

Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter

15th September 2023



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

- **Wednesday 20th September 2023** - U11 football tournament at Epsom College selection
- **Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 15:30-16.30** - Year 6 netball trials for all interested girls and boys
- **Thursday 21st September 9.45am-3pm** - Year 5 Art Masterclass at Epsom College - Selected pupils
- **Thursday 21st September 15:30 to 16:30** - Year 5 football squad trials for all interested girls and boys.

HEAD'S UPDATE



Welcome Meetings going well: It has been good to see so many parents and carers taking the opportunity to get into school for the welcome meetings and find out about the year ahead. Obviously streaming is more convenient for some though it is always good to see you face to face. The detail about the trips and visits is included in these meetings and there is an opportunity to discuss key points at the end of the meetings. Thanks for coming in and remember to make a note of your child's school Tea Party date.

Equity Across the School: One of the key areas we promote strongly is that there is equity in the provision each and every child gets here at Wallace Fields Junior School. All the staff work hard to ensure that all children reach their potential and that they are given the support and resources to ensure they are learning and embedding that learning every day. Providing this support, may come in the form of specific interaction, teacher scaffolded tasks, adapted tasks and additional adult support. The children are regularly assessed on a day to day level (formative assessment) and also complete baseline tests to establish an unbiased level to measure their progress in Year 3 (summative assessment). The assessment weeks are carefully spread across the terms and the results help inform (not dictate) the teacher's decisions and adaptations to each child's education. By measuring progress and checking attitude and pastoral development the teachers are building a picture and personalising the lessons for each child. With all experienced staff this is fulfilled effectively.

Trips and Visits: The trips and visits we plan are a vital aspect of outdoor learning and adventure. The children also complete outdoor learning on the school site and they gain a huge level of independence and interpersonal skills that are valuable in future life. That being said, as a school we are acutely aware of rising costs and so all trip leaders and year group teams have worked together to adapt trips to cut costs and make them more affordable for families. If you are having financial difficulties or need support with the cost of trips and visits then please contact the office directly and they will discuss some of the options available to ensure your child does not miss out.

THIS WEEK

School Photographer

The school photographer was in school on Monday 11th September 2023 and the instructions on how to view and order your child's photograph is attached. Your child was given a card with a code to bring home so that you can view the photograph when it is available.

HELLO!

Your Child's School Photograph has been taken! Keep an eye out for the unique **Bentley Photographic ticket** that will be coming home with your child. This ticket contains secure codes for you to pre-register online for access to your photographs as soon as they become available. If you have any difficulties, please contact our customer support team via email at support@bentleyphoto.com.



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For just £19.95 you will receive a digital copy of your child's portrait **PLUS** six specially edited digital images that you can use throughout their first school year! You can print greeting cards, print and frame as gifts or send digitally - the possibilities are endless!

Our Artists on Display in Bourne Hall

Congratulations to our amazing artists who have their artwork displayed at Bourne Hall as part of the Epsom & Ewell art festival.







IMPORTANT

Green Fingers? Could You Help in WFJS Gardens?

Cathy Dodd, a grandmother of George 5S, is looking for some help in the Wallace Fields Junior School gardens and would love to hear from you. She runs a popular gardening club on a Wednesday morning where lots of keen children come and help with digging, weeding, watering and planting and last year they had an abundant harvest. Ideally some help on a Wednesday morning and then help with the children's club at lunchtime would be fabulous. Although any help would be appreciated (even at a weekend) so please contact the School Office and we will put you in touch with her. We complete a DBS check for anyone coming into school premises during school hours. Thank you!

Linguascope Fun! Free to Wallace Fields Junior Children.

Did you know that even 5-10 minutes twice a week can really make a difference to learning a language?

Repetition is the key! If you want to improve your language skills in a fun way practise the following this week:

Year 3: Linguascope Elementary/Bonjour!

Year 4: Linguascope Beginner/Animaux

Year 6 Linguascope Beginner/Les Bases/Les Nombres & Les Dizaines (tens)

Year 5: Linguascope Beginner/Moi et ma famille/Le corps or Les animaux or Les membres de la famille (all review)

PTA

❄️❄️❄️ FIREWORKS NIGHT ❄️❄️❄️

Although the sun is still shining we are in full flow gearing up for our fantastic Fireworks night on Sunday 5th November 2023 to be held at Wallace Fields Juniors Top Field.

So don't be a firecracker and miss out on the hottest tickets in town! Priority tickets available for all firework volunteers.

Sign up early to receive a booking link to buy your family tickets before they go on general sale. Volunteer slots will be released at 8pm on Tuesday 19th September via PTA events

www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta

We look forward to seeing you back on the field for another great night!

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PTA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 11th October 2.45pm-3.00pm

WALLACE FIELDS JUNIOR SCHOOL
PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
2:45 - 3:00PM
(STRAIGHT AFTER YEAR 3 TEA PARTY)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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NEXT WEEK

Need Some Parenting Support and Ideas? Come to the Positive Parenting Workshop.

Lesley Lane is our Senior Family Co-ordinator from Home Start who has kindly agreed to come back into Wallace Fields Junior School to hold another popular parenting workshop on positive parenting. It is on **Tuesday 3rd October from 9.30am to 11.30am**. All parents and carers are welcome. If you are unable to attend then we will publish information and handouts in the Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter. Please [click here](#) to sign up so we know how many will be attending,

Speak a language other than English? Help Us Celebrate Languages Day!

Our 'Celebrating Languages Day' is on **Friday 29th September 2023** to promote the learning of different languages and the different cultures we have in school. We would love for any speakers of any additional language to English, to come into the classrooms to give a short talk about their country and language and play a traditional game or teach a song. If you are interested and willing to help create a fantastic day for the children, please email the School Office Office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk by Thursday, 14 September 2023.

Children may dress up in their culture's clothing on Friday, 29 Sept for Celebrating Languages Day (not just a mufti day).

Merci beaucoup! Grazie mille ! Gracias! Danke!

Siobhan Cornell, French Lead

Cross Country - Parents Welcome Friday 29th September 2023 2pm-3pm

Eight boys and eight girls from each house in each Year Group are being selected to compete in the Inter-House Cross Country. Weather permitting, the event will take place on Friday 29th September 2023 from around 2pm until the end of the school day. There will be four races lower school girls, lower boys, upper girls then upper boys. **The whole school will be out to cheer their house teams and parents/carers are welcome to attend.** Children will go home at their normal time. In order for them to be able to take part, children will need to bring in their PE kits, even if it is not normally their PE day. Children taking part are encouraged to bring a T-shirt in their house colour to wear for the cross country.

YEAR 3

Reminders

Year 3 have PE on a Monday and Tuesday. Children are to come into school wearing their PE kit and children are not permitted to wear earrings (or watches) in their PE lesson.

Year 3 homework has been set this week. As a reminder, children have games set on Spelling Shed, Mathletics and TTRS. Handwriting homework books and reading records have also been sent home. All homework is due the following Monday.

Earrings must be studs only (not loops). All uniform must be labelled with your child's name. .

Pencil Cases for Year 3 and Scopay Payments

You were contacted in July to let you know that pencil cases would be provided for year 3 and a £6 donation collected at the beginning of September. This donation request should now be on your Scopay account and you will have received an email from Scopay with instructions on how to use the on-line payment system.

Please let us know if you have any problems logging into your Scopay account by emailing office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk or telephone the school office on 0208 393 0350.

Claim Free Breakfast or After School Session with JAG



Welcome to Junior Adventures Group (JAG)!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in great spirits and excitement as the new academic year approaches. On behalf of our JAG team, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you and your child!



At JAG we are proud to be the leading provider of before, and after-school activity clubs, PE lessons and holiday programmes in the UK, with passionate teams who live and breathe our mission every day: to build brighter futures for children. For over 30 years, we've been delivering exceptional experiences for children across the UK, creating an approach to child-led care that parents and schools trust - and children love.

We believe each child's journey is unique and deserves to be nurtured with care, kindness, compassion, and a sense of adventure. We are here to provide a safe and enriching environment where your child can thrive, learn, and make unforgettable memories with us!

The Benefits of JAG Clubs:

- ✓ A big dose of fun beyond the school day!
- ✓ Make new friends across all age groups
- ✓ Delivered by a team of expertly trained professionals in a safe environment
- ✓ Keep active and improve wellbeing
- ✓ Explore creativity and a wide range of interests
- ✓ Feel supported with our buddy system
- ✓ Develop a positive attitude towards school as they participate in various school-based activities



What to expect at our Clubs

At JAG our breakfast and after-school clubs offer children a well-rounded experience, promoting healthy habits, social interactions, and enriched learning opportunities. Our breakfast clubs kickstart the day with a nutritious breakfast to fuel children's energy for their school activities. We emphasise an active start to stimulate brain activity and concentration, ensuring they make the most of their day ahead.



In our after-school clubs, we provide a safe and joyful haven for children to freely engage with peers of varying ages. Alongside unstructured play, children can participate in structured activities like arts and crafts and active play. This offers a vibrant conclusion to their school day, whether

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they choose to join group activities, savour a healthy snack, or unwind with a selection of ready-to-enjoy toys and games. At JAG, we prioritise the overall well-being and development of every child in our care.

Our Team

We take pride in our dedicated team who are trained to support your child through first introductions and guiding them through our Clubs routine. Every time your child arrives to club, our DBS checked team will invite them to choose one of our fun greetings to help your child feel at home. Will it be a toe tap? A formal handshake? A classic hi-five? Or a silly face? We find that these greetings enable children to express their personality and feelings in an instant and are a great icebreaker.



Your child's first week

What to expect?

It's only natural that your child may feel nervous in advance of their first visit. That's why we encourage you to bring them in for an initial visit, so they can look around, meet our friendly team and even make new friends.

In your child's first week, they can expect:

- Welcome Circle Games.
- Ice-breaker Activities.
- To get a buddy friend.
- A JAG celebration by the end of their first week!



How to Secure Your Child's Place

Ready to join the JAG family now?

Registering for a JAG club or venue is easy and completely free: online registration takes about 10 minutes to complete. It includes some nice personal touches so we can help your child feel instantly at home. We invite you to provide information to help your child settle into their new environment - including their nickname, for example, and establish if they have any friends already attending our club. We'll also ask for details of any relevant safeguarding requirements you may have. Our goal: to ensure your child receives as warm and personal a welcome as possible.



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YEAR 5

Parent Help Needed on River Trip 19th October 2023

On **19th October 2023**, Year 5 will be going on their exciting river trip. This links to our geography topic in autumn term and the children will be carrying out fieldwork at the **Hogsmill River**. This is a great way for the children to learn about rivers, using our local area.

On the day, all children must:- wear school uniform on the day of the trip- wear shoes which can get wet and muddy - have a waterproof coat with them- bring a packed lunch and water bottles.

We will be leaving school at around 9:30am and will be back before 3pm. Please drop off and pick up at the normal times.

The weather will be monitored closely around the week of the trip. Following our risk assessment, heavy rain in the days leading up to the trip or on the day itself will mean postponing the trip. This will be decided closer to the date and communicated to parents. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

We would really appreciate parent helpers for the trip. Please email Miss Sarjeant via office1@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk if you are available to assist for the whole day on 19th October 2023. Thank you very much in advance. We will be in touch to confirm parent helpers depending on the number of volunteers!

Miss Katie Sarjeant Year 5 Class Teacher, Wallace Fields Junior School

PTA Class Reps Year 5

Thank you to Jess Larner (Connor's mum) 5S and Lisa Richmond (Williams mum) 5H who have agreed to be PTA class reps for Year 5. They will be in touch shortly to introduce themselves.

Rosebery School Information for Prospective Parents

Rosebery School's [Open Events](#) tab on their website now includes full details of their three Open Mornings scheduled for early October 2023 (including the [link](#) to book to attend one of the welcome talks), as well as the date for Open Evening in the summer of 2024.

Year 5 Football Trials

Year 5 football squad trials for all interested girls and boys will be held on **Thursday 21st September 2023**.

We will be playing on the top field from 15:30 to 16:30 and you are required to complete the google form here. [CLICK HERE FOR YR 5 AND YR 6 FOOTBALL TRIALS](#)

The children must be equipped with shin pads and preferably football boots, although trainers will be sufficient if the field remains dry.

Once the trials are complete, parents will be notified via our fixture management system Spond. Team training, for those selected, will then take place on the field each Thursday afternoon from 3.30 - 4.30pm, weather permitting,

Epsom College Art Masterclass for Selected Year 5 Children

The following children have been selected to take part in an Art Masterclass at Epsom College on Thursday 21st September: Lalana S (5S), Thomas V (5S), Alexandra S (5H), Ella V (5H) and Celine P (5H).

These children need to arrive at Epsom College by 9:45am to meet Mrs Curran at reception. If you are unable to do this, please drop your child off at school at the normal school drop-off time and Mrs Curran will walk your child to the college. Please indicate this on the google form below.

The day finishes at around 3pm and children may be collected from Epsom College outside reception. If you would like your child to walk back to school with Mrs Curran for the normal finish time of 3.30pm, then please indicate this on the google form.

If you are arranging to pick up your child you can arrive at 2.45pm to have an opportunity to see what the children have done through the day. Please arrive through the Main Entrance and a steward will direct you to parking and the Art School.

Children will be **provided with a lunch** by the college so please also indicate if your child has a dietary requirement.

We are looking for **one parent helper** so if you can accompany the children at the event, please do let us know.

Please complete the following google form for permission:

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE PERMISSION](#)

YEAR 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 Choir to the Epsom College Music Festival - Tuesday 3rd October 2023 10.30am -4.20pm

The Wallace Fields Junior School Years 5 and 6 choir members (listed) have been invited to Epsom College on **Tuesday 3rd October 2023** to join other local schools for their annual Music Festival, led by the Director of Music, Mr Paul Johnson-Hyde. I know it will be a lovely day, the children will be taught some songs and how to be part of a large choir. There will then be a short concert for parents at the end of the day (please see invite below from Epsom College).

On the day, children will be expected to come to school as normal but will just need to bring a water bottle and raincoat as Epsom College will be providing lunch (please state any allergies on the google form). I will be joined by Mrs Baxter to walk the children to Epsom College but will require a parent volunteer or two just to accompany us on the walk there. You won't need to stay once we have arrived on site. (Once again, please indicate if you are able to help on the Google form). We need you to meet us in the school office at 9.25am as we will be leaving at 9.30am.

Epsom College are very kindly providing refreshments (in Main Hall at 3.30pm) for parents/carers before a little end of the day concert at 4pm (in Big School). We would be delighted if you could join us for the children's final performance.

If you are not able to attend the concert, please arrange for your child to be collected from the main entrance of Epsom College at 4.20pm.

If your child would like to take part in this event, please [click here](#) for the google form. I am very much looking forward to this day and I am sure the choir will have a wonderful experience.

Permission to Walk Home Alone

The majority of **Year 5** and **Year 6** walk to and from school alone although the school must have received written permission for this. Please [click here](#) and complete the Google form. Children cannot walk home alone without this form completed.

Year 5 permissions are carried forward to Year 6 so it is those new to Year 5 in September who need to complete permission forms. Please note that with children with permission to walk home alone, the duty of care passes to the parents as soon as they leave the school grounds.

Please talk to your child about walking home safely and responsibly and explain that if they experience any concerns or issues children are expected to walk back to the school office who can contact the parent/carer directly.

YEAR 6

Year 6 School Roles and Responsibilities

In Year 6 all pupils are given some responsibility to help the school community run smoothly. The Year 6 have now been informed of their school roles as follows:

- **School Council** - Olivia, Tylor, Damon and Grace
- **Digital Leaders** - Charlie J, Theo, Otis, Shivansh, Neil and Tamzin
- **Sports Crew** - Jess KQ, Jack, Ivan, Dolsie, Elliot W, Edie, Fraser, Lucy L, and Henry D
- **Head Teachers Helpers** - Cassius, Otis, Theo, Natalie, Luke and Katie
- **Deputy Head Helpers** - Alexis, Suria, Ayesha, Chloe
- **House Points Monitors** - Liyana, Sylvie and Grace
- **Prefects** (2 per class) - Ivan, Elliot G, Angela, Natalie, Quinn and Shriya
- **Bench Monitors** - Luke, Henry W., Ahmed, James, Ethan and Ather
- **Librarians** - Amelie D, Flora, Stanley, Emi, Amalie D, Jessie H, Sylvie and Grace
- **House Captains** - Sophie B (red) Liyanna (red), Sylvie E (y), David B (y), Lucy Boyce (blue), Aaron (blue), Edgar (green) and Malia (green)
- **Peer mentors** - Evie, Ayesha, Quinn, Arlia, Alejandra, Amelia S, Isaac and Chloe
- **Ambassadors** - to be announced.
- **Mr Findlay's Helpers** - Ben, Beau, *Daniel*, Kasper, *Henry M*, Yiu Yiu, *John*, Yannis, Isaac
- **Stationery** - Trishika, Evie, Julia, Elliot W
- **Art Ambassadors** - Luna & Liv

School Ambassadors

The deadline for application forms to be a School Ambassador is Thursday 21st September 2023 to Mrs Day's office.

School ambassador short listed pupils will present to all staff on Monday 2nd October.

Netball Trials – Year 6 Only

Year 6 netball trials for all interested girls and boys will be held on **Wednesday 20th September and Wednesday 27th September 2023**. Ideally, we need children to attend both sessions. We will be playing on the playground from 15.30 to 16.30 and you are required to complete the google form here. [CLICK HERE for YR 6 NETBALL TRIALS](#)

Once the trials are complete, parents are notified via our fixture management system Spond. Team training, for those selected, will then take place on the playground each Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 - 4.30pm, weather permitting,

Best wishes,

Mr Chris Sellars Sports Leader.

Epsom College Football Tournament 20th September 2023

Ten children have been selected and invited to take part in a football tournament at Epsom College on **Wednesday 20th September 2023**. The following children were selected: Ben LO, James O, Kasper Q, Theo V, Henry M, Henry D, Aaron M, Elliot G, Cassius D and Damon H. Their parents/carers were contacted earlier in the week by email and asked to complete a Google form by tonight, Friday 8th September 2023, to confirm their place.

Year 6 PTA Class Rep

Thank you to Mrs Marginson (Henry's mum) who has agreed to be PTA class rep for Year 6. They will be in touch shortly to introduce themselves.

Applying for Secondary School

No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call 03456 009 009 to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on 0300 200 1004.

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions



Important dates

1 September 2023
You can apply online for a school place.

20 October 2023
We suggest you submit your secondary application by this date as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.

31 October 2023
Closing date for secondary applications but we welcome early applications.

1 March 2024
Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

By 15 March 2024
You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

By 15 April 2024
For many schools, if you wish to appeal, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 18 June 2024. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

Is your child in year 6?

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2023**.

Apply online
apply on time by 31 October 2023





How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 1 September 2023 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2023. We would suggest you submit your application by **Friday 20 October 2023**, before the half-term holiday.
- You can download the app **ParentComms** to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On **1 March 2024** you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by **15 March 2024**.

What else do I need to know?

- School open days will usually be held in September or October. Please check each school's website for the most up to date information about open days or evenings. You should contact schools directly if you'd like to arrange a visit.
- You can name up to six schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.
- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press '**submit**' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your application reference number.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure its status has been changed to 'submitted'.
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you applied online).
- If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.

School Meals Options for Year 6 only

Year 6 have been offered a meal option to give them more choice and help with their transition to secondary school next year. Forms were sent out last term with hot and cold options including jacket potatoes, wraps or meal of the day. If you would like your child to have a school meal option, please complete the form and hand in by Monday 11th September at the latest. More paper forms were handed out at registration this week.

For school hot dinner menus go to <https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/parents/meals>

Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Parents have been sent a letter from Children and Family Health (NHS) regarding their visit to school this term. Each year school children have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Please complete the consent form contained within the letter, even if you wish to opt out of screening.

What they need for you to do:

Complete the electronic consent form with either *Yes* or *No* (please read this letter for further information)

If you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete the e-consent form so we can record your preference.

- Visit <https://www.cfhschilddevelopment.co.uk/Form/NCMP>
- Enter your school's unique code: - SR125298
- Complete the boxes

ONLINE SAFETY

Online Safety is a huge, current topic for all. Technology is all around and children are accessing the internet more and more in the modern world. We therefore have regular Online Safety discussions in Computing lessons and have a focus each term on an aspect of Online Safety. Through our newsletter, we will let you know what the children are learning in their Online Safety discussions and we will keep you updated with the theme of the half term.

Alongside this, we will provide tips and tricks each week linked to different online topics. We are proud members of **National Online Safety** and also have an accreditation with them to reflect our commitment to keeping children safe online. Their resources will support parents and carers at home too with videos all about internet safety.

If you want to join our National Online Safety platform, please follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/wallace-fields-junior-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

Next week, we will update you on the theme of the half term!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of our issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKIE, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together, while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Understandably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful, if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together. If former's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web2. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Overwatch, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and V247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.

Source: <https://hipol.app/about/privacy.html>

National Online Safety
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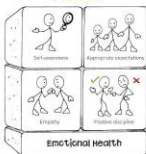
What is the Parenting Puzzle?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Parenting Puzzle Workshops help deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

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Workshop 1: Understanding Children's Behaviour, Listening and Communicating, Praise and Encouragement.

Workshop 2: Praise and Guidance vs. Criticism, Challenging Play, and Positive Moments.

Workshop 3: Boundaries and Parenting Styles, Time to Calm Down, Dealing with Stress and Conflict.

Workshop 4: Choices and Consequences, Behaviour to Ignore, Putting the Puzzle Together, Looking after Ourselves.

Practical information

There are four 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break.

10-20 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders.

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with another relative or friend.

Some groups provide a creche check with group leaders beforehand.

You need to come to all four workshops; they fit together like a puzzle.

You will be provided with a copy of The Parenting Puzzle book to accompany the workshops.



How Parenting Puzzle workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful! Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



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when:
From 21st September to 12th October 2023
Every Thursday from 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

contact details:
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£10 fee which includes the Parenting Puzzle Book (or pay £2.50 per week)



Parenting Puzzle workshops

Information for parents and carers



CLUBS

Spaces in Year 3 and 5 Book Club

There are still some spaces in the Year 3 and Year 5 Book Clubs. Please see the letter below for contact details and more information.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to let you know that the Wallace Fields Book Club will recommence in the Autumn Term for Years 3 and 6 on Tuesdays and Years 4 and 5 on Wednesday lunchtimes. Sessions will run **once a month** throughout the term.

As a published children's author and journalist, I am passionate about reading for pleasure. I fully believe in the power of a great story to change attitudes and lives. Book Club is a fantastic enrichment activity which has proved highly popular. During each monthly session, we discuss books and reading in a fun, informal way (no writing or comprehension involved), with the emphasis on reading for pure enjoyment. If your child is stuck on a particular genre or author, or you feel has yet to learn to lose themselves in a book, this is a great way to encourage them to read more widely, enthusiastically and frequently. After each meeting you will need to source the book for your child from Amazon, a local book shop or the local library. The school usually purchases a couple of copies of the books for the WFJS library, too. Your child will then have four weeks in which to read it alone, or with your support before our next meeting. **The fee per child, per term is £15.**

What I offer:

- The opportunity for children to rediscover the joy of books and reading away from a formal classroom setting, with no expectations of SPAG, reading comprehension etc.
- An insight into the life of a working author and tips and encouragement for children who enjoy stories and might wish to write their own.

Your child will:

- **Grow** in confidence as they are encouraged to express and share their genuine views on the books they have read.
- **Expand** vocabulary organically as they read regularly and more widely.
- **Explore** the work of new authors and genres and begin to read outside their 'comfort zone'.
- **Take part** in monthly debates and fun termly quizzes.
- **Love** receiving video clips and messages from the authors of the books they're reading. Children at WFJS have heard directly from Helen Rutter (*The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*); David O'Connell (*The Chocolate Factory Ghost*) and Mitch Johnson (*Pop!*).
- **Enjoy** the chance to recommend books and authors to their peers.
- **Receive** an end of year Certificate acknowledging their reading.

To sign your child up and reserve their place please email me by the end of term on steph.clarkson@btconnect.com putting *WFJS Book Club* in the subject. I will then send you bank details and a full schedule for the term. (See below for testimonials from WFJS parents)

I look forward to hearing from you,
Stephanie Clarkson

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Monday to Friday

9:45am - 4pm (Early drop off from 8am & late pick up until 5:30pm available - please enquire)

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When Does My Club Start?

Most but not all clubs started last week (Week commencing 11th September 2023) please see the full list of clubs below and I have indicated in bold any clubs with later start dates:-

- Arts and Crafts – 11th September
- Book Club - 19th/20th September
- Chess – 20th September
- Code Camp - 18th /20th September
- Cookery Club – 12th September
- Dodgeball – 15th September
- Football Club – 12th September
- French – Tuesday 12th September
- **Gardening Club - 13th September (Please note no gardening club 20th and 27th September)**
- Girls lunchtime football – 14th September
- Gymnastics Club – 11th September
- Hip Hop – 12th September
- Judo – 19th/20th September
- Piano lessons – Agreed on a one on one basis
- **Spanish Club – 28th September**
- Tennis Club – 11st September
- Theatre Arts – 14th /15th September
- **Science Club (Year 4) – 12th September (no science club on 19th September)**
- **Science Club (Year 6) – 28th September**
- British Sign Language (BSL) Club - 15th September

Wraparound Care Provided by Junior Adventures Group - JAG!

Junior Adventures Group Club (JAG) provides excellent wraparound care at Wallace Fields Junior School. They run Breakfast Club from **7:30am until 8:40am** and After School Club from **3:25pm until 6:00pm**. From September, a new part session 4.30pm -6.00pm has been created for After School Club and is live on the JAG Magic Booking system (price is £11.00). This means your child can attend

a Wallace Fields Club and then join JAG at 4.30pm at the reduced price. This is from September 2023 and available to juniors only.

It would be very helpful if all parents could register on JAG

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/term-time/after-school-club/> even if they never use JAG during their time at WFJS. This would allow a late pick up in an emergency. JAG cannot take unregistered children due to them being under a different Ofsted registration. The office cannot look after a child beyond school day and those children who are regularly picked up late must register with JAG.



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General Reminders and News

Flu Vaccination

Re: Your child's flu vaccination e-consent

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting your school on **THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray.

Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER by visiting:

- www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and entering your school's unique code SR125298
- **If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.**
- If you do not want your child to receive the nasal spray vaccine on the basis of porcine gelatine, please fill in the 'No' box indicating this, and you will be given the opportunity to consent for an alternative vaccination. This vaccination is delivered by injection into the arm (intramuscularly) and does not contain any porcine DNA agents. We will deliver this in school when we visit, if you would like your child to receive this vaccination in a clinic, please contact us on the above number or email.

An automated email will be sent to you on completion of the e-consent form from Cinnamon Digital Applications (who host the website portal for us). If you do not receive this, please check in your junk email or contact the Immunisation team.

You can find out further information about this vaccine at the following link:

Child flu vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Making the Roads Safer

If possible, please walk to school. Mr Findlay is always on duty to ensure the traffic remains calm and controlled. Drive slowly and respectfully and please park on one side of the road and not over the resident's drives. Obviously, do not park on double yellow lines and please give way to avoid gridlock. Use the turning circle at the bottom of Dorling Drive to maintain the flow of traffic. Avoid three point turns in the road as this blocks and is dangerous to children and other pedestrians. Thank you for putting the children's safety first.

What Do I Wear On PE or Games Days?

On the days children do PE or games, they must come in wearing their PE kit and remain in it all day. PE kit is red shorts with the school logo, white t-shirt with the school logo, white socks and trainers. When the weather is cold Winter PE kit includes black tracksuit bottoms and the school logo red sweatshirt as children will be too cold in shorts and t-shirt. Shorts can be worn underneath. They must have plimsolls in school, as well as wearing their trainers in case they get wet or muddy feet in the day and need to change.

The days are as follows:-

Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 4 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 6 – Monday and Thursday

Please note that our uniform is not gender specific and the wearing of PE uniform on PE/games days means time saved from changing in and out of kit and there is more time to do sports, games and PE.

Earphones for use with Chromebooks

Thinking ahead for this year, if you have any unused earphones with a 3.5mm jack ([click here](#) for an example) these would be very useful for your child to keep in a small Tupperware box in their bags for when we use Chromebooks in music lessons. I am finding more and more excellent online resources which require sound and whilst I have a set of class headphones, they are not very durable and the fully functioning pairs are depleting!

Many thanks, Mrs Johnstone

OTHER KEY DATES THIS TERM

- **Wednesday 27th September 9.30-11.30am** - Home Start Positive Parenting Workshop. Parents Welcome
- **Wednesday 27th September 3.30pm-4.30pm** - Year 6 netball trials for all interested girls and boys
- **Friday 29th September 2.00pm-3.00pm** Inter-House cross country - Parents welcome to watch
- **Tuesday 3rd October 9.30am - 11.30am** - Positive Parenting Workshop. Parents welcome. Sign up on link
- **Wednesday 11th October 2.00pm-3.00pm** - Year 3 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- **Thursday 12th October 2.00pm-3.00pm** - Year 4 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- **Tuesday 17th October 2.00pm-3.00pm** - Year 5 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- **Wednesday 18th October 2.00pm-3.00pm** - Year 6 Tea Party. Parents welcome.
- **Thursday 19th October** - Year 5 river walk trip TBC
- **Thursday 19th October 2023 at 3:30pm** - School breaks up for half term
- **Friday 20th October 2023** - INSET DAY (School Closed)
- **HALF TERM– Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023**

For the latest dates click [here](#) for calendar on website.

Stationery Reminder

Your child must have the right stationery in class and if not this impacts on everyone, disturbing them! Please ask your child to check if they need stationery. Class teachers may send your child home with a slip indicating which stationery they need. Parents may provide their child with a little cash so that they can buy replacement stationery as necessary. Children may purchase replacement whiteboard pens, glue sticks, pens and pencils at our stationery shop run by Year 6 prefects on Tuesday and Thursday break times (at the 4J window).



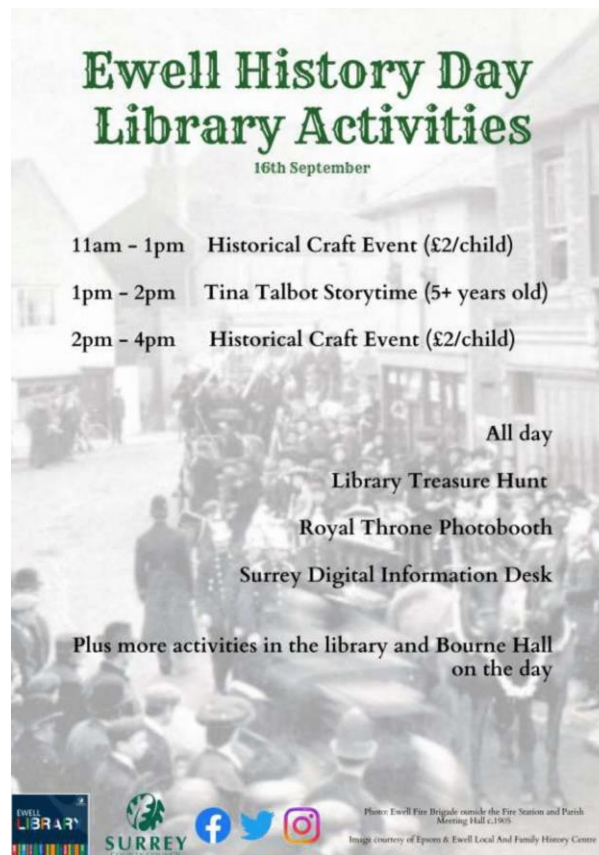
Stationery Shop
*Open to all children - Tuesday and Thursday playtimes in the playground.
 Shop run by Year 6 Prefects.*

Purple pen.....	15p
Pencil	15p
Staedtler Pen	60p
Classmate Ruler	30p
Pritt Stick	£1.25
Berol Pen	30p
Barrel Sharpeners	90p
Whiteboard Pen.....	70p
Erasers	40p



COMMUNITY NEWS

BOURNE HALL NEWS



**Ewell History Day
Library Activities**
16th September

11am - 1pm Historical Craft Event (£2/child)
1pm - 2pm Tina Talbot Storytime (5+ years old)
2pm - 4pm Historical Craft Event (£2/child)

All day
Library Treasure Hunt
Royal Throne Photobooth
Surrey Digital Information Desk

Plus more activities in the library and Bourne Hall on the day




    

Photo: Ewell Fire Brigade outside the Fire Station and Parish Meeting Hall c.1905
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BRONZE AGE

The Bronze Age marks the first time people in Britain began to work with metal. Watch visiting smithy Dr James Dilly cast a bronze axehead, as it was done some 4000 years ago.



IRON AGE

Watch Iron Age folk throw offerings to their gods into Bourne Hall's sacred waters to seek their help. As the Roman army advances with a giant crossbow, they are going to need it!

ROMANS

Roman Ewell is a stopping-off point on the road from the south coast to London. Romans make offerings at the sacred spring too or bury them outside the village. If you are lucky, you may get to see gladiators fight!



TUDORS

King Henry VIII has come to his palace at Nonsuch and is visiting Ewell. This is your chance to meet him, but be careful what you say to this not-so-merry monarch, you don't want to lose your head!

THE WITCH HUNTER

Watch out for the witch hunter! He's on the lookout for Joan Butts, Ewell's own witch. She was charged with bewitching a local servant girl, sent to Southwark and put on trial for her life.



WORLD WAR II

Meet the Hampshire Regiment, who will recount the Battle of Arnhem. See their weapons and hear how they survived one of the biggest disasters of the Allied war effort.

EWELL HISTORY DAY



BOURNE HALL, EWELL
SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
10AM - 5PM

**FREE
ENTRY**

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10am	Opens to the public
10.30am	Romans march down Ewell Village from the Grove to Bourne Hall
11am	Mayor opens History Day. Iron Age folk throw gifts in the lake
11.30am	Witchhunter tells the true story of Joan Butts - the Ewell witch
12pm	Fight to the death between a local Iron Age warrior and gladiator
12.30pm	Bronze Age metal smelting
1pm	An audience with Henry VIII
2pm	Children learn a Roman Army drill
2.30pm	Witchhunter tells the true story of Joan Butts - the Ewell witch
3pm	Bronze Age metal smelting
3.30pm	Children learn a Roman Army drill
4pm	An audience with Henry VIII
4.30pm	Fight to the death between a local Iron Age warrior and gladiator
5pm	Finish

Come and try your hand at brass rubbing.

Brasses have been used to cover tombs in British churches since the 1200s. See how they bring to life long-dead medieval knights, Elizabethan gentlemen and whole families. Discover how they reveal the changes in armour, fashion and jewellery.



Come and try brasses from St. Mary's Church Ewell in the museum gallery. Available all year.



The V-1 was the first of the Vergeltungswaffen (V weapons) deployed for the terror bombing of London. It was developed at Peenemunde in 1939 by the Luftwaffe at the beginning of WW2, and during initial development was known by the codename 'Cherry Stone' due to its limited range. The thousands of V-1 missiles launched into England were fired from along the French and Dutch coasts.

The Wehrmacht first launched the V-1s against London on 13 June 1944, one week after (and prompted by) the D Day landings. At their peak, more than one hundred V-1s a day were fired at south east England, 9,521 in total - 30 fell on Epsom and Ewell. We have on display in the museum gallery an eight-foot section of one of these terror weapons, which fell on Ashted Common after the war.

Meet some men from the Hampshire Regiment who will be here all day to describe what it was like at the Battle of Arnhem, with a display of their weapons and tales of how they tried to survive.

The 18 September 1944 was the second day of the ill-fated battle, a bold - but ultimately unsuccessful - attempt to outflank German defences in north-west Europe with a bridgehead across the lower Rhine.



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