



Wallace Fields Junior School Newsletter



Thursday 5th February 2026

NEXT WEEK

- **Monday 9th February 2026**
 - Year 6 French Fashion Show in French Lessons.

- Tickets for the 'Borough Music Festival' will go on sale directly through The Playhouse.
- **Tuesday 10th February 2026**
 - Safer Internet Day.
 - Year 5 Music Assembly 14:45 - Selected Musicians Parents Invited.
- **Wednesday 11th February 2026** - PTA Spring Disco 16:45 -17:45
- **Thursday 12th February 2026** All Girls Football Training Cancelled as Mr Dowdeswell away.
- **Friday 13th February 2026** - Break up for half term at 15:25/15:30
- **Monday 16th February - 20th February 2026 - Half Term**
- **Monday 23rd February 2026** - INSET Training Day School Closed
- **Tuesday 24th February 2026** - Children return to school

[Click Here¹ for Upcoming Events](#)

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

HEAD'S UPDATE

[Governor's Visit - Seeking Curriculum and Intervention Assurance](#)

We would like to thank two of our school governors, Liz Berry and Jane Clayton, for coming into school to review our curriculum including the interventions, maths and English provision. Both governors are highly experienced in education and were extremely impressed with the quality of teaching and learning across the school. They were particularly struck by the strength of our interventions for SEND and EAL pupils.

They were available to meet parents at the front gate, although they didn't meet many parents on this occasion, they will be present at future school events to offer further opportunities for engagement.

They talked to the children and staff and looked at lessons in action and saw some of the work the children had produced. We are very grateful to them for giving up their time to see the school in person, and they have asked us to pass on their thanks to all staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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

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

³<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2025-03-18-inset-days-confirmed-for-next-academic-school-year>

Dojo System Breach Update

Last weekend, an individual gained access to our Dojo House Points system and sent inappropriate messages to some parents. Staff acted quickly on Sunday to shut down the messaging and 'story' functions. We have identified the breach, and our technical team is checking all systems linked with the Dojo platform to ensure full security in future.

Please note that we never use the Dojo platform to send any messages to parents. All official communication is sent directly from the school office via email.

Thank you to the parents who contacted us. The issue has been dealt with, and digital safety remains a key priority for our school.

THIS WEEK

Stars of Week



The latest **Stars of the Week** were announced in the assembly last week - they create a superb role model for their fellow peers through their efforts and commitment by following the school values.

Nominated each week in our Celebration Assembly every Friday. All of the Stars of the Week receive a certificate and five house points for showing one or more of the school BELIEVE values - **B**rilliance, **E**nthusiasm, **L**earning, **I**nspiration, **EV**sion and **E**very pupil matters. Well done to this week's winners.

Junk Percussion Music Workshop



On Monday this week, the children enjoyed making a bit (or rather, a lot!) of creative noise when they took part in their Junk Percussion workshop led by Mr Gilmore from Sussex Music Workshops. This workshop was planned as an introduction to our music composition projects that we are starting in each year group, based on *The Great Outdoors*.

The purpose of these sessions was to help the children understand that everyday objects can be used creatively to make a wide range of musical sounds - just as natural objects outdoors can create interesting noises. When combined, these sounds can build exciting musical textures.

I think my favourite piece of junk was the large water bottle - there were so many different ways to create different effects! The children also had to think carefully about how to structure their rhythms as a group in order to build their final composition.

Here are some photos from each year group to give you a little taste of the day.

Many thanks to the PTA for funding this lovely opportunity for every child.

For lots of photos and videos from the workshop click [here](#)⁴.

Year 5 Poetry Festival

In Year 5, the children have been learning about Karl Nova and using his poems as inspiration to write their own. We have spent the last three weeks generating ideas for poems and the children wrote their own last week. We finished our poetry topic with a fabulous '**Poetry Festival**', where children could perform their poetry to the rest of the year group. We welcomed Mr Lee to perform, and the children loved his performance of 'Jabberwocky'. Well done to all the Year 5 children and we hope you enjoyed the poems they brought home.

⁴<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-02-05-wallace-fields-juniors-find-their-rhythm-playing-junk-percussion>

Panathlon

On Monday, Miss Hill and Mrs Short took 8 children from Year 4 (Ezra, Louie, Harry, Thomas, Ethan, Jake, Gabriel and Faye) to the Active Surrey Primary **Panathlon Sports Challenge** at NESCOT. The children worked incredibly well as a team and participated in seven different multi-skills style stations, scoring highly at each station. We are delighted to share the news that the team finished in first place and were presented with gold medals and a huge trophy to bring back to school! We are incredibly proud of each and every member of the team for their sportsmanship and how they represented Wallace Fields so well. The team have also progressed to the county final later this year - we will keep you updated as to their progress!

For more photos click here⁵.



Wallace Fields Juniors SPORTING NEWS

On Thursday 29th January 2026 the girls' football team played Cuddington Croft. They played a good game and well done to Alma for scoring a goal. In the end the opposition kicked the ball further and harder and they won the game 2-1.

On Friday 30th January 2026 Wallace Fields Junior School sent a football team to the NS Sport tournament at Auriol School.

"We won the tournament on Friday it was a close final game. We needed a win or a draw to win we were losing 1-0 with less than a minute left and Albert chipped it into the goal scoring the winning goal we needed to win the tournament. The boys played amazing throughout and were undefeated in every game." Match Report by Mrs Dunn. See the photos attached.

On Monday 2nd February 2026 we sent two football teams to the Epsom and Ewell Football Tournament at Priest Hill and both Year 5 & 6 got to the final but were pipped to the post and both came second.

"Two teams from Wallace Fields Juniors upper school attended the Epsom and Ewell football tournament on Monday. The weather held out and a great afternoon of full throttle football

⁵<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/news/2026-02-04-winners-at-panathlon-sports-challenge-at-nescot>

played out. Mr Findlay managed the Year 5 team on the grass pitches whilst the Year 6 played their tournament on the artificial grass pitches. Both teams demonstrated great determination and skill to come top in the group stages. Although they did not win the Final the teams finished the tournament in great fashion. Well done to all the players who proved to be great representatives of Wallace Fields Juniors by demonstrating great sportsmanship skill and determination! Also big thank you to Mr Findlay for managing the team and all the supporters who came to cheer on the squad." Mr Sellars

Good luck to the the A & B football teams playing St Martins tonight, Thursday 5th February 2026.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Reminder - Staff Training Day Monday 23rd February 2026

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **Monday 23rd February 2026** is a staff training day. This means that school will be **closed** to all pupils on that day, and children will return after the half-term break on **Tuesday 24th February 2026**.

Please note that wraparound care **JAG will not be available** on Monday 23rd February 2026, so we kindly ask families to ensure that suitable childcare arrangements are in place.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Safer Internet Day - Keeping Our Children Safe

Next **Tuesday 10th February 2026** is **Safer Internet Day**. It is an event which is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year, the theme is: **Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**. We will be marking Safer Internet Day in school with an assembly on Monday morning and discussing the theme in more detail in Life Lessons.

More information on these topics can be found on the following links:

Top Tips For Parents and Carers:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Top Tips For Young People:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

Epsom & Ewell Borough Music Festival Tickets

Mrs Johnston has now gone back to choir parents to confirm who will be performing on each night of the Epsom & Ewell Borough Music Festival.

- **Tuesday 24th March 2026:** Aarushi, Alma, Bea, Chloe, Eliana, Grace, Jessie, Leena, Mai, Marta, Monty, Nandika, Nyla, Rhea, Violet, and Vivienne.
- **Wednesday 25th March 2026:** Alice, Anna, Ella, Emily, Eva, Francesca, George, Hana, Joe, Reema, Rose, Sabrina, Sophia, Thea, William, and Yoon Seul.

Tickets for the 'Borough Music Festival' will **go on sale directly through The Playhouse from Monday 9th February 2026**. They sell out quickly so it might be wise to set a reminder to avoid disappointment. Click [here](#)⁶ for their website.

Wallace Fields Junior School are Going to the Moon!

Four astronauts will fly around the Moon and back on **Artemis II**, the first crewed flight under NASA's Artemis campaign. Artemis II will test NASA's deep space capabilities, as humans fly on the SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft for the first time. The approximately 10-day mission will launch from Launch Complex 39 at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida no later than April 2026.

To celebrate this monumental return to the Moon for the human race, each class in the school has received a special boarding pass and the submitted names will be included on an SD card that will fly inside Orion when the Artemis II mission launches... we also thought that we better send Mr Lee and Mrs Day to the Moon as well just for good measure, so they got their own individual passes!

If your child would like to have their personal name added to the SD card and join the mission, please feel free to enter your information at home by clicking on this website link: <https://www3.nasa.gov/send-your-name-with-artemis/#user-information>

⁶<https://www.epsomplayhouse.co.uk/>



Kids Vs Adults Football Matches Lower School Deadline Tonight.

The Lower School Kids vs Adults football match is going ahead on 26th February from 15:45 – 16:30 with mini 15 minutes matches where the children can face their adults. We will be asking for a **cash donation of **£10** for adults and **£5** for children on entry to the matches, which will go towards the new sporting equipment.**

You do not need to be a great footballer, or super fit and the emphasis is on having fun - rather than beating the children! You will need shin pads and a good team spirit.

We would love to see as many of you with children in Year 3 or 4 there as possible! Sign-up closes midnight tonight **Thursday 5th February 2026.**

We will need to consider numbers so if you are interested in playing, please complete the Google Form on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/78XGqJznVfeW3hN37>

Art Exhibition Horton Art Centre

A selection of children's artwork has been selected for entry to the art exhibition at **Horton Arts Centre** from the 3rd - 7th March 2026 and parents/carers were contacted this week.

The selected children's art work will be displayed in an A3 black frame, and parents, grandparents and friends are invited to view the exhibition at Horton Art Centre from Tuesday 3rd March 2026 to Saturday 7th March 2026. Horton Art Centre is located at Haven Way, Epsom, KT19 8NP and is open 9:15 to 16.00 daily. As children are at school during the week, parents may wish to visit with their child on Saturday.

Parents of children with selected artwork may reserve and purchase the framed artwork before the exhibition on Scopay at a cost of £11. Payment link is now available online.

There is some financial help available for those children on free school meals. Please visit Scopay to make your payment.

Artwork will be available to collect from **3.30pm on Saturday 7th March 2026** at the exhibition, from Mrs Curran. All remaining artwork will be brought back to school for collection.

Yours sincerely, **Mrs Curran** Year 4 Teacher / Art and D&T lead

Changes to School Meals

As we approach the end of this half term, you have the option to change your child's meal preference.

Please only complete this form by Wednesday 11th February 2026 if you wish to make a change.

If your child requires a special diet, please can you also complete and return the attached form by Wednesday 11th February. This form can also be found directly on our website under Parents/Meals.

If you wish your child to continue with a School Lunch after half term, your child's balance for this half term **must be paid by Friday 13th February 2026.**

Please note that a cost of a School lunch is £2.90 per day. Payment can be made on SCOPAY at the end of this half term and the total cost for next term is £69.60.

Click Here⁷

⁷<https://forms.gle/eugE7vp7DLzWaxEo8>

**SPECIAL DIET REQUEST FORM**

School/Academy

Child's Name Class:

Please specify type of diet requested:

Medical (e.g. Nut/Gluten Allergy)

Religious (e.g. Halal, Hindu)

Ethical (e.g. vegetarian = eats no meat or fish)

Please print specific details. Identify food that the child is / is not allowed to eat. This is not to be used for likes/dislikes but for medical or cultural requirements only

| Non Suitable Foods | Suitable or Substitute Foods |
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DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT OR LIFE THREATENING FOOD ALLERGY?
(PLEASE CIRCLE) YES NO

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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. | |
| EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR USE OF A PRELOADED ADRENALIN INJECTION | Details: (School/Academy to complete) |
| WHERE IS THE PRELOADED ADRENALIN INJECTION LOCATED? | |
| ADMINISTERED BY WHOM? | |
| LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF CHILD AGREED AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURE IN PLACE | Details: (School/Academy to complete) |

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Signature: Print Name: Date:
Parent Parent

Signature: Print Name: Date:
School/Academy Representative School/Academy Representative

Signature: Print Name: Date:
Twelve15 Representative Twelve15 Representative

*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 Twelve15 kitchen.***GDPR - Special Diet Request Form**

Special Diet 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/Academy 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.sureycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/your-privacy>

I confirm that I have read and understood the above:

Signature: Print Name: Date:
Parent Parent

Signature: Print Name: Date:
School/Academy Representative School/Academy Representative

Signature: Print Name: Date:
Twelve15 Representative Twelve15 Representative

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Wallace Fields Junior School Staff Vacancies

Our lovely School Business Manager Claire White is taking early retirement at the end of the school year; so **we are now looking to recruit an experienced School Business Manager from September 2026**. The School Business Manager (SBM) plays a critical role in all non-curriculum aspects of the running of the school; leading on finance & procurement, health and safety, human resources and IT. They manage the School Office team and Premises Manager. They report to the Headteacher and be key part of the Senior Leadership team working closely with other leaders to ensure the strategic vision of the school is achievable and sustainable. We are looking to appoint a strong candidate to provide vision, knowledge and expertise in all aspects of finance and business management. It would be advantageous to have previous school experience, and a finance or SBM qualification.

We are also looking to recruit another Teaching Assistant for up to 30 hours per week.

Teaching assistants support our children in their learning by either working with individuals or groups of students. They also contribute to the assessment, planning, recording, monitoring, and reporting of pupils' progress. The post will require the successful applicant to undertake any such duties as may be assigned which are consistent with the nature of the job and the level of responsibility, these include lunch time supervisor duties.

For all vacancies at Wallace Fields Junior School go to Eteach by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/wallacefields-jun-surrey>

World Book Day Lunch - Open to All 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 5th March 2026**. The cost of the meal is **£2.90** and a copy of the menu is in the Weekly Newsletter.

If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like to have school lunch on this day, please complete this online form no later than Friday 13th February 2026.

If your child has a special dietary requirement, please complete the attached form and return it to the School Office no later than Friday 13th February 2026.

Click here for World Book Day Menu.⁸

⁸<https://forms.gle/aSJeP7T1Ctrh8guB7>



YEAR 3

Year 3 Road Safety 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 24th and 25th February 2026.

Our Year 3 pupils will be participating in activities held within the classroom as well as on-road practical training in small groups of approximately 4 children led by fully trained and DBS checked Surrey County Council Walking Instructors. There are also some at home activities to continue the learning!

All Year 3 children will participate. As we already have parental consent for local walking trips, we do not require you to sign a permission slip.

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.

The benefits of active travel on health, wellbeing, and the environment. The Feet First is run by external trainers from Surrey County Council so there is a small cost per child; we

therefore need to ask for a **voluntary donation for this on Scopay of £7.50** 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 will also get a certificate, pencil, sticker and fluorescent zip clip for their school bag.

Further information about Feet First can be found here⁹.

YEAR 5

Year 5 Music Assembly

Well done to all those children in Year 5 who took part in auditions for the Year 5 music assembly. There were some final auditions at lunchtime today, and parents of the children who are selected to take part have now been contacted by email and invited to attend the performance on **Tuesday 10th February at around 2.40pm**.

Year 5 French Fashion Show - Monday 9th February 2026

In Year 5 we have been learning how to describe clothing in preparation for our **French Fashion Show**. This will be held on **Monday, 9th February** during French lessons. Each group will have chosen a "Collection", either Autumn, Winter, Summer or Spring, and will bring in appropriate clothing/accessories that they will change into immediately beforehand. They already will have brought in their clothing and accessories this week ready for the event. We are **not** inviting parents/carers to this event.

YEAR 6

National Standard Level 2 Cycling Course (Bikeability Training)

Each child in Year 6 is given the opportunity to sign up take part in the **Bikeability Training Scheme**.

The **Level 2 qualification** teaches cycling on roads with moderate traffic. The children will receive a report at the end of the week outlining their strengths and weaknesses, to assist them in improving their road skills.

Although the dates are quite a long way off we need to ensure enough instructors are booked. So please sign upon the Surrey County Council portal to reserve your child's place.

All children taking part must:

- Be able to cycle and have good control and balance on their bicycle.

⁹<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-safety/schools/walking-training>

- Have a road worthy bicycle and helmet.

The training will take place during the school day during either **week commencing 18th May, 2nd June or 22nd June2026**. The course will be either a 4 or 5 day course to fit around our busy Year 6 summer schedule. There will be smaller groupings for the 4 day course to ensure all can cover the same content. Class Teachers will assign the groups. You will receive a further email nearer the time with more details about what is required, the groups, and the dates and times they will take part.

The course is run by Surrey County Council so you will need to enrol and pay using the following https://surreycycletraining.online/public/school_training/112056/

Please sign up as soon as possible so we can arrange suitable instructors but the final **closing date is 17th March2026**.

There is a charge of £16.00 per child for the training. This will be free for children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) but they must still enrol online.

Please take time to ensure your child's bicycle and helmet is in good working order and to encourage your child to practice over the Easter holidays and leading up to the activity.

Year 6 Trip To France - Friendly Reminder

Please be reminded that the next instalment of **£120.00** for the Year 6 trip to France was due on 22 January 2026. If you have not yet made this payment, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible.

We would also like to gently remind all parents and carers to check their child's passport. At the time of travel, UK passports must meet the following requirements:

- The passport must be less than 10 years old.
- The passport must be valid for at least 3 months after the day we leave France.

Thank you very much for your support in ensuring everyone is fully prepared for this exciting trip.

PTA

Meet your new WFJS PTA Committee for 2025-2026

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the AGM on Wednesday. We are delighted to announce the election of the new committee members Maliha, Nicola, Mary and Sarah. We are so excited to be building on the success of last year and have lots of exciting plans afoot. We will publish the minutes of the meeting and the financial summary in due course but in the meantime do get in touch with us at wfjspta@gmail.com¹⁰ if you have any queries or

¹⁰<mailto:wfjspta@gmail.com>

would like to find out how YOU can get involved to support the children's learning experiences in school!



Get Ready to Dance! - The Spring Disco is Here!

The PTA are starting off the 2026 calendar of fun events with a Spring Disco for the children on **Wednesday 11th February 2026**.

Tickets can be purchased by following the link below.

The PTA is kicking off an exciting calendar of events for 2026 with a **Spring Disco** for the children! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday 11th February 2026** – it's going to be a fantastic evening of music, dancing, and fun with friends.

Tickets are now available and can be purchased by following the link below. Don't miss out on the first big event of the year – let's make it an event to remember!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110962>



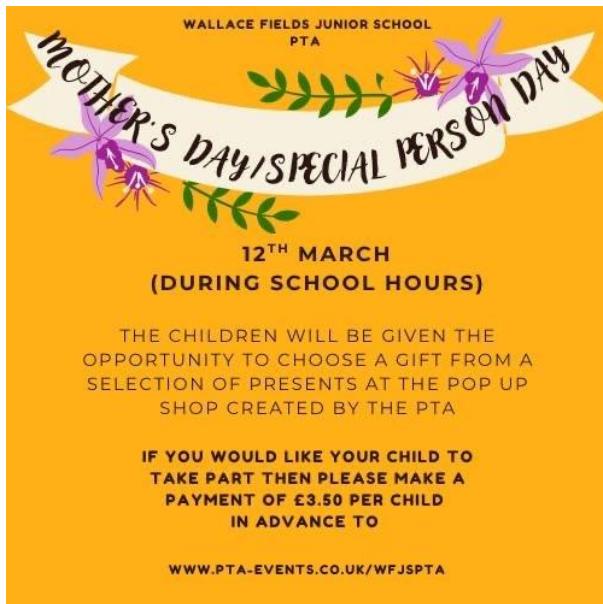
Special Person Shop for Mother's Day

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 on **12th March 2026**.

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.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfjspta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=110984>



Gather Your Friends and Join Us for QUIZ NIGHT 2026: The Battle of the Schools!

We are delighted to be holding a Quiz night on **Friday 20 March 2026**, jointly with our friends at the Infant School PTA!!

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champions? Will the Infant School or the Junior School come out on top? Will the Infants staff team or the Juniors staff team beat the parents? Who will win the top prize and who will go home with the wooden spoon?!

Your ticket includes entry to the Quiz, pizza supper and a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). There will also be a fully stocked bar (cash or card payment).

If you have already formed a team (of a maximum of eight people) please email us at wfispta@gmail.com¹¹ with your team name and the names of all the participants. If you don't have a team, not to worry! We can team you up with some lovely people! Do email us on wfispta@gmail.com¹² and we will be delighted to help.

Get your tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=111614>

¹¹<mailto:wfispta@gmail.com>

¹²<mailto:wfispta@gmail.com>



REMINDER AND USEFUL INFORMATION

Online Subscriptions Fees

We are pleased to continue our online subscriptions to **Mathletics**, **Times Table Rock Stars**, **Spelling Shed** and **Linguascope** to name a few, which are used by the children both at school and to complete homework. These online portals are useful tools for children to develop their speed and confidence in maths, spelling and language comprehension.

The school purchases these online resources each year and in order to cover the cost of these subscriptions, we would like to request a voluntary contribution of **£10.50 per child** to cover these costs. If your child is currently on Free School Meals you will not be required to pay this.

We realise not everyone will be able to afford this, but if you are in a position to contribute, please do so via Scopay. Also, our **School Fund** Voluntary Contribution button which is available under **Products** in Scopay is always available for you to make a further voluntary contributions to our School Fund during the school year. We would also like to thank families who have donated to the School Fund this year – which again allows us to fund the extras that we wouldn't be able to afford from government funding alone.

PE Kit for Year 5 & 6 Swimming days and Swimming Reminder

Swimming lessons are going well. For those selected , swimming will continue on Monday mornings at Epsom College, and this will help to develop their swimming skills. Lessons will happen on the following remaining dates:

9th February

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March

20th & 27th April

11th & 18th May 2026

Remember swimming things (including costumes, towel etc) in a waterproof swimming bag and water bottle and snack.

Please remind your child to wear their PE kit to school on Mondays from next week. We hope this will speed up changing and allow more swimming time in the pool.

Donation of Second Hand Football Boots or Astro Boots

If your child has grown out of their football boots or astro boots do consider donating to the school to store in the PE shed. It is useful for children who have forgotten their kit and or to donate to pupil premium children. Thank you, much appreciated

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly woven into young people's digital lives. It can offer some educational benefits and day-to-day assistance; however, it also raises concerns about misinformation, privacy, fairness, and safety. This guide provides parents and educators with practical strategies to support young people to navigate AI tools responsibly, and to use them safely and with discernment.

1 DEMYSTIFY WHAT AI REALLY IS
Children encounter AI in most online places, including games, streaming platforms, and school tools. Explain that AI uses patterns from past data to make decisions, but it doesn't think or have human-like emotions. Use age-appropriate examples, like AI recommendations on YouTube or Netflix, to build understanding and prevent false beliefs about AI being all-knowing or alive.

2 TALK ABOUT RISKS OF MISINFORMATION
AI can create convincing false information, including deepfake videos. Discuss how AI can encourage children to think critically about what they see and read. Teach them to double-check information using reliable sources, to look at images and videos carefully, and to ask an adult if something doesn't seem right.

3 DISCUSS DATA AND PRIVACY
Explain that AI systems learn by analysing lots of data, sometimes including personal information. Help young people to be mindful of what they share online and why protecting personal data is important. Encourage habits like reading app permissions together or reviewing what's collected by voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.

4 ENCOURAGE CREATIVE USE OF AI
Support children, when using AI tools, to explore ideas, make art, or build projects. This fosters confidence, interests, and independent thinking. When children use AI creatively, rather than just passively consuming it, they are more likely to stay engaged and make thoughtful choices.

5 USE AGE-APPROPRIATE AI TOOLS
Not all AI platforms are suitable for children. Choose tools designed for education or have strong child safety policies. Review terms of use and privacy settings, and help children use them in age-appropriate ways. For example, some chatbot tools mimic conversation but should only be used with guidance and boundaries in place.

6 USE AI TOGETHER
Exploring AI tools together can help adults understand how they work and spot potential issues. Try co-writing a story with an AI writing assistant, or using AI to generate art tools. This encourages curiosity, helps you stay informed about the latest AI tools, and allows you to reinforce safe and respectful use while modelling critical thinking.

7 SET BOUNDARIES FOR AI USE
Establish when, where, and how AI tools can be used, just as you would with any digital technology. For example, you might agree not to use AI tools to complete school assignments without permission, or to avoid unsupervised use of voice assistants. Consistent boundaries help manage overuse and misuse.

8 WATCH FOR OVERRELIANCE
Some AI tools, like homework help apps, may be tempting shortcuts. Encourage children to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. Celebrate effort and process over perfect answers. Research that mistakes are part of learning and that relying too heavily on AI can limit real understanding.

9 TEACH DIGITAL ETHICS AND LITERACY
Help children explore how AI works, where it might be biased, and why ethical thinking matters. Building digital literacy alongside AI literacy ensures children engage with AI critically, not just conveniently. Help young people to understand that not all people use AI for legitimate purposes; sometimes it is used for bad reasons. Encourage questions about fairness, representation, and who benefits from certain tools; talk about algorithms, echo chambers, and the impact of automation on daily life.

10 STAY CURIOUS AND INVOLVED
AI is developing rapidly, and staying informed helps parents and carers people in your care. Follow trusted sources for updates and keep the conversation going. If a child brings up a new AI trend or tool, take the opportunity to learn about it together. Showing interest builds trust and strengthens digital resilience.

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YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team offers support to parents/carers whose children are experiencing challenges or difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The Family Wellbeing service helps families set goals and identify needs through 1:1 or group support. We empower parents with the tools and knowledge to create a more supportive home environment, promoting better mental health for children.

This service offers support to parents/carers in the following local authority areas:

- ▶ Epsom & Ewell / Elmbridge / Mole Valley - parents/carers with children aged 11-18

We work from YMCA centres in Mole Valley, Epsom and Tadworth. We also offer online support via Teams and in other community venues.

We accept self-referrals from parents/carers and direct referrals from professionals.

For more information or to discuss a referral, please get in touch.
E communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeastssurrey.org.uk
 Or complete our [Family Wellbeing Service Contact Form](#)
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In conversation with
SCREENSAFE

We are excited to again be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, ScreenSafe and experts from the eduthing Professional Learning team, and you're invited!

Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- Artificial Intelligence - What to know and how to support your children and young people
- Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Top Tips and Tricks for Parents & Carers
- Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!
- Interactive Q&A Session



ABOUT SCREENSAFE

I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles, misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.



ABOUT EDUTHING



eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.



We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.

SESSION REGISTRATION

Click here to register for the upcoming session:
<https://eduthi.ng/SIDW-2026> Please note that this is a live session.



Click here¹³ for More Information About Safeguarding at Wallace Fields Junior School

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February Half Term Holiday Club Now Open for Booking



¹³<https://wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding>

NS STARS PROGRAMME

For children who want to stay active and have 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:
TREASURE ISLAND
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY
 Make your own Pirate Hat
 Movie - It Monday
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY
 Pirate Training Camp Walk the Plank, Cannonball Toss, Agility Ladders, Top Shot Tuesday
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY
 Treasure Chest, Relay Races
 Workout & Heliumy Wednesday
THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY
 Battles for the Sun/Capture the Flag
 Freaky Fruity Thursday
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
 Ahoy Ho Friday!
 Dress up as a Pirate for the Jolly Roger Disco

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:
ISLAND KICKERS
MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY
 Captain's Orders
 Focus Drills
TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY
 Oni Battles
 Focus Passing
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY
 Cannon Fire Frenzy
 Focus Shooting
THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY
 Guard the Gold
 Focus Attack/Defend
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
 Shipwreck Showdown Champion Friday
 Focus Match Play

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

**** COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY FUN ****

NEXT STEP HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES COMES ALIVE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIODS

WHAT TO BRING:
 We ask that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and to play. A healthy packed lunch with water and a juice bottle. No fizzy drinks. Children staying with us for an extended play will need an extra snack. Venues are **NOT FREE**, in place support is with us. Lunch and water bottles are not free.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE LOOKED AFTER?
 Upon booking we ask for you to tell us a little about your child. From the very first meet your child becomes part of our setting and will be made to feel welcome and comfortable. Our staff to child ratios are extremely strong which ensures that your child's needs are priority.

HOW WILL MY CHILD SPEND THEIR DAY?
 Each day we ensure the children in our care have a fun day. Our days are designed with Fun, Physical, Emotional and Social Development in mind. We have a balance of activities and maintain enthusiasm and excitement in all that we do.

STANDARD PLAY £30
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EXTENDED PLAY £36
 From 09:00 - 16:00

EXTENDED AM/PM £33
 AM: 08:00-16:15 PM / 09:45 - 16:00

ALL BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE: WWW.NSSPORT.CO.UK
Payments can be made online. You can also make payment with Childcare Vouchers, see our website for more info.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Celebrating Success

go to Ruby (3T) and Robyn (3D) who were part of a team of cubs who won the Epsom & Ewell District Quiz this weekend! They will now go on to represent their Scout Group, 3rd Epsom, at county level.



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