th November 2026. If your child has a special dietary requirement, this is also incorporated into the form.

If your child currently receives a School Lunch, you do not need to complete this form as your child is already included in the meal numbers for that day, unless your child is changing their choice from the normal menu they receive.

Payment will be required on SCOPAY once numbers are confirmed.

Click to complete form[5]

[5] https://forms.gle/qTrRRE6BHwNp2AmY8



Red House Mufti

A huge congratulations to Red House. Children in Red House are invited to enjoy a special Mufti Day on **Thursday 19th November 2026.** Pupils can come to school wearing their own clothes and, if they would like to, something red to show their House spirit.

Wellbeing Day 13th November 2026

It is Wellbeing Day on Friday 13th November and we have some mindful activities for the children to join in with. Children will be doing some cosy reading so **must bring in a book** and are welcome to bring in **blankets and cosy items** on Friday to use.

Please can everyone **wear PE kits** as we will be doing PE with all the kids as well as the dance workshop. Thank you.

The children will also be taking part in an energetic and interactive African Dance Workshop. The children will learn some of the different traditional African dance moves native to this vibrant and diverse culture. To cover the cost of the visit, we need to ask for **a voluntary donation of £3 per child**. It is not possible to run the wide variety of workshops and trips without parental contributions. Please make your payment via our on-line payment system Scopay, as we are now a cashless school.

Design a Satellite Competition

Following our recent STEM Hub Live lesson about satellites and how they help us monitor our planet, we would like to share an exciting opportunity for pupils to continue their learning at home. The STEM Hub has launched a **Design a Satellite Competition**, inviting children to create their own satellite and give it a special mission. Satellites can help forecast weather, monitor oceans, protect wildlife, explore space and much more. Pupils are encouraged to think creatively and design a satellite that solves a problem or makes the world a happier, healthier and more sustainable place.

Entries can be submitted as drawings, models, digital designs, photographs or other creative formats, but each design must include an explanation of its purpose and how it works. The competition is open to both primary and secondary-aged children, with prizes and certificates available. Entries will be judged on creativity, purpose and innovation, and the closing date is **4th December**.

Please note: This is an optional competition and must be completed **independently at home**. For further information and to submit an entry, please visit The STEM Hub website.

https://thestemhub.org.uk/news/news-article/the-stem-hubs-design-a-satellite-competition

Flu Vaccination on 10th November 2026 Complete Consent Form

This vaccine helps protect your child from influenza (flu), which can be unpleasant and cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help to protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

For further information visit: NHS Children's Flu Vaccine[6]

For your child to receive this vaccination when we visit your school on **TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026**, please complete the e-consent form. Please note that e-consent access will close **4** working days before the visit date.

- Please visit www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk[7] and enter your school's unique code **SR125298**

[6] https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/
[7] http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk/

- If you are a **NO CONSENT,** please still complete a consent form but select the 'No' option.
- An **injectable flu vaccine is available that does not contain porcine gelatine**. If you prefer this, please select 'No' for the nasal vaccine and 'Yes' for the injectable flu vaccine and the vaccine will be delivered in school when we visit.
- If you only wish your child to be seen in a clinic setting, please submit an e-consent form and contact us using the details above for a clinic link.

Year 6 Height and Weight checks on 20th November 2026

The year 6 Height and Weight Checks are now happening on Friday 20th November.

Each year in England, school children in **Reception and Year 6** have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight measurements are used to calculate body mass index (BMI). For further Information: NCMP Programme[8].

During the Autumn term the School Aged Immunisation and Screening team will weigh and measure children fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes. This is a national opt out programme so if you do not wish your child to be measured please email the team as scfh.immunisations@hcrgcaregroup.com[9] putting in the title **NCMP Opt Out and school name**. In the email, please state your child's name and date of birth or NHS number to identify them and confirm that you wish to opt out of the measurement screening programme. If you do not opt out the results will be sent to you via your email. If your child's measurements fall outside the normal range, details of further support will be included in this communication. If you do not receive your results, please contact our team on the details above. Children are not required to take part on the day if they choose not to.

500 Words Competition - Now Open!

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

All children are encouraged to enter - it is all about the creativity!

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

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

Entries are to be submitted via the BBC website but please do bring in your story to school to share with your class teacher too. We would love to read them. **Submit before 9pm, Friday 6 November 2026.**

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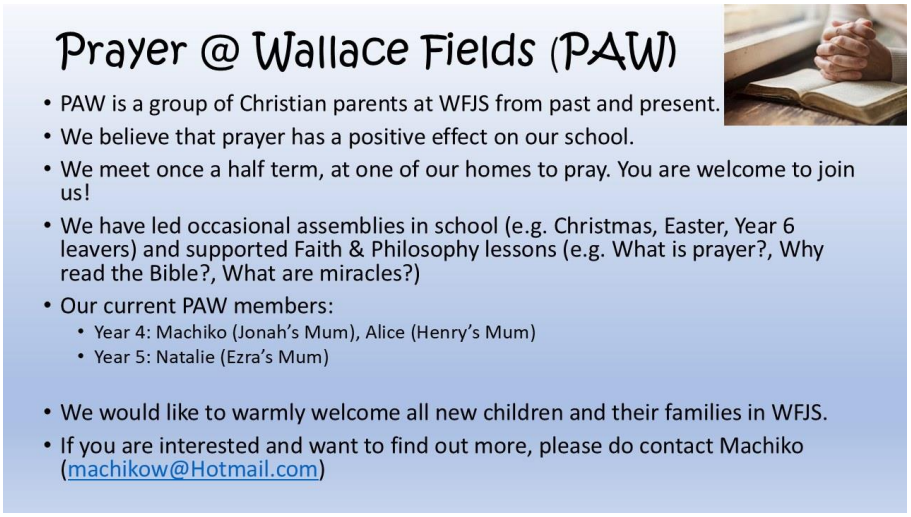
[8] https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/childrens-weight/national-child-measurement-programme/
[9] mailto:scfh.immunisations@hcrgcaregroup.com

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

If your child has been selected to take part in our **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Rapid Catch-Up Phonics Programme** this year, you will already have received information about the programme. Its aim is to help your child reach and maintain the expected standards in phonics, spelling and reading, whilst also developing reading fluency, comprehension and the wider skills needed to become a confident and successful reader.

When your child completes the phonics programme, they will be sent home with information about an online e-book service. This will give you the opportunity to hear your child read at home using books that are carefully matched to the phonics sounds they have been learning each week. Please take a look at the letter and parent guide that have been sent home for further details about accessing and making the most of this resource.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS



Clip on Ties Available

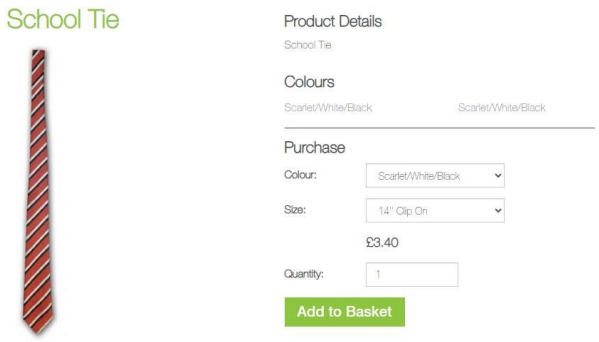
We know that some of our Year 3 children are still mastering the art of tying a school tie, which is perfectly understandable as they settle into junior school routines. If your child is finding this particularly challenging, clip-on ties are available as a practical alternative and can help to make those busy morning starts a little easier.

Clip-on ties can now be purchased from the MAPAC website. For the clip-on version, please select **14" clip on** rather than the standard **42" length** tie.

Please click here[10] for more information and select the size as 14" clip on rather than 45" length.

For more information, please visit the **MAPAC school tie page**[11].

[10] https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17/school-tie
[11] https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/wallacejuniorKT17/school-tie



Earrings

We appreciate that many parents are keen to support their child in taking part in PE and sports activities and may offer to sign a disclaimer form. Unfortunately, the school cannot accept disclaimer forms in place of its duty of care. Should an injury occur, either to the child wearing the earring or to another child, the school's safeguarding and health and safety responsibilities would still apply.

For this reason, we kindly ask that all earrings are removed before PE lessons, games and sporting activities. Children who are still wearing earrings will need to remove them before taking part, and the same expectation applies to before and after-school sports clubs. We are very grateful for your support in helping your child remember to remove their earrings on the days when these activities take place.

📚 Library Books Wanted Back! 📚

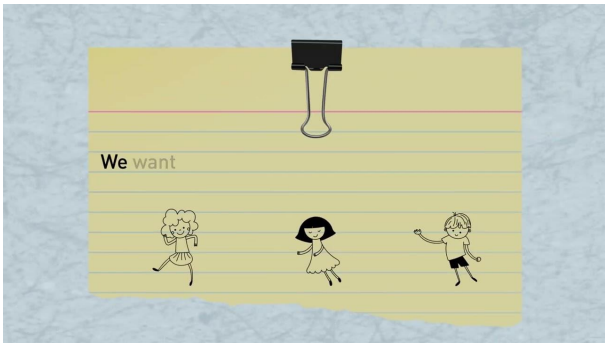
Our library shelves are looking a little empty in places at the moment, and lots of children are asking for books that are currently missing. Some of our most popular titles have several copies, though many of them have not found their way back to school yet!

Please have a quick look at home, under beds, on bookshelves, in book bags or wherever library books like to hide and send back any school library books you find. Returning them means other children can enjoy reading them too.

Thank you for helping us keep our library full of wonderful books for everyone! 📖✨

Not Sure Your Child is Well Enough for School?

Please watch a video from Department for Education



https://youtu.be/_i5KxggkPTw

Road Safety Reminder

🚦 **Stop, Look, Listen... and Helmet On!** 🚲🛴

- Please help keep all children walking to school stay safe by reminding them to use pavements, cross at safe places, and stay alert near roads when travelling to and from school.
- Children riding bicycles or scooters should **always wear a properly fitted helmet** to help protect them from serious head injuries.
- Encourage children to walk their bike or scooter when entering the school site and to be considerate of pedestrians.
- Bright or reflective clothing can help children be more visible, especially during darker mornings and afternoons.
- Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep everyone safe on their journey to and from school.

Safety Slogan:

🦺 **"Smart heads wear helmets – stay safe every journey, every day!"** 🚲🛴

SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING





Our Commitments to Improving Support for Autistic Pupils & Families

Following our autistic review, we are committed to creating an inclusive, understanding and supportive environment where autistic children can thrive. We are working closely with families to ensure every child feels safe, understood and able to succeed. This week in school we have been ....📚 **7. Flexible Learning Approaches**

- Differentiation beyond academic level—considering processing, attention, and communication
- Alternative ways to record work (typing, verbal responses, visuals)
- Reduced cognitive load where needed
- Additional processing time

✅ **What this means: Children can show what they know in ways that work for them.**

Young Carers at Wallace Fields Junior School

At Wallace Fields Junior School, we recognise that some children help to care for a family member at home. We are keen to identify and support these pupils, known as **Young Carers**, to ensure they receive the understanding and opportunities they may need in school.

A Young Carer is a child who helps look after a family member who may have:

- A physical disability or long-term health condition
- A mental health difficulty
- Additional needs or a disability
- A substance misuse issue
- An illness that requires ongoing support

The care a child provides may include helping with practical tasks, translating, providing emotional support, supervising siblings, or assisting with day-to-day routines.

We understand that many children who help at home do not always recognise themselves as Young Carers. If you feel your child may have caring responsibilities for a family member, please let your child's class teacher know.

By identifying Young Carers, we can ensure they receive appropriate support within school. This includes:

- Recognition as a Young Carer within our school community
- Opportunities to speak with a trusted member of staff about their wellbeing
- Access to termly local trips and events with other Young Carers

- Additional support and opportunities designed to promote their wellbeing and help them thrive in school

Any information shared with us will be treated sensitively and used to help us provide the best possible support for your child.

If you believe your child is a Young Carer, please contact their class teacher via the school office.

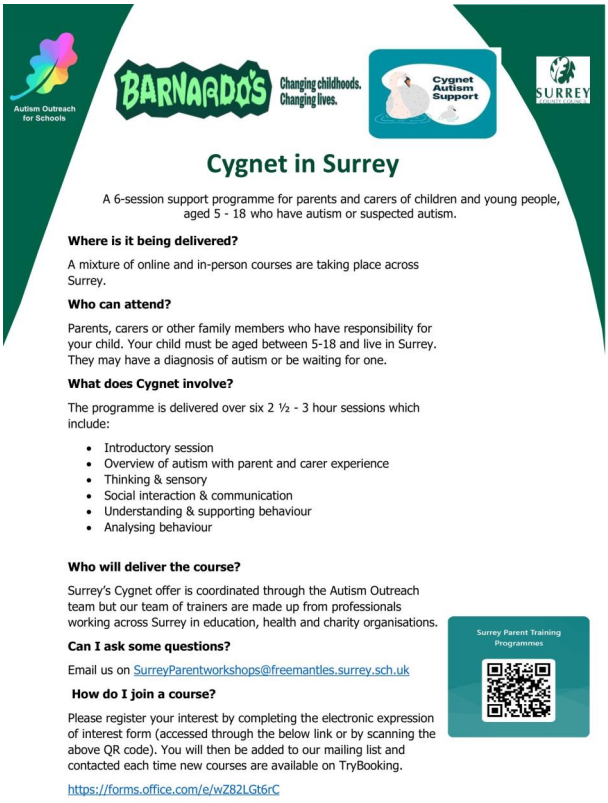
Surrey Local Offer for SEND Parents

A trusted source of support, advice and opportunities for children with additional needs and disabilities, and their families

Surrey's Local Offer website brings together information, services, support, activities and opportunities for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities (AND), alongside practical guidance and resources for their families, all in one easy to access place. It is designed to help parent carers and young people find trusted information quickly and confidently. The website brings together the wide range of support available through Surrey County Council and its partners. The Local Offer complements rather than replaces personalised support. It helps families understand what help is available and access it at the earliest opportunity. **Visit the** Local Offer[12] **at surreycc.gov.uk/localoffer. Parents and carers can sign up here for the** AND Newsletter[13]

[12] https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/young-people/preparing-for-adulthood
[13] https://pages.comms.surreycc.info/pages/pa-7du4a9

Useful information



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- Social interaction & communication
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- Analysing behaviour

Who will deliver the course?

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Surrey Parent Training Programmes

Can I ask some questions?

Email us on SurreyParentworkshops@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk

How do I join a course?

Please register your interest by completing the electronic expression of interest form (accessed through the below link or by scanning the above QR code). You will then be added to our mailing list and contacted each time new courses are available on TryBooking.

https://forms.office.com/e/wZ82LGt6rC



Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

12:30-2:30pm
Tuesdays
3, 10, 17, 24 Nov & 1 Dec

Parenting Puzzle course

This free course at Ewell Family Centre takes place over five sessions. It covers a range of parenting topics, such as effective communication, praise and encouragement, setting boundaries, and managing challenging behaviour. It aims to help parents and carers feel more confident in their parenting and develop approaches that work for their individual family.

To book a place, scan the QR code, email:
epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
Or call: 01372 571 178

Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP

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Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

9:30-11:30am
Wed 7th Oct
or Tues 24th Nov

Parenting your Neurodivergent Child workshop

Two-hour session designed to help parents gain a deeper understanding of their neurodivergent child's unique way of thinking and experiencing the world. You will explore positive parenting techniques to guide and encourage them, and promote harmony, cooperation and understanding in your home.

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HOME START Epsom, Ewell & Banstead



Epsom & Ewell Family Centre

9:30-11:30am
Wednesdays
4, 11, 18, 25 Nov

Keeping your Child in Mind

Join us for this free **4-week course** designed to help parents and carers work together to create a calmer, more supportive family life. Each session offers practical tools, thoughtful discussion and space to reflect on what we do as adults and how our actions shape the way everyone in the family feels.

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Or call: 01372 571 178

Epsom Family Centre, Pound Lane, Epsom, KT19 8RY

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Families Thriving Together

Epsom & Ewell Family Centre - Courses and Workshops

November and December, 2026

Parenting Puzzle
12:30-2:30pm, Tues, 3rd Nov - 1st Dec
@ Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP)
Five-week course offering practical strategies to help parents navigate common parenting challenges. Each session focuses on a different area of parenting.

Keeping your Child in Mind
9:30-11:30am, Wed, 4th - 25th Nov
@ Epsom Family Centre (KT19 8RY)
Four-week course designed to help parents and carers put their child at the centre of parenting to create a calmer, more supportive family life.

Emotional Regulation for Children: Practical Support for Parents
9:30-11:30am, Wed, 4th & 11th Nov
@ Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP)
Two-week course to help parents understand emotional regulation. You will learn how to spot the signs of dysregulation and how to develop healthy coping strategies for you and your child.

First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance
9:30-11:30am, Wed, 18th Nov - 2nd Dec
@ Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP)
Three-week course exploring early signs and causes of school non-attendance. Learn to communicate effectively with schools and respond during crises.

Parenting your Neurodivergent Child
9:30-11:30am, Tues 24th Nov
@ Ewell Family Centre (KT19 0JP)
Two-hour workshop to help parents better understand their neurodivergent child and learn positive parenting strategies.

Get in touch with Epsom & Ewell Family Centre to book a place on any of these free courses:
01372 571 178
epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
www.barnardosfamilycentresurrey.org.uk

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FAMILY LEARNING

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance



This **FREE** three-week course (2-hour sessions) will help you explore the early signs of school-related difficulties and understand the common reasons behind non-attendance.

Book your free place today

Wednesdays
18 November - 2 December 2026
9.30am - 11.30am
Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 0JP

SCAN ME
Please scan the QR code to register

What will I learn:

- Understand the range of reasons why your child may struggle to attend school or take part in certain lessons
- Learn about reasonable adjustments that can be agreed with the school to support your child
- Feel more confident advocating for your child

Please note:
This course is for parents/carers only (no children)

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surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
0300 200 1043
SAL.family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

SAL SURREY ADULT LEARNING

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Click here[14] for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS UPDATE

Wraparound Care from Junior Adventures Group (JAG)

Welcome to the new school year with Junior Adventures Group, where we have lots of new and exciting things happening at both our Rise Then Shine breakfast clubs and our Stay and Play after school clubs.

At Rise Then Shine we are offering:

- **Healthy breakfast**, with crumpets, toast, bagels, cereal and honey, jam and spreads.
- **Power Up Games**. Quick, active, interactive and fun games, including: Capture the flag, Circle Games, Relay games, Tag games and ball games.
- **Wellbeing Reset.** Activities designed to ease your child into the school day. With Yoga, breathing exercises, Dance and others.

At Stay and Play these this is what we will be doing:

[14] https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding

- **Snack Lab.** Every Monday instead of our usual healthy snack, we will be doing Snack Lab, where children will work alongside the staff to create fun, healthy and exciting new snacks for each other. We will change the menu for each half term and we will be starting with Toasties until half term and then Waffles up until Christmas.
- **Weekly Themed activities.** Every few weeks we will have a different theme for the activities we do, beginning with Play your way (getting your kids playing, exploring and trying something new) where we will play different games each week. Including: Power Play, Motion Squad and Skill Sprint.
- **Team Up.** Every Friday afternoon we will be doing a different sport for each half term. We will begin with Baseball, then Dodgeball. Children will be encouraged to create teams and play games against other teams over a few weeks, with a final tournament to finish.

We will also be having **Special Events** throughout the year and will be updating you through the newsletter when these are occurring.

All these new and exciting events will be alongside all the usual activities that your children enjoy at our clubs already, with a healthy fruit snack at arrival, a healthy child made snack midway through, plenty of arts and crafts, sports, quizzes and child led activities.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Kickboxing Success for Robyn

A huge well done to **Robyn F in Year 4**, who recently competed in her very first kickboxing competition. We are delighted to share that Robyn achieved an impressive **third-place finish** against strong competition.

Taking part in a competitive event for the first time takes great courage, determination and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of Robyn's achievement. Congratulations on a fantastic result, and we look forward to hearing about her many more sporting successes in the future!



Logan in Golf Competitions

Well done to Logan who has been busy with golf competitions. He finished first in his category at the Infinity Junior Golf League event at Sunningdale Heath. It was the league's inaugural event in the UK and its first international event outside the UAE, so it was a particularly special win. As a result, Logan has been invited to take part in an event in the UAE — a wonderful opportunity and a significant achievement in his golfing journey. The London League resumes this week, with the final three events of the Autumn Tour taking place. Preparations are also going well for Logan's first international tournament in Spain later this month.



COMMUNITY

Epsom & Ewell Foodbank

Did you know? In September we supported 406 people, 171 were children.

Along with our regular weekly Wishlist, this week we're including a special Christmas Wishlist. These festive items will help us bring a little extra joy to families this holiday season! Please donate by 20th November.

For the latest news and updates from Epsom and Ewell Foodbank, please stay connected by following Good Company Surrey on Facebook and @good_company_surrey on Instagram. Thank you for your continued support!

**Please note that we do not need any more pasta at this time,*

as we have a good supply in stock.

Please use our supermarket donation points or bring donations directly to us: Good Company Hub, Ruxley Lane, Ewell KT19 0JG

We are open for donations Monday - Friday, 9am-2pm (closed Bank Holidays)

*Please make sure all donations are **sealed, in date and do not contain alcohol**. We are unable to accept **refrigerated or frozen items**.*

If you arrange a supermarket delivery directly to us, please let us know in advance so we can let our warehouse team know when to expect it.

We always welcome donations and promise to use them to provide help to people in need. Donations will be shared across Epsom & Ewell Foodbank[15] and Epsom and Banstead Pant[16]**ry**. This ensures your donations go to help people who use our services wherever they are.

If you have any questions about donating food, please get in touch.

Thank you so much for your continued support — we really do appreciate it!

This week most needed items are:



[15] https://us.list-manage.com/16VE0vFHMsg?e=fe66267346&c2id=964f18375d5fc01120ab03cfe63635a3
[16] https://us.list-manage.com/h9eL3X60f1f?e=fe66267346&c2id=964f18375d5fc01120ab03cfe63635a3



Festive activities in aid of Age Concern Epsom & Ewell

The Christmas season is fast approaching and here at Age Concern Epsom & Ewell we are busy preparing a special programme of festive events and fundraising activities. Please find below details of our special Candlelit Christmas Concert and some of the other festive campaigns taking place over the coming weeks. We hope you will help us spread the word and join us in supporting our work to bring a little cheer to older people across Epsom & Ewell this Christmas. Many thanks!



OUR FESTIVE STALLS

Our wonderful knitters, crochet makers and talented creatives are busy making beautiful handmade gifts for our festive stalls.

We hope you will visit us and browse our unique collection of bespoke, handcrafted gifts which are perfect for family and friends.

Every purchase helps support Age Concern Epsom & Ewell, making a real difference to older people in our local community. ❤️

Where you will find us ...

20 NOV
Christmas Light Switch On
Epsom Marketplace
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

28 NOV
Christmas Light Switch On
Bourne Hall
3:00 PM - 6:30 PM

4 DEC
Candlelit Christmas Concert
Christ Church, Epsom
(Entrance for concert ticket holders only)
7:00 PM - 10:15 PM

17 - 20 DEC
Christmas Gift Stalls
Epsom Marketplace
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Can you help with our Festive Tombola?
Alongside our gift stalls at our festive events in November, we'll also be running a tombola and we'd be very grateful for donations of good-quality, as-new items. Donations could include: Toys, games, toiletries & small gifts. Please drop in to the **Age Concern Epsom & Ewell office** in advance of the event dates shown above. The Old Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, KT18 5AG Office opening hours: **Monday to Friday, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

For more information, please contact:
marie.thackwell@ageconcernepsom.org.uk **Tel: 01372 732 431**



OTHER COMMUNITY FLYERS



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https://forms.office.com/e/wZ82LGt6rC

Surrey Parent Training Programmes

Epsom & Ewell Young Legends

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL



Learn new skills. Make friends. Build confidence.
Epsom & Ewell Young Legends programme 2026

Our exciting new **Epsom & Ewell Young Legends** programme runs from **2 November to 13 December 2026.**

Our **FREE** sports and creative programme is designed for children **aged 9 to 11 who live in the borough,** helping to:

- **Boost confidence** through fun, structured sessions
- **Learn new skills** to be proud of
- **Make new friends** with children from across the borough

The programme also aims to help those **preparing for secondary school** feel confident and ready for the next important chapter in their lives.

Sign up below, or complete a form at Epsom Town Hall

Dedicated Arts & Crafts (SEN) ★ Basketball ★ Coding ★ Football ★ Girls Rugby ★ Judo ★ Musical Theatre (Song & Dance) ★ Scrapbooking ★ Sing & Sign Choir ★ Tennis

Epsom & Ewell Young Legends

Programme timetable

EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children must live in the borough. Up to 2 activities per child. Allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Activity	Date	Time	Venue
Arts & Crafts (for children with SEN)	Mondays: 9, 16, 23 & 30 Nov and 7 Dec	4.15pm-5.15pm	Epsom Library
Basketball	Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 & 24 Nov and 1 & 8 Dec	7.00pm-8.00pm	Epsom & Ewell High School
Coding	Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Nov and 3 & 10 Dec Fridays: 6, 13, 20 & 27 Nov and 4 & 11 Dec	5.00pm-6.00pm	Church House, St Martin's Church
Football	Thursdays: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Nov and 3 & 10 Dec	5.00pm-6.00pm	Court Recreation Ground
Girls Rugby	Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18 & 25 Nov and 2 & 9 Dec	6.30pm-7.30pm	Sutton & Epsom Rugby Football Club
Judo	Tuesdays: 3, 10, 17 & 24 Nov and 1 & 8 Dec	4.00pm-5.00pm (9-10 yr olds) 5.00pm-6.00pm (10-11 yr olds)	Rainbow Leisure Centre
Musical Theatre (Song & Dance)	Mondays: 9, 16, 23 & 30 Nov and 7 Dec	4.30pm-6.00pm	Laine Theatre Arts
Scrapbooking	Wednesdays: 4, 11, 18 & 25 Nov and 2 & 9 Dec	5.00pm-6.00pm	Epsom Picturehouse
Sing & Sign Choir	Fridays: 6, 13, 20 & 27 Nov and 4 & 11 Dec	4.30pm-5.30pm	Council Chambers, Epsom Town Hall
Tennis	Sundays: 8, 15, 22 & 29 Nov and 6 & 13 Dec	11.30am-12.30pm	Rainbow Leisure Centre

With special thanks to coaches and practitioners from...
Cagers Basketball Club ★ Callum Macarty Tennis ★ Creative Minds ★ Code Ninjas ★ Include ★ Kate McBarron ★ Laine Theatre Arts ★ Sutton & Epsom Rugby Football Club ★ Westcroft Judo Nork ★ YOUfF

How to sign up

- **epsom-ewell.gov.uk\younglegends**
- **scan QR code**
- **complete form at Epsom Town Hall**

Any queries? Contact the council's Community Development team on cdevelopmentteepsom-ewell.gov.uk

OUR ANNUAL BOWLES TRIP

The Residential trip is where we take a group of young adults to Bowles and they take on activites they may have never tried before to help teamworking skills. along with friendship building and of course communication. A Group of volunteers attend as well, so it gives parents the rest they deserve. We are hoping to extend the invite to Bowles to younger children with SEN / SLCN and also arrange day trips from January!



TALK ACTIVE
COMMUNICATION · COMMUNITY · CONFIDENCE

Creating safe spaces for children who need it!

Talk Active

Communication. Community. Confidence.

Supporting children and young people with SEN and speech, language & communication needs through community, connection and confidence-building activities.

WHAT WE DO

We offer a welcoming social club helping young people 6+ with SLCN & SEN to build friendships, communication skills and confidence through activities, games and community because...

Every child deserves to feel included, understood and confident in who they are.



JOIN TODAY!

Whether you're looking for friendship, support, confidence - building or simply a place to feel understood — Talk Active is here for you.

@talkactivecharity

www.talkactive >>>>

info@talkactive.org.uk

BIKE & TECH AMNESTY

Got a bike or redundant tech you don't need? Then donate them so we can refurbish or recycle so others can really benefit from your generosity

and for every quality bike you donate you will have the chance to win up to **£100** of bike maintenance by FullCycle.org.uk (New Malden)



24TH OCTOBER 2026
9 AM – 5 PM

AT EPSOM METHODIST CHURCH, SCOUT HALL, ASHLEY ROAD KT18 5AQ