



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

7th February 2025

KEY DATES

- **Monday 10th February 2025**
 - Swimming - Year 5 and Year 6 Selected
 - Year 5 French Fashion Show during class time - Parents not invited.
- **Tuesday 11th February 2025** - Year 6 Music Assembly 2.45pm. Parents/Carers of selected children invited.
- **Wednesday 12th February 2025**
 - Talk by Surrey Police Community Officers for Years 5 and Year 6
 - PTA Valentines School Disco 4.30pm-5.30pm.

- **Thursday 13th February 2025** - Adults V Children Upper School Football Match. Sign up now closed. Briefing in the hall at 3:15pm , Field at 3.25pm, Kick off at 3.30pm and finished by 4.30pm.
- **Friday 14th February 2025** - Football Match rearranged tournament at Auriol. Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Collect WFJS 12.50pm.

[Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events](#)

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

Head's Update

Protecting Our Children

As a school, we continually reinforce the message about feeling safe in school and how to keep safe outside of school. There are many systems in school including the Mood Box, peer mentors and wearing identification. Working alongside with you the parents, we can ensure that our children are as safe as possible outside school as well.

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is extremely rare. Even so, as parents, these seven tips can help protect your child:

- tell your child to avoid talking to people they do not know when you are not around
- make sure your child knows never to walk away with strangers
- make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches, and never to keep this secret
- if your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus
- if your child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there
- if your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, a uniformed person, another grown-up with children or someone in a nearby shop
- have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart

It is a difficult balance of giving children practical awareness against causing any unnecessary anxiety. So it has to be delivered according to the maturity of the child and in the most positive way possible. For example we have fire, evacuation and lockdown procedures in school (as does every school) and we complete this practice in a positive and calm atmosphere. Parenting is tricky and so you will know how best to ensure your child can

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

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

develop these strategies and you can help ensure that they know what to do in a difficult situation or if they ever get lost.

THIS WEEK

Stars of the Week



This week's Stars of the Week were nominated in assembly - they create an excellent role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values. Usually only one pupil per class is nominated in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. All of the Stars of the Week receive a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school BELIEVE values - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **E**quality, **V**ision and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

Positive Parent Workshop 'Helping Your Child Developing Independence'

On Thursday 30th January 2025 some parents attend a Positive Parenting Workshop which provided practical advice and help to ensure your child develops their independence. Please find attached some useful handouts and tips relevant to the things discussed at the workshop.

Choice and Control

Give Limited Choices

Children have little choice, or control in their lives, and this can lead to frustration, stress and rebellion. Giving children limited choices where you can, enables them to learn to take responsibility. Over-control of children usually encourages dependency, or rebellion.

So, instead of the struggle of a 'logger heads' situation,

"Put your sweater on!", "No I don't want to!" "Put your sweater on", "No!"

Try to give a limited choice that you are happy with

"Do you want to wear your red sweater or your blue one?"
"How do you want your hair today? Pony tail, or a plait?"

'Choices and Consequences' (Strategy for inappropriate behaviour)

'Choices and Consequences' is a very useful strategy for helping children learn to take responsibility for themselves by encouraging positive use of Personal Power. Children quickly become more co-operative than when coercion is used. The strategy keeps the adult in charge, whilst also empowering the child. It is an excellent way of defusing power struggles. It works wonders with all age groups.

e.g. A child is refusing to tidy their toys away.
(calmly point out the choices)

George... you have a choice

You can...choose to help me tidy the toys away (Positive)

Or you can...leave it for me to tidy up. (Negative)

If you... help me tidy up

We can do it quickly and have time to play another game before bed. (Positive consequence)

Ifyou leave it for mummy to do

It will take me longer and there will be no time for another game. (Negative consequence)

It's up to you...

It's your choice.I'll give you a minute to think about it.

Always start by pointing out the positive choice (using an enthusiastic voice)

(Child's name)..... You have a choice

You can choose to (Positive choice)

Or you can (Negative choice – normally the behaviour they have already chosen)

If you choose.....(+) then(positive consequence)

If you choose to(-) then unfortunately(negative consequence)

It's up to you

It's your choice

I'll leave you to think about it for a minute.

This is much more effective than children ignoring repeated instructions and then it ending in confrontation, where both adult and child are likely to feel resentful and angry. This offers them a way out, and a clear choice between two ways of behaving.

- Choose consequences that mean something to the child or relate to the behaviour
- Don't use threats, or ultimatums
- Choose consequences you can keep to. (Don't say "you're not going on the school trip, party, no screen time for a week etc. unless you are prepared to follow through")

How to occupy kids without an ipad (inanny!)

There is concern about the development of children who are becoming more and more addicted to tablets and ipads, causing them to be stressed and angry when the ipad is removed. Parents are tempted to use ipads as a way of occupying a child safely but the consequences are a child that has no interest in anything in the real world, and is dependent on the ipad for pleasure.

Here are some activities to encourage them back to the real world!

- **Stock up on arts stuff and leave them to explore it.**
Buy an easel, a blank drawing journal, felt tip pens, crayons, huge pieces of paper and different colours, Pritt stick and sticking materials. Children are naturally creative and imaginative and art materials are easy outlets for their creative inclination.
- **Construction toys such as Duplo and Lego**
Children develop their fine motor skills, and imagination. They also learn to share and play alongside others.
- **Playdough can occupy children for hours.** It is fun for all ages and doesn't take long to make. They can role play and lose themselves in their imagination.
- **Dance** - Put some music on and dance with them. Children love music and dancing.
- **Help them to build a den under the table** - They will play for ages once it is built.
- Kids like **role play** activities such as pretend cooking, home corner etc.
- **Involve them in Household Activities**
What children want more than anything is your time, so involve them in what you do. This includes doing house chores. They can learn a lot from this but it also teaches them responsibility. Letting them sort clothes for laundry teaches them different shades of colours. Allow them to wash the potatoes, or butter the bread, making cakes and scones. Everything is an opportunity for learning language, and skills for later life.
- **Enjoy Being Outdoors with other kids who like being outdoors**
Kick a ball around, fly a kite, feed the ducks, have a picnic, go to the park, make mud pies, minibeast hunting or a nature trail.
- **Small World Sets**, like Playmobil, Happyland, dolls houses or train sets all allow child to develop their imagination and quite often they will play unaccompanied while you get a few jobs done.
- **Dressing up** - a basket of your old accessories and clothes, or dressing up clothes.

Occupying children when at a cafe or restaurant (Without using your phone or ipad)

The issue with using your phone is that you lose control of it. Phones are not safe for kids to use unsupervised and they also don't want to give it back, which means they end up using it during the meal.

Have a few things in your bag whilst waiting until the meal comes

- Crayons or pencils and paper or colouring
- Small world figurines e.g. Happy land or Play Mobil
- Flash cards, card games
- A small book or two.
- Small selection of Lego.
- Talk to them about things that interest them



Before working out a problem with the family, you might like to have a go at thinking through a problem using the practice sheet to guide you.

Choose something manageable to begin with - not the most difficult thing you've ever had to confront!

Practice Sheet

Problem Solving



What exactly is the problem?

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Whose problem is it?

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What has already been tried?

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What is the goal - what would solve the problem?

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Ways to reach the goal

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What to try

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Steps for Child-led Play

1. Offer a range of safe items or activities suitable for child's age and allow them to choose (toys, books, craft, household items)
2. Get down to the child's level, on the floor or at the table
3. Show genuine interest and pleasure, smiling and using a warm tone of voice
4. Describe what the child is doing "You're putting the bricks in the bucket"
5. Go at their pace and accept what they are doing
6. Ask to join in "What would you like me to do?"
7. Use praise, "Wow that tower's really big. It's the highest I've ever seen!"
8. Use gentle touch as you play



NS Sport Fundraising Afternoon - Monday 3rd February 2025

It was lovely to see so many children and families at the NS Sport event after school on Monday having fun on the stalls. Thanks for your donations, we raised £115 for Wallace Fields Junior School.

Click here ³for more information or see the leaflet below.

Happy School Bag Collection

Thanks for your support for the Happy Bag collection - every single contribution made a difference and instead of passing it on to the charity shop or throwing them away, your clothes and bags made money for the school. Your Happy Bag contributions helped to raise a fabulous £142.20. Thank you!

³<https://nssport2.co.uk/>

NEXT WEEK

PTA Valentines Disco



The children are very excited about the PTA Valentines Disco. Still time to sign up to attend by clicking here⁴. There will be dance competitions and lots of fun. A drink and a snack are included in the ticket price of £5. Tickets must be purchased before arrival and a list is prepared for safety reasons.

The children can dress up and wear their sparkly clothes and crazy wigs for the disco if they wish.

Children will need to be **collected as usual at 3.30pm** and brought **back to school for 4.30pm** to attend the disco and collected promptly after the disco at 5.30pm. If your child normally attends an after school club then please contact the club leader directly if you wish the club leader to drop them at the disco.

Entry is via the main gate and then the children go to the allocated classroom along the Year 3 and Year 4 side of the building. Please be aware of the drop off and pick up points: Year 3 - 3T, Year 4 - 3D, Year 5 - 4K and Year 6 - 4C. The classroom doors will be labelled. Please wait outside these classrooms for collection of the children.

⁴<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta>

If your child is being **collected at the end of the school day** by anyone other than a parent/carer please follow the normal procedure and email Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁵ or call the school office before 2.30pm on the day.

If your child is being **collected after the disco** by anyone other than the parent/carer please complete the Google form⁶ by clicking here.

Children vs Adults Football Fundraisers

Thank you to parents and carers who have signed up to our exciting Children vs Adults Football Fundraiser events! A reminder that the **Upper School** event is on **Thursday 13th February 2025** and the **Lower School** event is on **Thursday 27th February 2025**. All parents and carers who signed up will be playing against their children. The teams have been created and shared with the children during assemblies this week.

Children: If you have signed up with your child, please send your child into school with their football kit or sports clothes, shin pads (if they have them) and a water bottle in a bag. Children can wear trainers or football boots but with **no metal studs**. The children will be given time in school to change before matches. We recommend also ensuring your child has a coat so they can keep warm whilst waiting for their match to start.

Adults: Please come to school for 3.10pm wearing suitable clothing and shin pads (if you have them). We will hold a briefing in the hall at 3.15pm to explain teams and pitches before heading to the field at 3.25pm for matches to kick off at 3.30pm. We aim for the event to be finished by 4.30pm. A reminder that this is a fundraising event and if possible, we would be grateful of a **donation (£8 for adults and £5 for children)**. Donations (cash or card machine) will be collected prior to the matches beginning.

Spectators: If your child is not participating in the event but has permission to walk home alone and would like to stay to watch the matches and cheer on their peers, they would be very welcome to do so. As long as permission has already been granted for them to walk home alone, we will assume you give permission for them to stay at school and watch. If you do not give permission for your child to stay and watch, please let us know. The children can stay at school and watch until 4.15pm when we will escort them to the gates.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Mrs Day and Miss Hill

Year 5 & Year 6 Football Tournament – Auriol School

Sixteen children have been selected to play football for the school at a tournament on Friday 14th February 2025 at Auriol Junior School starting at 1.15pm and finishing 3.00pm.

⁵<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

⁶<https://forms.gle/vhmGu1bU4s25seQC8>

There has been a slight change of plans from the initial tournament which was cancelled due to poor weather on Friday 31st January 2025. One school is not able to make the tournament, so we can now bring two Wallace Fields teams. However, it is a 6 aside tournament meaning smaller squad sizes. We are taking everyone from the A team and have added a couple of names from the B team. The following players have been invited: Oz Y, Zachary W, Daniel W, James K, Oscar O, Freddie W, Thomas v, Woody M, Pietro D, Ben S, Patryk P, Sean M, Monty A, Dexter W, Dylan L & George D

As it is not a home match, parents have been informed and asked to complete a Google form to give permission and inform us of your arrangements and permission for your child to take part.

The children will need to be collected from Wallace Fields Junior School at 12.40pm after lunch and taken to the tournament and then collected at 3.00pm from Auriol. All parents are welcome to support the team and if you are unable to transport your child, please arrange lifts with another parent. The children will not be expected back at school and there will be no football training after school for boys or girls on the day of this tournament.

The children should bring their team kit, football boots, a warm layer, shin pads and also bring a named water bottle.

SCHOOL EVENTS COMING UP

WFJS PTA

Friday 7th February 2025



JOIN THE PTA •

The PTA are looking for a new team to take over this well oiled machine! Grab some friends, enjoy the socials & be the difference!

Kids love to see their parents have a direct effect on their school day

Great way to get to know lots of parents and the teaching team!

Making memories for the children at the Fairs and Fireworks!



MATCH FUNDING? ££££££££



Do you work for a big corporation who offer

Match Funding? You could help us DOUBLE our profits!

If you do, please get in touch with Jade or Kelly or email us at wfspta@gmail.com

Valentines Disco

Wednesday 12th February
16:30-17:30

Book your childrens tickets for just £5
ON SALE NOW

pta-events.co.uk/wfspta



Tribute Social

Friday 14th March at 7:30pm

ENTRY £8

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

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

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

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS

Tribute Social



COME ALONG TO THIS ADULTS ONLY NIGHT FOR
A SOCIAL, A GLASS AND THE
AMAZING TRIBUTE ACT



MARCH 14 7:30 PM
FRIDAY

JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta

INSET Day Reminder - Monday 24th February 2025

On Monday 24th February 2025, only staff are in school as it is a training day. Children return from half term on **Tuesday 25th February 2025**. There is no wraparound care available on that Monday so please make sure you have sorted your childcare.

Half Term Approaching

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

a safe and nurturing environment. Sign up soon before the spaces fill up (early booking offer to 14th February). See details below.



Children's Art Exhibition Horton Art Centre - Can You help?

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

Mrs Curran is looking for volunteers to help her set up the artwork, at The Horton. The setup will start at **9.00am 4th March 2025 at The Horton until approximately 12:00pm** although earlier if we finish. It involves hanging the framed artwork onto the boards. The Horton will provide clasps to hold the frames up. No hammering or heavy lifting will be required. There will be 72 pieces to hang up. Please inform the office by emailing Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk⁷ before the 26th February 2025 if you are able to assist.

Thursday 6th March 2025 is Book Character Dress Up Day!

On Thursday 6th March 2025 we will have a Book Character Day where all the children and staff can dress up as a book character. It is a day for dressing up as a personal favourite character for a book – for example: Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Alice in Wonderland,

⁷<mailto:Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk>

Gangsta Granny, Pippi Longstocking, Voldemort, Cat in the Hat, Peter Pan, Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG, Angelina Ballerina, Mr Bump, Paddington Bear, Burglar Bill, the witch from Room on the Broom, Billionaire Boy, The Boy in a Dress, Thing 1 (or Thing 2), The Highway Rat, The Gruffalo, Aslan or the Snow Queen (Chronicles of Narnia) etc. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes. Make props and masks – use your creative genius to think of new and innovative characters you have read about! It is not a football kit day or mufti day – book characters only please. If unsure, school uniform can be worn.

Children on a PE day should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons. Ideally children could have a costume that has a sports base of a layer they can take off to reveal their sports clothing.

Book Week Plans 2025

Wallace Fields Junior School is holding **Book Week** starting Monday 3rd March 2025. The purpose of our Book Week is to encourage children to pick up a book and read! We are planning lots of opportunities for cosy reading and visits to the library. The Theme is "Read what you like." So please encourage your child to **bring in a book** they love that they can enjoy reading all week. **Children are welcome to bring in pillows, blankets or onesies (over uniform) for cosy reading** (please ensure they are named).

We would like to invite you to come into school one afternoon and share a favourite book (current or a childhood favourite) with a class for 10 - 15 minutes. Also, if you have a job as a writer, illustrator, publisher etc., please come and share that with us. Parents, Grandparents, Siblings or other relatives are welcome. If you would like to come into read then please email Office1@wallacefieldsjun.surrey.sch.uk.

Please can all children **bring in a shoe box or similar size cardboard box** by 3rd March 2025 for a competition during Book Week.

Within our exciting Book Week, children will also take part in a writing task. The task will be based on our school guinea pigs with the title, "**The day our guinea pigs went on an adventure...**" The children will be given the choice of how they would like to create this imaginative adventure. They could write a story or a poem, or create a graphic novel or comic book! The choice will be up to them and we can't wait to see what our school guinea pigs could get up to after everyone has gone home.

On **Thursday 6th March 2025** we will have a Book Character Day where all the children and staff shall dress up as a book character. We do not expect parents to go out and buy costumes. Children on a PE day should wear trainers and loose clothing as part of their outfit to accommodate the PE lessons.

On **Thursday 6th March 2025** Emma and her crew of Twelve15 (the lunch providers) will be doing a Book Week themed menu.

PTA will be running a Book Sale during Book Week - Please bring in your donations by 28th February 2025.

Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting event.



World Book Day Lunch - Available to Packed Lunch Children

As part World Book Day celebrations, **Twelve15** our catering provider, will be serving a **special menu**. We are excited to be able to offer this to all children on Thursday 6th March 2025 . The cost of the meal is £2.80 and a copy of the menu is in the Weekly Bulletin.

If your child is normally packed lunches and would like to have school lunch on this day, please complete this online form no later than Friday 14th February 2025. If your child has a special dietary requirement, please complete the attached form and return it to the School Office by Friday 14th February 2025.

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.

Payment will be required on SCOPAY once numbers are confirmed - this will be after Half Term.

Click here⁸ to complete form.

⁸<https://forms.gle/tPRWsRZvzKcKwtWu6>



SPECIAL DIET REQUEST FORM

School/Academy		
Child's Name	Class	Year Group
Please specify dietary requirements		
Medical - Allergy		
Medical - Intolerance		
Medical - Coeliac Disease		
Religious - (e.g. Hindu)		
Ethical - (e.g. no meat, fish)		
<p>For safety reasons, it is not possible to cater for pupils with airborne allergies given the facilities available in school kitchens. We offer several Special Diet Menus and follow a matching process to align a pupil's need with one of our Special Diet Menus. We offer Vegetarian, Egg Free, Dairy Free, Vegan, Soya Free, Allergy Aware menus and a menu made without ingredients that contain Gluten. See our website Menu - Twelvetwelve15 (itstwelvetwelve15.co.uk)</p>		
Please tick which of the allergens (if any) should be excluded		Please tick or insert other dietary exclusions
Wheat/Gluten	Sesame	Vegetarian
Peanuts	Fish	No Pork
Tree Nuts	Crustaceans	No Beef
Celery	Molluscs	Vegan
Mustard	Soya	Other
Eggs	Sulphites	
Milk	Lupin	
Chickpeas	Legumes	
Is the food hypersensitivity significant or life-threatening?		
Yes		No
<p>If YES and the allergy does not pertain to NUTS school to arrange a meeting with the parent and Twelvetwelve15 Operations Team Leader to agree an appropriate Special Diet Menu</p>		
Agreed Twelvetwelve15 Special Diet Menu		
Meeting Date	Signed	
<p>The following is required for medical diets only and should be copied by the School/Academy representative (who signs below) from the pupil's Care and Treatment Plan. N.B. This is essential to avoid misinterpretation.</p>		
Emergency procedures for use of a preloaded adrenaline injection, where is it kept and who is to administer?		
Local arrangements for identification of child agreed and emergency procedure in place?		
Signature (Parent)	Print Name	Date
Signature (School/Academy Representative)	Print Name	Date
Signature (Twelvetwelve15 representative)	Print Name	Date

This form should be held with the child's Care and Treatment Plan within the School/Academy office and a copy passed to the team Twelvetwelve15 kitchen.

March 2023 For more information please visit -



GDPR - Special Diet Request Form

Special Diets is an area of School/Academy meals provision where personal data of pupils is provided before any special diet can be safely served. This information can include the pupil's name, name of School/Academy, name of class, parent name, medical information, and photograph of the child. This information is given willingly and with consent from the parent / guardian. Personal data is not stored by any member of Twelve15 central teams but held locally at the School/Academy for operational reasons.

Please be assured all information is held in accordance with data security and data retention policies and most importantly is held with the sole purpose of attending to pupils dietary needs to ensure the health and safety of the children and young adults to whom meals are served.

- Pupil photographs on kitchen walls: Photographs are not displayed in public view; they are provided with consent from the parents and placed in a discreet place behind the counter so only visible to catering staff.
Pupil photographs in folders: Photographs may also be stored in folders within the kitchen or catering office. These are stored in a secure manner and only available to the catering staff.
Pupil photographs in dining hall: Some School/Academies choose to use photographs and detail dietary requirements on a child's place mat. Please check with your School/Academy if this practice is in place.
Allergy information including special diet request form and medical notes: All special diet pupils should have a special diet request form, along with any medical correspondence, submitted before a special diet can be served. This information is provided with consent from the parent and stored in a secure folder within the kitchen or catering office and School/Academy office.
Retention of Personal Data: The data referred to will be retained only for the purposes of providing a special diet and will be confidentially disposed of when no longer required for this purpose.

Further information on how we ensure compliance with GDPR can be found at

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/your-privacy

Surrey County Council (Twelve15) use the following allergens in the kitchens where food is prepared for pupils [celery, cereals containing gluten, crustaceans, eggs, fish, lupin, milk, molluscs, mustard, nuts, peanuts, sesame seeds, soya, and sulphur dioxide (sometimes known as sulphites)]. We have formulated a number of Special Diet Menus.

We work very closely with our suppliers and use Nutritional Analysis /Food Labelling software packages to identify allergens in line with current legislation. Our Staff are trained in all aspects of Food Safety and allergen control.

Consumers that have food allergies and intolerances should be aware that during food preparation some food and crockery may be contaminated by any of the 14 major allergens. Whilst every effort is made to avoid cross contamination by following the procedures outlined in our Assured Safe Catering Procedures Manual for instance two-stage cleaning and separate utensils we cannot guarantee an allergen free meal.

I confirm that I have read and understood the above:

Table with 3 columns: Signature, Print Name, Date. Rows for Parent, School/Academy Representative, and Twelve15 representative.

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Table with 4 columns: Date of Termly review meeting, Signature of School/Academy representative, Signature of Twelve15 Representative, Comments. Multiple empty rows for data entry.

March 2023 For more information please visit -

YEAR 3

Road Safety Awareness Training

We are pleased to announce that Year 3 will be participating in Surrey County Council's new road safety awareness course

Feet First: Walking Training Programme on 25th and 26th February 2025.

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

We want all Year 3 children to participate but we will need all parents to give permission by clicking here⁹ and completing Surrey County Councils consent form by Wednesday 12th February 2025.

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

Pupils will be trained in:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think.
- Road signs and pedestrian crossings.
- Recognising safer and unsafe places to cross.
- How to cross between parked cars.
- The benefits of active travel on health, wellbeing, and the environment. There is a voluntary donation on Scopay of **£6** and it is **free for pupils eligible for Free School Meals**. For this, schools will get access to online 'Safer Steps' training modules, lesson plans and a parent / carer worksheet that can be provided at the end of the training.
- Pupils also get a certificate, pencil, sticker and fluorescent zip clip for their school bag.

Further information about Feet First can be found here¹⁰ and click here¹¹ for a promotional video.

⁹https://walkingtraining.online/public/school_training/10000394/

¹⁰<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/teachers-and-education-staff/road-safety-and-sustainable-travel/primary/steps-pedestrian-awareness-training/frequently-asked-questions>

¹¹https://www.youtube.com/embed/XB_9YFPI8dA?feature=oembed

Year 3 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

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

YEAR 4

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

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

Year 4 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 4 Music Assembly will be held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 2.45pm. Auditions in lesson on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

YEAR 5

Year 5 French Fashion Show – Monday 10th February 2025

In Year 5 we have been learning how to describe clothing in preparation for our French Fashion Show. This will be held on **Monday 10th February 2025.** Both Year 5 classes will be presenting to each other, and in order for the children to feel more comfortable, on this occasion **no parents/carers will be invited.** Your children will already have brought in their clothing and accessories in a named plastic bag ready for the day of the Fashion Show but if not then please bring in as soon as possible.

Year 5 Music Performance Assembly Dates Reminder

Year 5 Music Assembly will be held on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 2.45pm.** Auditions in lesson on Tuesday 25th February 2025. Parents of children selected to perform will be invited to attend.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Music Performance Assembly - Tuesday 11th February 2.45pm

Well done to all those Year 6 children took part in the auditions for the music assembly during their music lesson this week. We have had the tough job of selecting who will perform at the Year 6 Music Assembly on Tuesday 11th February 2025 2.45pm. The following children have been selected:

- 6G: Freddie B, Woodie M, Sean M, Neil N, Avi N, Celine P, Tiffany S, Maia S, Alexandra S, Ella V, Zach W & Daniel W

- 6H: Poppy B, John G, Amelia L, Heidi L, Ivy M, Demir S, Lalana S, Maya S, Mia T, Stassi T, Ela U, Felicity V, Sophie W, Clarissa W & Oz

Parents of children performing are invited into school to watch these music assemblies. We are looking forward to some wonderful performances. The assembly will start at 2.45pm and will finish at 3.30pm.

Due to technical issue the projector is currently not working in the hall so for those singing there will not be words on the screen. So please encourage any singers to learn their song words over the weekend or they may wish to write out/print their song words at home.

Junior Citizen Scheme – Thursday 6th March 2025

As part of the Year 6 work in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) in the Spring Term, Year 6 take part in a Junior Citizen Scheme at Epsom Grandstand on **Thursday 6th March 2025**. In partnership with the Police, Fire Brigade, Thames Water and other public services, pupils learn about personal safety relevant to their transition to secondary school and to help them develop their independence. The children leave school by coach at 9.15am and return to school at approximately 11.45am in time for lunch. They will eat lunch at school as normal.

In order to cover the cost of this trip, we need to ask for a voluntary **contribution of £11.50**. If your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for financial assistance in paying for this trip. Please visit our on-line payment system Scopay to make your voluntary donation.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and informative morning.

INFORMATION and REMINDERS

School Absence Policy Reminder

If your child is going to be absent from school you must call our dedicated absence line before 9.00 am on the first day of absence and then on a daily basis with your child's name, class and reason for absence. Authorisation will only be given for absence, other than illness and medical appointments in exceptional circumstances, for example compassionate reasons. A letter requesting absence from school should be addressed to the Head Teacher. Holidays should never be taken in term time and will not be authorised for any year group. Attendance and academic success are closely linked and it is very important that your child attends every day.

if a parent/carer takes their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

- If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate

of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

- If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
- If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

For more information about absence and attendance at Wallace Fields Junior School see our school website¹².

For more information on the Surrey School attendance policy <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/at-school/attendance-and-absence/legal-processes-used-to-enforce-school-attendance-guidance-for-parents>

Slime and Magnetic Toys are a Danger

Children are not permitted to bring Slime or Magnetic Toys into school. They are both highly dangerous if swallowed and present a choking hazard as well. They will be confiscated by the teacher if found. Click here¹³ for more information about the dangers of the tiny magnetic balls.

¹²<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance>

¹³<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2021/05/dangers-of-children-swallowing-magnets-prompts-nhs-call-for-ban/#:~:text=The magnetic objects are forced,altogether to prevent further incidents.>

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 SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](https://onlinelegal.co.uk) for more.



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Click here¹⁴ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

NS Sport Launches New Holiday Club - February 2025

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

NS Sport

NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

YEAR 1-6 PUPILS ONLY

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

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR
PERLING DRIVE / BIRCHALL / EPOWEN / WITZ / EBN
RUNNING 17-21 FEBRUARY 2025

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

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

NS STARS

NS STARS PROGRAMME

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

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

Scooters & Rides-ons
Superhero Masks & Crafting

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Top Shot Tuesday
Superhero Skills & Powers

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Wellbeing Wednesday
Superhero Fitness Challenge

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Fruity Thursday
Superhero Games & Relays

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

We can be Heroes Disco
Dress up as your favourite superhero

NS STRIKERS

NS STRIKERS PROGRAMME

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

THEME: FOOTBALL FREESTYLING

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

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

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

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

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Friday Focus: Champion Friday (Mbappe & Morgan)

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

¹⁴<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

Junior Adventure Group Wrap Around Care



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

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

Our Adventure Programme comprises seven exciting categories:

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

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

Some of the celebration days include:

January

🌾 Lohri (13th Jan)

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

🐻 Winnie the Pooh Day (18th Jan)

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

🧱 International LEGO Day (28th Jan)

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

February

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

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

💌 Valentine's Day (14th Feb)

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

🤝 Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th Feb)

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

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

Gardening Club Will Start 5th March 2025 and Donations Needed

Gardening club will start on Tuesday 5th March 2025. This is a lunchtime club that anyone can turn up for but they must have spare shoes or boots and a coat.

If parents are going to Garden Centres over the half term break we would appreciate any donations of compost, small tools and gardening gloves. Gardening Club will be planting seeds for pumpkins/ courgettes in March so donations of seeds would be very gratefully received and also potato tubers.

COMMUNITY

Need an Extra Helping Hand Over the Holidays?

TLG make lunch

Pull up a seat, you are welcome!
School holidays can be so much fun, but they can also be hard work!! We would love to take the pressure off by giving you a really great answer to the two big questions most kids have during the holidays: "What are we going to do today?" And "What's for lunch?"

What is Make Lunch Club?
Our friendly, safely recruited volunteers prepare a hot meal for everyone, including pudding! We have something for everyone—you can relax with a hot cuppa while your children enjoy crafts, play games, and dive into great activities each session.

We know trying something new can feel intimidating, but rest assured: our space is welcoming, inclusive, and ready to make you feel **at home**. No need to worry—just come as you are and enjoy the experience!

Book at www.stbarnabas-epsom.org.uk/makelunch

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TLG make lunch

Where?
St Barnabas Church,
Temple Road,
Epsom,
KT19 8HA

Free car park at rear.
Bus and train routes nearby.

Who?
Make Lunch is aimed at families with children under 11 who, for any reason, may find the holidays challenging. Whether it's due to financial, social or emotional pressures, SEN, being carers or shift workers, there's no set criteria—you are welcome here!

When?
We run every week in half terms and school holidays. For the latest dates scan the QR code or visit our website for the latest dates. Sessions run 11.30-1.30pm.

Book at www.stbarnabas-epsom.org.uk/makelunch

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RECRUITING NOW

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

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

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

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

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



One-minute guide

Home-Start in Surrey



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

Key Contact Information:

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Home-Start Waverley

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CAVE PAINTING

Thursday 20 February

11am-12.pm & 2pm-3.pm

Bourne Hall Museum
Kids Club
bringing history alive



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

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

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

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

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

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