



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 11th June 2026

Next Two Weeks

- **Monday 15th June 2026** – Walk to School Week
- **Thursday 18th June 2026 - Free Parent Support Workshop** - Preteens / Teens 09:30 to 11:30. Sign up Now

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- **Friday 26th June 2026** – **Celebration Afternoon** - Parents welcome

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Click Here³ [for Upcoming Events](#)

HEAD'S UPDATE

Parking and Road Safety Meeting Held

Our Governors are taking decisive action to tackle the extremely dangerous driving and inconsiderate parking that we continue to see outside the school, which is putting children and families at real risk. Following a meeting yesterday between local residents, Councillor Steve McCormick and our Chair of Governors, Mr Jonathan Barker, it is clear that the situation must improve urgently, with the very real concern that without change there is an increasing risk of serious injury or worse at drop off and pick up times. A number of possible schemes and safety measures have been discussed, and over the coming weeks governors and volunteers will be actively gathering evidence of poor driving, unsafe parking and dangerous manoeuvres outside the school to help inform possible future actions. This

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>

information will be formally shared with the local authority to support the school's plans to improve safety.

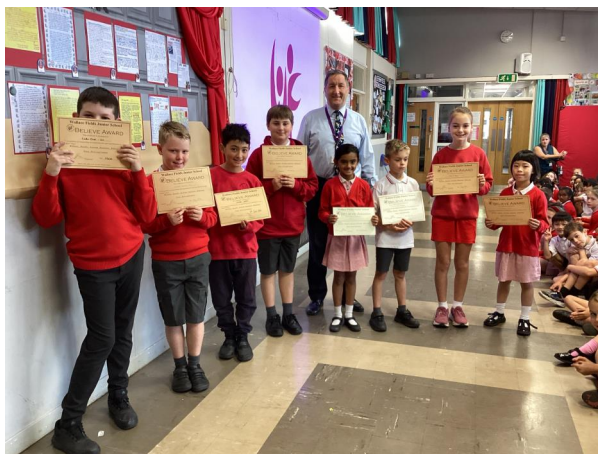
We will also be requesting a visit from the **Surrey Road Safety Team** to assess the situation during peak times. This is the beginning of a more robust and determined approach, and we are committed to introducing new ideas and measures that will significantly improve safety for our children and families. Your support in driving and parking responsibly is essential and relied upon to keep everyone safe.

Stars of the Week



Above is the photo of the **Stars of the Week** for last Friday. 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.

Believe Awards



Each month, our school proudly presents the BELIEVE Award to pupils who embody all of our values: Brilliance, Enthusiasm, Learning, Inspiration, Equality, Vision, and the belief that very pupil matters. The children who receive this award are not only excellent learners but

also kind, resilient, and supportive of their classmates. They show a willingness to do their best, work well with others, approach challenges with energy, and make genuine progress. This award is not a typical academic prize. Instead, it recognises qualities such as improvement, teamwork, perseverance, and the understanding that everything we learn and do in school has a purpose. BELIEVE Award winners are outstanding individuals who truly deserve this recognition. The award is presented only once a month and carries the added honour of ten house points. We warmly congratulate this month's winners on their achievement.

THIS WEEK

French Residential Trip

The Year 6 French Residential has been a fantastic success this year, with the children embracing every moment. We have received lovely updates from the team, who have said the children's behaviour has been great throughout and that they have been a real pleasure to be with. They threw themselves into all the activities, showed great independence in organising themselves and their rooms, and managed all of the travel and transitions brilliantly. A huge thank you to the staff who made the trip possible – group leader **Mrs. Day**, class teachers **Miss. Hill** and **Ms. Gough**, French teacher **Mrs. Cornell**, and support staff **Mrs. De Ville**, **Mrs. Fowler**, **Mrs. Metzgar** and **Mrs. Thompson**. At the time of writing the group still have another day to go and so plenty more experiences to be had. Thanks also to the school staff who supported those Year 6 pupils who remained in school – they have had a great week too, enjoying a range of creative projects and have also fulfilled the prefect roles that needed filling by their peer's absence.

Lunchtime Gardening Club

Gardening Club continues to be very popular on a Tuesday lunchtime and even when we have felt it too wet and miserable the children are keen to get stuck in which is inspiring. Today they planted 6 pumpkin plants (grown from seed) in the patch which we covered in compost that was very kindly donated by a parent. So thank you Mrs Winzar, we are extremely grateful for the gift. All children who attended this week also took home broad beans and radishes. The potatoes and onions are thriving so in the autumn we hope to send home more produce. How many pumpkins do you think we can grow this year ?

Have a lovely weekend and if you are going to any garden centres do think of us and perhaps purchase an extra bag of compost / fertiliser/ trowel / hand fork / gloves We are always grateful.

Thank you, Kelly and Cathy





Quiz Club Maths and Science Finals!

The Quiz Club Teams have a busy week next week as they are both competing in the National Finals! This is both the maths and science teams, and they have worked incredibly hard to get to this point. The whole school are very proud of them and we will all be

cheering them on! The **Maths Final** is **Wednesday 17th June 2026** and the **Science Final** is **Thursday 18th June 2026**. We will be celebrating all the children involved in next week's celebration assembly! Well done again - we are all very proud of you.

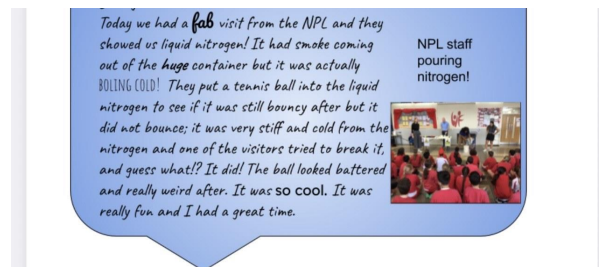
Year 5 Inspiring Science Visit from NPL

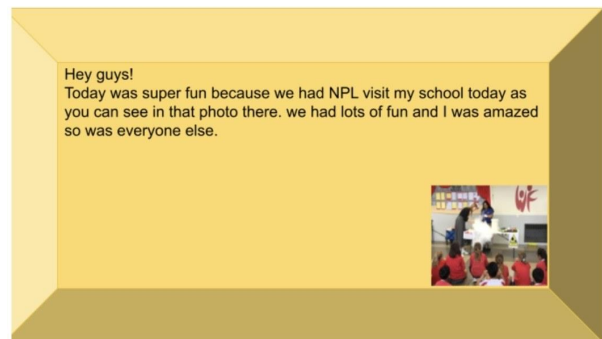
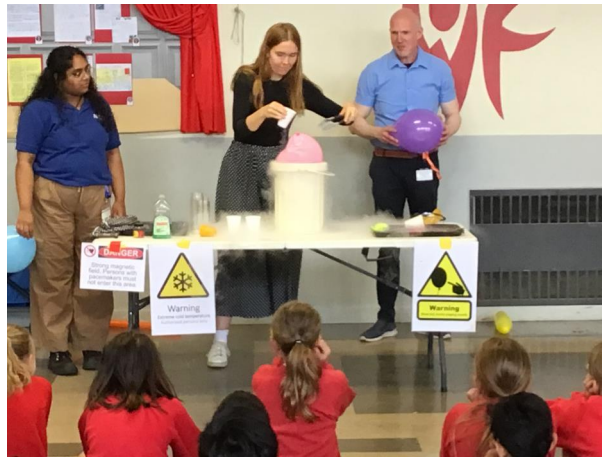
Year 5 were thrilled to welcome the team from the **National Physical Laboratory (NPL)** for an unforgettable liquid nitrogen workshop. The session was packed with exciting demonstrations which the children (and the adults!) were all amazed by!

Pupils explored how substances can change states of matter and observed how liquid nitrogen affects different materials. Highlights included watching a tennis ball change in texture and bounciness, as well as seeing a balloon deflate and then re-inflate. The children were fully engaged throughout, asking thoughtful questions and making connections to their learning throughout Year 5.

They then took on the role of scientists themselves, carrying out an investigation where they formed a hypothesis, identified variables, and collaborated to generate a shared set of results.

A huge thank you to Louise and the NPL team for their inspiring delivery and support during the workshop - Year 5 absolutely loved the experience. We are also extremely grateful to Dr John Burns (school governor, parent and NPL employee) for helping to arrange and deliver this fantastic opportunity.





Achievements

This week we celebrate Faye in Year 4, who has been awarded a high merit medal and certificate for her RAD Primary Ballet exam. She worked very hard and scored an amazing 10/10 for recall!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 3 Life lessons (PHSE) Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3,

In our Life Lessons (PSHE lesson) this term, we will be teaching children about their body parts and the underwear rule, through the use of recommended national resources such as the PSHE association. We will focus on which parts are private, and should not be touched or seen by other people.

The content of the lesson will cover:

- Naming parts of the body
- 'Appropriate' and 'inappropriate' touching
- Your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- Who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

We will also be teaching our pupils the NSPCC's Underwear Rule, using the 'PANTS' acrostic, which is a green cross code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private

- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and see how you can help keep your children safe in partnership with our school, more information can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

If you have any questions about this lesson, please email the Office and they will be able to pass your questions on to the class teachers.

Please be mindful that we may be unable to answer these questions urgently due to our teaching hours.

Thank you,

Miss Day and Mr Taylor

Gives Us Your Views - Please Complete Your Parent Questionnaire

We need your feedback and your constructive input and creative ideas to help the school improve and grow.

Please complete the Google form by clicking here⁴ below by **Friday 10th July 2026**. your views are very much appreciated and your positive input is needed to know **what is going well** - tell us what you think if your child is loving it at Wallace Fields Juniors. It should should take about ten minutes. Thank you.

Week of Monday 22nd June 2026 - Reminder to Final Groups for Year 6 Bikeability (excluding Sports Day)

A reminder has been sent out to the parents of those whose children have signed up for Bikeability.

The last groups start next week on Monday 22nd June 2026 (Please note that there will be no Bikeability on Wednesday 24th June due to a clash with Sports Day).

The key things to remember are as follows:-

- If your child is taking part at **09:10** please do ensure you arrive promptly into school.
- All children should come into school in their school uniform and **bring their comfortable cycling clothes, helmet and trainers** with them to change into for the course. Training will go ahead whatever the weather so please remember **raincoats**.

⁴<https://forms.gle/SkoGaGhK1vqX1Tyn9>

- **Please ensure their bicycle and helmet are suitable and road worthy.** Please check that the bicycle helmet straps are adjusted to provide a snug fit, this YouTube clip below shows how to fit a helmet. Please check that the bicycle tyres are pumped up, the brakes work and the chain is not rusty. For more guidance please click here⁵.
- For the safety of all the children in school it is important that your child **must** walk their bikes from the school gate to the cycle sheds.
- Bicycles should be padlocked at all times when not in use, **please attach a named key fob to the padlock key.** We advise that they should be taken home each evening, however, all bicycles are left at school at the owners risk, we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage whilst they are on the school premises.
- Please spare some time to take your child out on the local roads over the weekend. To be able to progress on to the road, your child **will need to be able to control the bike whilst looking behind**, to check for approaching drivers. They will also need to be able to **remove one hand from the handlebars to signal.** If they are a bit shaky on either of these, please could you practise it with them.

Dance Festival Final Details

Monday 22nd June 2026 - Dress rehearsal for Year 5 Dance Festival during school day

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 and **Wednesday 24th June 2026** - Year 5 Dance Festival Selected children at Epsom Playhouse 17:00 - 19:00

Monday 23rd June 2026 – Rehearsal Day

Drop-off: 09:20 promptly outside the entrance doors of Epsom Playhouse

Pick-up: 15:15 from the main entrance of Epsom Playhouse.

Please bring:

- A packed lunch and plenty of water
- Quiet entertainment (e.g., colouring books – no iPads please)
- Children will be sitting in the auditorium for the majority of the day, watching rehearsals from other schools
- Dress code: Dance Costumes provided by school - a small voluntary contribution will be requested on Scopay next week
- Drop-off: 16:00 at the stage door
- Show time: 17:00
- Pick-up: After the show in the main square outside Wetherspoons

⁵<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/annex-1-you-and-your-bicycle>

- Hair: If possible, please arrive with hair styled in a middle-parting low ponytail

Diversity Day Tuesday 23rd June 2026

On **Tuesday 23rd June 2026** we are celebrating **Diversity Day**. Children should dress up in clothing which reflects their cultural heritage. Here are some ideas about what children could wear:

- A traditional outfit that shows your ethnicity/culture (kurta pajama, lehenga, kimono etc)
- A team shirt of a country that reflects your cultural roots - in any sport (cricket, rugby, football)
- Wear your country's flag colours – face paint/accessories are allowed
- Create your own – paint or draw on a T shirt with fabric paints to show your culture
- Please note this is not a Mufti Day and the theme of the day must be observed. Additionally, if any classes have PE they should make sure their clothing and shoes are sensible or they bring their PE kit in a bag to get changed into later. National sports kit (Scotland rugby shirt / England football top) though not local league teams.

Wednesday 24th June 2026 – Sports Day – Parents welcome

On **Wednesday 24th June 2026** all parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch from 09:30 on our Wallace Fields Juniors Upper Field.

- 09:30 to 10:30/10:45 - All children will take part in mixed year groups, mixed teams based on houses and complete circuit of field events at bases around the field.
- 10.30/10.45 to 12:00 - All children will take part in mixed relay teams based on houses and not ability. There will be four races per year group. Year 3 races will be first and year 6 races last.
- 12:00-12:10 - If time permits there may be a parents races

Please note that timings are approximate and may be earlier or later; so please do get there early to avoid disappointment.

Entry for parents is through the gate onto the Upper Field via the alley (no need to come via the school office.)

There is a designated area for spectators to watch the children. Spectators are welcome to bring foldable chairs and parasols/umbrellas (it is open field with no shade). Toilets are not available for parents/carers.

All children are to wear their usual school P.E. kits with a t shirt in their house colour. Please also ensure your child:

- Wears a labelled hat if a hot day
- Has had sun cream applied
- Brings a named water bottle

Please do not give food/snacks to your children during the morning. The children will remain under the care of their teachers for the duration of the morning.

Children go home at the usual time at the end of the day and cannot be collected early.

If you can help serve with the water bottle refill station then please email the school office on office@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk.

In the event of bad weather, the back up Sports Day date is 25th June 2026.

Celebration Afternoon - Parents Welcome on Friday 26th June 2026

Thursday 25th June 2026 – Bottle Tombola Mufti

Friday 26th June 2026 – Celebration Afternoon - timings tbc. Parents welcome

Stall at Summer Celebration Fair Friday 26th June 2026

Well done to all the children who entered the Dragons Den competition to run a stall at the **Summer Celebration Fair** on Friday 26th June 2026. Eight groups were selected to run a stall which were as follows:-

- 3T: Phoebe, Mia, Amaya, Sophia S
- 3D: Sami, Sonny, Zac
- 4K: Theo and William
- 4C: Hendrix, Arthur, John and Alfie
- 5H: Darcy, Nyla, Scarlet B, Scarlet O
- 5S: Carter, Morgan and Oliver Ba.
- 6G/6H: Kieran L from 6G with Toby, Taran, Robin from 6H
- 6H: Anna Cr & Yoon S

Ahead of the Summer Celebration Fair, some important guidance for all children running stalls. They can create as many items as they wish for their stalls. Sales will vary. The aim is for them to make informed decisions, take ownership of their projects, and develop their entrepreneurial ideas. Please note the following:

- No food items are allowed. The children have already been informed.

- If a product makes contact with the skin (e.g., face paint, handmade cosmetics, etc.), an allergy notice must be clearly displayed - printed or handmade and should list the ingredients and any associated risks so customers can make informed choices.
- Children should bring some change to start the day, as many arrive with bank notes and change can be difficult to obtain during the fair.
- All goods sold must be the items the children presented during their Dragon's Den-style pitch. No shop-bought items to be sold.
- Each group is given a table and responsible for setting up and running their stall throughout the fair. We cannot take responsibility for any lost items or money. This is part of encouraging independence, teamwork, and real-world business skills.
- The cost of running a stall is **£10 per stall** (children will need to agree among their stall who will pay). The payment should be in cash to the office in a sealed envelope with their names by 12.06.26

Thank you for supporting the children as they prepare for this exciting event. We are looking forward to seeing their creativity and hard work come to life. Best regards, **Mrs. Kidwai**

Solar Eclipse on 12th August 2026 - Filter available to buy now on Scopay



We are offering parents/carers the chance to purchase for **£1**, a **solar eclipse filter** to see the partial eclipse during the school holidays on **12th August 2026**. Please buy on Scopay by 19th June 2026. They are likely to sell out quickly so we will be putting an order in before the end of June.

See a leaflet below and Mrs Hernandez will be holding an assembly on the Solar Eclipse and how to enjoy it whilst staying safe after the May half term.

Partial solar eclipse – 12 August 2026

When is the next solar eclipse in the UK?

Date: 12 August 2026

Eclipse type: Partial

What you'll see: This partial eclipse will almost be total, with around 90% of the Sun being obscured by the Moon at the maximum. It'll begin at 6.17pm BST, with maximum at 7.13pm.

Royal Museums Greenwich
<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/space-astronomy/solar-eclipses-explained>

Safety tips for observing the Sun

If you are thinking of viewing the Sun, your first concern should always be eye safety. Serious eye damage can result from even a brief glimpse of our nearest star.

Never look directly at the Sun with the naked eye or with any unfiltered optical device, such as binoculars or a telescope.

During a solar eclipse, you should still be wary of looking at the Sun directly. Unless the Sun is fully eclipsed, **you will need an appropriate type of welder's glass** or special Mylar glasses to safely observe it. Never use normal sunglasses!

The European Space Agency
https://www.esa.int/Science_Exploration/Space_Science/Safety_tips_for_observing_the_Sun

To read the full articles, please follow the links.

How to view the partial eclipse

The Sun is so bright that looking at it directly will blind you. Even at mid eclipse, the remaining bright part of the Sun is far too bright to view. You need to cut its brightness down by about 100,000 times. Ordinary sunglasses are useless, and you should never use household materials such as bin liners or food wrappers. So, either use an authorised eclipse viewer, or project the Sun's image using a small mirror or a telescope or binoculars. **A welder's No 14 glass is also OK for viewing directly.**

Society for Popular Astronomy
<https://www.popastro.com/blog/2025/03/22/how-to-view-the-partial-eclipse-on-29-march/>

Viewing the Sun with Welding Glasses

First of all, it is important to note that you should only use glasses made with lens material rated for solar observations. **This includes shade 14** glasses and glasses compliant with all ISO 12312-2:2015 transmission requirements.

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory
<https://public.nrao.edu/ask/viewing-the-sun-with-welding-glasses/>

Viewing an eclipse safely – Royal Astronomical Society

Booklet written by the Royal Astronomical Society with The Society for Popular Astronomy and is endorsed by the British Astronomical Association



<https://ras.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-06/SEP:BookletGeneral.v2.MEDres.pdf>

Glyn Open Evening

PTA



PTA Summer Celebration Evening and Fair coming up on Friday 26 June!

We can't wait to come together as a school community for our PTA Summer Celebration Evening and Fair on Friday 26 June from 3pm. Enjoy the children's performances from 3pm and stay for fun at the Fair.

We will sell wristbands (£10 each) in advance and on the day (stall dates and times to be announced) so your children can enjoy unlimited fun on the inflatables and all prize-winning games. Do try to purchase them in advance to avoid queues on the day.

We are also excited to support the children's craft stalls which have been selected Dragon's Den style in school! Huge well done to all the children involved.

This year we are giving you the opportunity to bring your own picnic and picnic blanket so you can settle in and enjoy the evening (we are unable to offer hot food on this occasion). The PTA will have a fully stocked bar selling a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, including bubbles, wine, G&T cans and soft drinks. We will also offer cakes, snacks and ice lollies. Please do not bring your own alcohol on site.

We need LOTS of volunteers to help us with this event, please sign up for a slot here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=118886>

Thank you so much for supporting the Fair!

PTA Special Person Shop for Father's Day in School 19th June 2026

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

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

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

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=116463>



WFJS PTA
SPECIAL PERSON SHOP FOR FATHER'S DAY
- 19 JUNE -

THE CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY (DURING SCHOOL HOURS) TO CHOOSE A GIFT FROM A SELECTION OF PRESENTS AT THE POP UP SHOP CREATED BY THE PTA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART THEN PLEASE MAKE A PAYMENT OF £3.50 PER CHILD IN ADVANCE TO
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WFJSPTA



SAFEGUARDING and WELLBEING



Sign up Now for Free Parent Support Workshop - Preteens / Teens 18th June 2026

We are pleased to share that we will be hosting another **Parenting Workshop** in school to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers. The session will be led by Lesley Lane, Senior Family Co-ordinator from Home-Start, who brings a wealth of experience and practical advice for families.

The workshop will take place on Thursday **18th June 2026** from **09:30 to 11:30**. It is **free to attend** and offers a valuable opportunity to gain guidance, share experiences and build confidence in supporting children through these important years.

Please click here⁶ to sign up to attend this workshop.

Best Start Hubs in Epsom and Ewell offer Parenting, Child and Family Advice and Support

Best Start Family Hubs (formerly children's centres) are local "one-stop shops" where families can access parenting advice, health visitor services, stay-and-play sessions, and SEND support.

Operating nationwide, they assist families with children from pregnancy up to age 19 (or 25 for SEND).

⁶<https://forms.gle/9j5C5mgjXmPnXx1x7>

For Epsom and Ewell residents, your local Best Start services are managed by Barnardo's on behalf of Surrey County Council.

Your Local Hubs

Ewell Family Centre (Serves Ewell & Stoneleigh)

- **Address:** Riverview Road, West Ewell, Surrey, KT19 0JP
- **Services:** Offers family support, 1-1 home assistance, play sessions, and on-site full-time childcare.

Epsom Family Centre (Serves Epsom & Langley Vale)

- **Address:** Pound Lane, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 8RY
- **Services:** Hub for midwifery appointments, infant feeding support, and parenting workshops.

Click here⁷ for the website for Barnardos Family Centres for Epsom & Ewell



Click here⁸ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

CLUBS

No Girls' Football Training

No girls' football training on Thursday 18th June 2026 as Coach Tim Dowdeswell is away.

⁷<https://www.barnardosfamilycentressurrey.org.uk/what-we-do-at-epsom-ewell>

⁸<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

COMMUNITY

NatureWell Activity Group

Who?

Year 6 students who attend school in Epsom & Ewell & Mole Valley and would like to feel more confident about their move to secondary school in September 2026.

Young people will need to be accompanied by their parent or carer. The sessions will be facilitated by staff from the school based needs team at Mindworks.

Where?
Therapy garden,
St Ebba's hospital
site,
Hook Road,
Epsom,
Surrey,
KT19 8QJ

What3Words:
///loaded.wheels.finest
Google maps Plus Code:
9P2G+459 Epsom

When?

Wednesday 22 July 2026 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 29 July 2026 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 5 August 2026 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 12 August 2026 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Wednesday 19 August 2026 1.30pm to 2.45pm

Why are we doing this?

To try some new activities outdoors
To meet other young people moving to secondary school
To do something together with your parent/carer
To build confidence and to have fun

What do I need to do?

Come along and be prepared to join in the activities.
Wear/bring weather appropriate clothing - eg raincoat,
sunhat, jumper

Ideally you would attend all 5 sessions, but we know that you might be going on holiday or have other things planned so please join us for as many sessions as you can!

What we will do?

Spend time in our natural surroundings and be creative

If you are interested to find out more please email your contact details to: sbnepsom@sabp.nhs.uk by 6 July 2026.