



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 6th November 2025

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Sunday **9th November 2025** - Gates open **16:30** PTA **Fireworks Night** - **Tickets Still Available.**
 - Anti Bullying Week 10th -14th November 2025
 - Monday **10th November 2025**, 15:45 – 18:00 **Face to Face** Meetings Parents Teacher Consultation
 - Tuesday **11th November 2025**, 15:45 - 18:00 **Virtual** Parents Teacher Consultation
 - Thursday **13th November 2025**
 - Yellow House Mufti for winning Autumn 1 half term
 - 15:40-16:30 - **Boys and Girls Football Year 5&6** Home match v St Clements - See SPOND
 - Friday **14th November 2025**
 - **Crazy or Odd Socks Day** - Not a fund raising event (part of Anti Bullying Week)
 - Whole School Wellbeing Day including **African Dance** Workshop
 - **All wear PE kits and trainers & bring cosy reading things**
 - Boys Football Year 3 & 4 Away at Priest Hill playing fields 1pm-3.30pm - Parents of selected pupils have been informed.
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- **Tuesday 18th November to Thursday 20th November 2025** - England Rocks Times Table Rock Star Competition
 - **Thursday 20th November 2025**
 - 15:40-16:30 - **Girls Football** at Home v Epsom Primary **to be confirmed**
 - 09:15 -11:15 **Parenting Workshop** on Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Children
 - **Friday 21st November 2025**
 - 9:45-11:30 - **Kurling** at Dorking Sports Centre - Team to be selected
 - 15:45-16:50 - Year 5 & 6 Rugby at Sutton & Epsom RFC - See SPOND
 - 20:00 PTA Wreath Making Night

[Click Here¹](#) for Upcoming Events

[Click here²](#) for School Calendar and to Subscribe to Calendar. [Click Here³](#) for School Term Dates and INSET days

Head's Update

Autism Friendly Update

Thank you to all the parents and children who took part in our recent autism-friendly review and shared their thoughts through the questionnaire and in-school meetings. We are now discussing and implementing the helpful feedback provided by Surrey County Council's SAFR team. One key change already made is the reduction of school bells, which indicate the start and end of timetabled changes across the school. Many autistic individuals find loud noises including bells disturbing and distracting and the autistic adults reported that they found the bells a stark contrast to the gentle and welcoming atmosphere of the school. Most bells have now been removed, helping to create a calmer and more inclusive environment. We are continuing to explore further ideas from the feedback to improve our support for autistic children and adults. We welcome new suggestions and remain committed to continuing to make our school a more autism-friendly place for everyone. Many more ideas are in discussion for implementation across the school.

Exploring Artificial Intelligence at Wallace Fields Juniors

We are excited to share that our school has formed an Artificial Intelligence Working Party to look at how AI can support learning in a safe and positive way. The group includes pupils, teachers, and administrative staff so that we hear different voices and ideas. Our aim is to understand the benefits and challenges of AI, create clear guidelines for its use, and help everyone in our school community feel confident about this technology. Over the coming months, we will review tools, train staff, and keep you the parents and carers informed.

If you would like to join the working party and contribute your ideas, please contact the school office and address your email directly to me. Your involvement would be greatly valued as we move forward together.

My thanks to our technology support team, Eduthing, for leading valuable training sessions for our teaching staff this term. These sessions help us prepare for using AI to make learning more engaging and personalised for pupils. Staff will continue with further training, and we aim to achieve formal 'AI in Education' accreditation by the end of this academic year.

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>

Two Week October Half Term 2026 Confirmed by Surrey

As you may be aware, Surrey County Council (SCC) has made changes to the school calendar 2026-2027 academic year, including an extended October half term and a shorter summer break. While we have raised concerns about the impact of these changes, the decision has been finalised by the local authority. Dates were published last week and are available on the Surrey County website. SCC require us to finish up a little later in Summer 2027 to balance this extended October half term.

Despite these challenges, we are pleased to share that both the Infant and Junior schools have worked closely together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children and families. The Infant school is part of an academy trust, while the Junior school remains maintained by Surrey County Council. Through careful negotiation and collaboration, we have agreed that the holiday dates will remain aligned and as published on our respective school websites and the Surrey County Council website.

Click here⁴ for all the details of term dates.

INSET Days Confirmed for 2026/2027

The INSET days have been finalised and agreed with Wallace Fields Infant School for 2026/2027 and are as follows:-

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2006
- Monday 22nd February 2027 (follows on from half term)
- Monday 7th June 2027 (follows on from half term)
- Wednesday 28th July 2027

Welcome to a New Parent Governor

Elisha Jones (mother of child in 5H) has been elected as a parent governor at Wallace Fields Junior School with effect from Friday 25 October 2025.

Fireworks Night Sunday 9th November 2025

Don't miss out on one of the favourite family events of the school calendar - the WFJS and WFIS PTA Fireworks night. See below a note and a poster from the PTA. A few tickets still available.

 **LAST MINUTE FIREWORKS TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Our flagship event, the wonderful Fireworks Night is on Sunday 9th November gates open at 4.30pm via Wallace Fields Junior School.. We now hold the event at the Junior school we have a larger capacity.

⁴<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/termdates>

So there is room for your friends and family if you'd like to invite them to our lovely school community Fireworks night!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=104731>

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday for this fab event! 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL & WALLACE FIELDS NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

FIREWORKS NIGHT

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN AT 4:30PM
AT WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL

ADULTS £10 - KIDS 4-16YRS £6
UNDER 4S FREE

HOT DOGS & PIZZA
BAR - SWEET TREATS
GLOW STALL
FREE PRIZE WINNING TRAIL

VOLUNTEER SLOTS GO LIVE AT 8pm ON WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER - SIGN UP TO GET PRIORITY EVENT TICKETS

EPSOM GYMNASTICS

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Stars of Week



Last week's **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly last Friday - 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 - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

THIS WEEK

Macbeth Workshop for Year 6

On Monday 3rd November 2025, Year 6 launched their new English topic with an exciting **Macbeth** drama workshop. The session brought Shakespeare's famous tragedy to life, with children actively participating in key scenes and exploring the dramatic storyline. It was a fantastic experience that not only helped pupils understand the key events of the play but also sparked a real enthusiasm for drama and Shakespeare. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and are now looking forward to more opportunities to perform and engage with the world of theatre. Click here⁵ to see more photos.



Prospective Parents Tours

It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective parents to our school this week. Our prefects and ambassadors did an outstanding job guiding visitors with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing the very best of our school community.

We know that many parents are keen to see the school in action, so we are considering opening this opportunity to all parents as part of a general open day. Would you be interested in coming along to look round the school if we offered a chance to look around the school during a normal day? Please let us know your thoughts via the school office.

Netball Match Report

Wallace Fields Netball teams (team Wallace and Team Fields) came up against Ewell Grove on Tuesday 4th November 2025. Another great fixture! Team Wallace went behind at the beginning of their match although it was not long before the goals started to come.

⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-11-05-year-6-take-part-in-macbeth-workshop>

Outpacing their opponents, team Wallace proved to be the stronger team on the day and gained a significant win. Team Fields also played amazingly and were neck and neck after the second quarter. During the next two quarters team Fields pulled out in front and won the match 7-3.

Thank you to all our players and supporters. Also, a special thankyou to Mrs Boodt who umpired and managed team Fields so brilliantly!



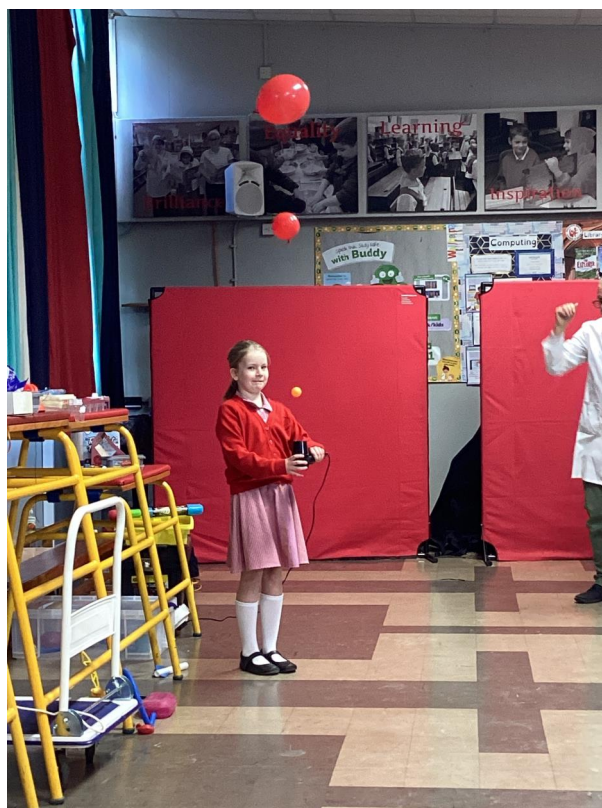
Year 3 Science Workshop on the Human Body

Year 3 had a fabulous time learning about the human body on the day before half term. Click [here⁶](#) for some great photos from their workshop. If you have not yet paid the voluntary donation, please do so on Scopay.



⁶<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-11-05-year-3-learning-all-about-the-amazing-human-body>

Year 4 Workshop on Forces



Year 4 had a fabulous time learning about forces on the day we broke up for half term. Click [here](#)⁷ for some great photos from their workshop. If you have not yet paid the voluntary donation, please do so on Scopay.

Anti Bullying Week 10th -14th November 2025

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and all week we will be promoting positive play and friendship building between friends all week.

Our anti-bullying policy is to ensure that children learn in a supportive, caring and safe environment without fear of being bullied. If bullying is suspected or reported, the incident will be taken seriously and recorded and dealt with as soon as possible by the member of staff who has been approached. If deemed to be bullying, the teacher responsible will speak to the pupils involved. If the matter can be resolved in school without the need for parental contact then this will be done and monitored by appropriate member of staff, teacher responsible, the Deputy Head and Head teacher. It may be decided that parents should be informed immediately and this will be done by the Deputy Head or Head teacher. A written copy of events will be kept and this will be updated until the situation has been resolved.

For lots of information about wellbeing at Wallace Fields Junior School and how we deal with bullying, wellbeing, emotions and mental health.

⁷<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-11-05-year-4-take-part-in-forces-workshop>

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

Crazy or Odd Socks Day on Friday 14th November 2025

Children are to wear their school uniform but can wear odd socks on **Friday 14th November 2025**.

Crazy or Odd Socks Day is designed to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about bullying. Children wear odd or mismatched socks to show that it's okay to be different and to encourage acceptance and kindness.

This is not a fundraising but an awareness event.



Wellbeing Day with Cosy Reading on Friday 14th November 2025

On **Friday 14th November 2025** we will be reflecting and to exploring strategies to help improve wellbeing. The children will be taking part in wellbeing sessions, taking part in calming art activities, Sports Crew will be helping lead PE activities, and there is an African dance workshop that all the children will get a chance to take part in.

The favourite well being activity that the children absolutely love is cosy reading when all children create a cosy environment and enjoy their favourite books. **So please remind your child to bring in cushions, blankets and books for Cosy Reading on Friday 14th November 2025.**

African Dance Workshop on Friday 14th November 2025

Children must all wear PE kits and trainers on Friday 14th November as all children will be taking part in a number of sport activities as well as the African Dance Workshop.

To complement our recent assemblies on Black History Month, we are delighted to welcome the Education Group, who will be presenting an energetic and interactive **African Dance Workshop** to the children on **Friday 14th November 2025**. The children will learn some of the different traditional African dance movers 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 available, without parental contributions. Please make your payment via our on-line payment system Scopay, as we are now a cashless school.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The final day for children to purchase a poppy to support the Royal British Legion will be **Friday 7th November**. Children can purchase a poppy to support the Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal, please send coins in with your child - a suggested donation is 50p for poppies and £1 for metal badges and wrist bands or other merchandise.

Parenting Workshop on Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Children

Does your child get anxious and overwhelmed easily? Do they exhibit angry outbursts and meltdowns?

Are they clingy or do they find separation tricky? Difficult behaviour is always led by difficult emotions.

We are all emotional beings and sometimes these emotions can be overwhelming. This workshop helps to address these emotions and teaches ways to manage and express emotions safely. Everyone is welcome. Lesley is an expert in positive parenting and has led many highly acclaimed parental workshops.

- **Led by:** Lesley Lane from **Home Start**
- **When?:** Thursday **20th November 2025** 09:15 -11:15
- **Where?:** Wallace Fields Junior School
- **Booking?:** Please click here⁸ to complete the Google form to give us an idea of numbers.

Parent/Teacher Consultations Final Reminder

The parent teacher consultation meetings are on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November 2025 . 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 10th November 2025 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.

⁸<https://forms.gle/qBJCGkBY2c4X9w8f8>

Mrs Elliot (our SENDCo) will be available for 6 minute drop ins for any brief enquiries, comments and questions. A sign-up sheet will be available on a first come first served basis on the evening.

Tuesday 11th November 2025 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

England Rocks TTRs Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Tuesday 18th November 2025 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 20th November 2025. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average - the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between **07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Tuesday 18th November 2025 to 19:30 GMT Thursday 20th November 2025**. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

The children will be expected to complete their weekly homework and any additional TTRs efforts will go towards the England Rocks Competition. We will be celebrating the most valuable players in a celebration assembly following the competition.



Outdoor/Eco-area Competition

As a school we are looking at making the outdoor/eco-area more engaging and for it to be used a lot more as a learning resource. In achieving this, we are looking at changing the area and we want your help! **We would like you to create a design of how you would like the outdoor/eco-area to look.** You can create it on anything you like, this could include online (Canva), a drawing, a 3D model or any other way you think of. You need to think what tools/equipment you would like in the area and how would the area be used as a way of learning. What subjects would it link to? How would the resources be used? Try and be imaginative! There will be prizes for the Top 3 and parts of their designs will be implemented into the final design of the outdoor area at Wallace Fields Junior School!

Examples of resources to have in your outdoor area such as a Bug hotel, Seating logs, Pond, Sand/stones, Fencing, Footpaths, and Stepping stones.

The deadline for the competition is on the 12th December 2025 and any entries please give to **Mr. Taylor**. We look forward to seeing them.



PTA and Fundraising Events

🎄 CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Step into Christmas and enjoy a fun filled evening learning how to make and design a fabulous door wreath with the amazing Jade Green Flowers. No experience is required and you'll be amazed at what you can make. Each ticket includes all your materials for your wreath, a festive drink and mince pies!

You'll have a fabulous evening and at the end of the class you will go away with your very own Festive Wreath to hang on your front door, ensuring yours will be the best dressed on the street this Christmas!

Get your tickets now, places are limited: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106301>



Support Wallace Fields Junior School Effortlessly!

The easiest way to support Wallace Fields Junior School is by signing up to **easyfundraising**!

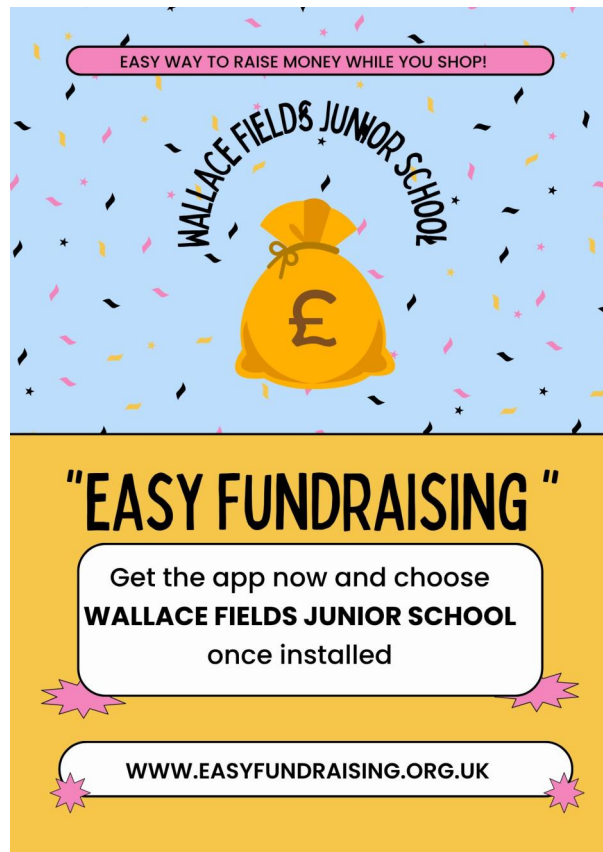
It's completely free — just shop online with over 8,000+ retailers, and we'll receive a donation at no extra cost to you.

This month only: Join via the **easyfundraising app** and we'll get a £2 bonus donation thanks to their Free £2 App-eal! Plus, if 10 or more of you register, we'll unlock even more bonus funding for the school!

Get started by clicking here⁹.

Once installed, simply choose to support 'WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL' — every shop makes a difference!

⁹https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-oct-wa1



IMPORTANT REMINDERS and OTHER NEWS

Stationery Supplies - Stationery Shop Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please remember to replenish your child's school pencil case with items such as white board pens and glue sticks.

Year 3 children are supplied with their original pencil case but will need to restock throughout the year as supplies get low. If the school staff notice they are missing items a stationery slip will be sent home.

Please remember to send your child in with coins in a named purse to purchase stationery items from the stationery shop run by Year 6 children on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. See the price list [here](#).



500 Words Competition Reminder - 9pm Friday 7th November 2025



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

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

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

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

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

Good luck!

Miss Day, English Writing and Phonics Lead

Financial Support for Children's Instrumental Lessons

Does your child dream of learning an instrument, participating in music ensembles, or pursuing their musical potential, but financial constraints are holding you back? The Cheryl King Trust, a registered charity may well be able to help. We believe that music should be accessible to every young person, regardless of their financial circumstances. The Trust offers financial assistance for group or individual instrumental lessons with professional music teachers, music exams, accompanists, and participation in courses, workshops, and ensembles.

Your child does not need to be a musical prodigy. The Cheryl King Trust celebrates the joy of music at all levels, from beginners to advanced students.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Location:** Your child must live in Surrey.
- **Age:** 18 years or younger.
- **Income:** Your combined annual family income should typically be at or below £35,000. (Exceptions may be made for incomes up to £40,000 in special cases.)

The Trust typically covers **50%-75% of costs**, with families contributing the remainder. For households with significantly lower incomes or special circumstances, higher levels of funding may be available.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the Application Form which you can find both at the following email address and in the attached word document : <https://www.cherylkingtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply>
2. Provide Evidence of Income: Include documents such as 3 months of payslips or your most recent tax self-assessment income summary.
3. Submit Your Application either by post: Cheryl King Trust, c/o Marianne Windham, 24 Litchfield Way, Guildford GU2 7QH or by email: applications@cherylkingtrust.org.uk.

Once your application is reviewed and approved, the Trust will arrange to pay an agreed contribution toward your child's music lessons until the end of the current academic year. Progress reports from the music teacher will be required for funding renewal in subsequent years. Take the first step toward unlocking your child's musical journey. The Cheryl King Trust is here to support you in providing your child with the transformative gift of music.

Colin Gray
Schools' Curriculum Lead – Surrey Arts
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www.surreycc.gov.uk/arts



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To view the Surrey Arts privacy statement please [click here](#)

Information from Surrey Arts about bursaries is available to support low-income families whose child would like to learn a musical instrument. The letter here explains everything you need to know though please note that currently they are only able to offer clarinet and saxophone lessons at school through Surrey Arts, so these are the only two instruments that would be covered by a bursary.

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 [thenationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numerical skills, its design encourages spending and can lead to addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs tap into probability to provide one or more powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the desperate hope of finding a sought-after card – can become addictive, while digital controls and boosts, the cards have one integral to competitive gameplay, adding social pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in 'just one more game'. The quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited time battles which reward consistency being rewarded – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn exciting rewards – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and the ability to earn premium passes. Missions and rewards are designed to encourage players to play consistently. While some premium rewards are available, others are exclusive through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining exclusive items from time to time.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around \$8 to over 250 cards per expansion. This constant release encourages players to keep opening packs in the effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially preventing meaningful spending time. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and free booster packs given daily, players can encourage their kids to buy packs to progress, and a small amount of PokéCoin is needed for free to the player levels up. Packs should be sold in bundles that are often just ahead of what players need to open with packs, encouraging them to buy multiple bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, hence the need to play after hours. However, competitive play can be intense, and if a player is restricted to full battles between friends, on the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, even frustration, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases – treat them as occasional rather than routine rewards, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and risk-taking, as well as numerical skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also monitoring screen time and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicate copies or less useful cards drop. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in shuffling rates guide to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children to recognise the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when buying cards.

Meet Our Expert

Don Upwood is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience, specialising in technology and gaming. He has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.

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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

**HOME
START**
Epsom, Ewell
& Banstead
(incl. Mole Valley North)
REGISTERED CHARITY 1156539

**Over 5s /
SEND SUPPORT**

**We help parents to feel less isolated
and more confident in parenting by offering:**

 **Workshops:**
Positive Parenting
Dealing with Difficult Emotions
Pre-teens

Building Self Esteem and Resilience
Bespoke Topics Relevant to the School
1:1 Support and Advice
Coffee Mornings / Support Meetings
Parenting Puzzle Courses (4 or 10 weeks)
Assistance Accessing Community Support



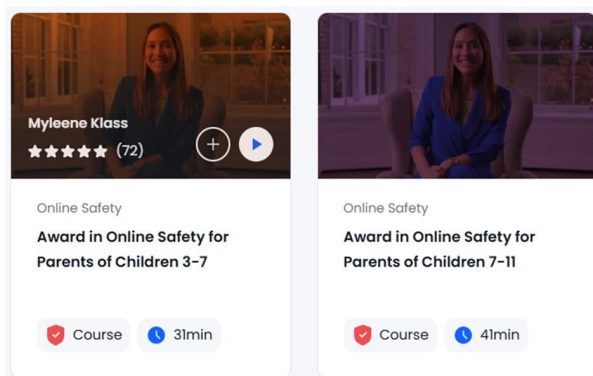
For more information, contact Lesley Lane at:
Email: lesley.lane@hseeb.org.uk
Phone: 07554 403522
Or scan the QR code to the right



Free Online Courses - Sign Up for National College

We are part of the **National College** who provide **free training and resources** to parents and carers about staying safe online. The National College's resources aim to help equip parents and carers with the confidence and skills to have age-appropriate, informed discussions with children to keep them safe, healthy and resilient to life beyond the school gates. We would recommend the Award in Online Safety for Parents courses, in particular. To enrol on the National College website and access these free resources, please click the link here <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school>.

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Click here¹⁰ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

Collection from Clubs

Please contact the club leader directly if there is any new instructions for collection of your child such as:

- they are going home with another child or a different adult to usual; or
- asking the **club leader** if they can be taken to the entry to a PTA event straight after a club; or
- they are not going to club for any reason.

Safe and Sound After Clubs - A Reminder for Families

As the evenings grow darker after the October half term, we want to ensure all our pupils get home safely. Children will **no longer be permitted to walk home alone** after clubs. Instead, we kindly ask that parents or carers collect their child promptly at 4.30pm from the main gate.

¹⁰<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

If another trusted adult will be collecting your child, please make sure the club leader is informed directly. Thank you for helping us keep our pupils safe and supported as they enjoy their after-school activities!

COMMUNITY



SURREY YOUTH
ARTS & CULTURE FESTIVAL

FREE event
Library Hub
Staines-Upon-Thames
TW18 4QB
8 November
11am-3pm

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WORLD IN MUSIC ENSEMBLE

SING. CELEBRATE. BELONG.



Christ's College
Larch Avenue,
Guildford,
Surrey,
GU1 1JY

SATURDAYS

2pm - 3.30pm:

11/10/2025

25/10/2025

08/11/2025

22/11/2025

06/12/2025

For more information please contact:
surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk



WHAT IS THE 'WORLD IN MUSIC ENSEMBLE'?

World in Music is an pioneering percussion and vocal ensemble from Surrey Arts. Suitable for ages 8-16 and all abilities. Come join young people from across Surrey to sing songs, discover new rhythms, music and friends! No experience is needed and all are welcome.

Through our Youth Music funded I Speak Music: Next Generation programme, working with displaced young people and local Surrey peers, we saw an opportunity for young people to embrace both western and non-western music traditions.

Using music as a tool, we continue to promote greater wellbeing and mental health in young people, help them build musical skills and to build understanding and friendship between children of all cultural backgrounds.

Led by a team of diverse and innovative musical practitioners, this ensemble aims to amplify the voices of those who make it up, with percussion and vocal activities.

As an inclusive ensemble, we have been especially excited to welcome students from diverse backgrounds and those who have English as a second or other language to this group, as well as local Surrey peers. We are also particularly excited to meet young people from vulnerable backgrounds, those who are young carers and are from care experienced backgrounds.

Cost: currently free to attend*

* Please be aware this pilot ensemble is a legacy from a Youth Music funded project. At present it is offered with no cost (excluding instrument hire where relevant). Subject to confirmation, a fee will be introduced in line with other Surrey Arts Ensembles at an appropriate date. Relevant remissions apply.

Find out more:

