



Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 1st December 2023



As we approach the end of term, we hope you will join us during some of our festivities. There are lots of treats in store, including beautiful singing and acting in our Christmas performances. If you are unable to arrange alternative childcare for younger siblings/toddlers, please do feel free to bring them along with you. Last week was national road safety week and this year's theme was speed.

During assembly we talked about strategies to keep ourselves safe including staying with an adult, keeping away from the roadside and stopping, looking and listening when crossing the road. Please reiterate these strategies with your children when out and about, and remind them to stay with you when riding on scooters and bikes so as not to bump into any pedestrians. Please can we remind those of you who drive to school not to park on the yellow lines for the safety of all of the children.

This week in my assembly we explored questions around cultures, languages and race. We discussed how family traditions are important to talk about and the importance of everyone being treated fairly. We also learned our British Values song.

Over the last two weeks, as well as being busy preparing for the festivities, I have seen some excellent learning; puppet making in Year 2, RE exploring Christianity and the nativity story in Year 1, creating wonderful habitats for minibeasts in Reception and fantastic wintery crafts in Nursery.

Please [click here](#) to read the minutes of the PTA Committee Meeting which took place on 23rd November.

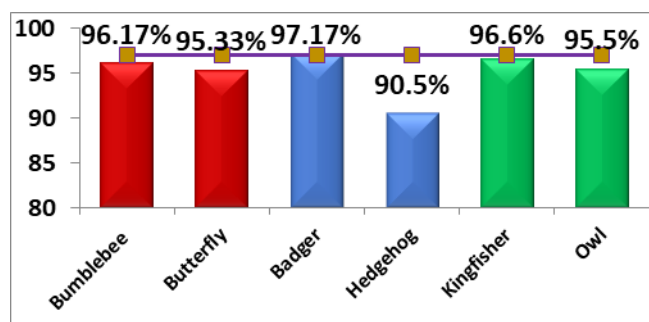
Mrs Muir – Headteacher

WFIS Attendance

Please make sure your child attends school regularly

WFIS Attendance (%) Fortnight Ending 24.11.23

Overall School Attendance: 95.22%



Class Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to our Class Attendance Trophy winners **Kingfisher** and **Badger** for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Keep up the great work!





Nursery

This week Big Stars have been practicing their scissor skills by cutting out winter shapes or drawing their own shapes to cut out.



Reception

We have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and identifying these shapes in the environment. The children are able to use their mathematical knowledge and language to explore making famous buildings in the construction area. In the art area the children have also enjoyed printing with 2D and 3D shapes to discover different surfaces made by the shapes.





Year One

This week in Science, Bader Class have been conducting some exciting experiments. We have been learning about fair testing and why it is important to keep certain variables the same. We tested wrapping different materials around eggs including tin foil, bubble wrap and old socks. We dropped the eggs from exactly the same height to keep it a fair test. Before we started, we made our predictions. Lots of our eggs were protected and a few smashed along the way!



Year Two

The past few weeks Owl Class have been learning about different artists. We looked at the work of Kandinsky who listens to music to hear the colours he paints. In our classroom we created a playlist of popular music, classical, rock and roll, pop, and listened to how the music made us feel. We used patterns and shapes with bright, bold colours to create large scale artwork! Next we looked at the work of Henry Fraser. He is an artist who became paralysed from the neck down after being in an unfortunate accident in his childhood. He uses our school values of determination and fantastic effort to create incredible paintings using his mouth. As you can see from our photos, the children loved the challenge set for them - to paint the outline of a flower using the paintbrush in their mouths!





Staff Spotlight Katie Muir



I have worked at Wallace Fields Infant School for 17 years. I started off as a trainee teacher here and during my time have taught in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Nursery. I spent many years as the school SENCO, Inclusion Lead and Deputy Headteacher. Throughout my time at Wallace Fields, I have led many subjects and supported staff as a mentor. More recently I have worked as a facilitator trainer delivering seminars to Early Career Teachers across Epsom and Ewell before moving on to my headship. I feel privileged to be Head Teacher at the school I have spent my teaching career in. My passion is the children, the community we work in and the many staff who go above and beyond for the school and the children which is why I have wanted to remain at Wallace Fields for so many years!



Christmas Performances



Monday 11 th December	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance Year 1 parents/carers invited (up to two adults per child). Please arrive promptly at 09:00 and enter via the playground entrance to the school hall. Performance ends ~10:15.
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1&2 Christmas Performance Year 2 parents/carers invited (up to two adults per child). Please arrive promptly at 09:00 and enter via the playground entrance to the school hall. Performance ends ~10:15.
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Christmas Performance Reception parents/carers invited (up to two adults per child). Please arrive promptly at 09:00 and enter via the playground entrance to the school hall. Performance ends ~10:15.
	Big Stars Christmas Performance Big Stars parents/carers invited (up to two adults per child). Please arrive promptly at 10:45 and enter via the school office. Parents are welcome to take their children home after their performance or they can return to Nursery to finish their day. The performance will last approx. 15 minutes.

With all our Christmas performances, babies and pre-school siblings are welcome to attend. However, we do ask that you take your younger child outside if they are potentially distracting our young performers or impacting the enjoyment of other families.

WFIS Has Got Talent!

Please bear with us while we work with our new website team to update this section. Please do keep sending through your children's achievements as we are saving these on file ready to publish.



coming soon!

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave

With Christmas holidays approaching, we thought it was important to remind you of our Attendance Policy. We do not authorise term-time holiday in line with an agreement with the local cluster of primary schools.

The Education Welfare Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school, and requires the recipient to pay a fixed amount.

If a child is taken out of school for more than 5 days/10 sessions unauthorised leave (this need not be consecutive), without the authorisation of the school, the amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per adult in the household per child. This rises to £120 per adult in the household per child if paid after the 21-day period, but within 28 days. If not paid, legal action will be taken against the recipient for the period shown on the Penalty Notice. The local authority, Surrey County Council, must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Headteachers at both Wallace Fields Infant School and Junior School are in regular contact about family absence requests.

£211 raised for Spotty Mufti

Well done to ALL the children that took part in Children in Need 'The Big SPOTacular'. The school was filled with bright colours and wonderful spots! Well done!



Behaviour Policy

This term we have launched our new behaviour policy. This involves our new 'Golden Rules'. Miss Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) will be leading a workshop to inform parents of our new principles and the research behind the policy. Please [click here](#) to read our new policy.

[Behaviour Policy](#)

Golden Tickets

Congratulations to our Golden Ticket winners!



Well done to **Jonathan K, Chloe C, Joshua K, Cian P, Eesa Q, Indiana A-M, Molly B, Harry L, Charlie S, Meera C, Lily M and Barnaby R** who won a golden ticket for their efforts and achievements!

Keep up the great work everyone!



Reading for Pleasure at Home

To promote your reading for pleasure this week, we challenge you to visit your local library. If you aren't already, become a member and spend some time enjoying the wonderful reading environment within the library itself. What books can you find? Can you pick a book you wouldn't usually choose and see if you enjoy it at home? It would be lovely to see you going to the library with a friend or two from your class. Read to one another, share and recommend different books to each other! Don't forget to take some photos of you trying this out and send them in to the office to see yourself in our next newsletter!



Spring Term After School Clubs

After school clubs for the Spring Term will be opening for booking on Monday 4th December at 8pm. Children in Years 1 & 2 are eligible to participate. Parents/carers are asked to **please only book one club** for their child to enable every family to have a fair chance to secure a club. If you book more than one club for your child, we will contact you to ask you which club(s) you would prefer we cancel and refund. If there are spare club places after the initial round of bookings, we will re-open bookings for the remaining spaces.

All clubs except Spanish Club can be booked via [Arbor](#) in the 'Clubs' section. Spanish Club bookings are made directly with Mrs Brynteson (see flyer on Clubs email on Monday for full details). Cookery Club (Year 2 only) requires pre-registration on Arbor, with payment then being made directly with the Club Leader (see Clubs email on Monday for full details). Please see the full schedule at the end of the newsletter. Please take careful note of the start and end dates for your club(s) – booked clubs are visible in your child's profile if you ever wish to check dates/times.

Our clubs are extremely popular and some book up in just a minute or two from going live. Please do ensure you are logged in and ready with card payment details to hand to ensure you have the best chance of securing your preferred club.

Useful Upcoming Dates

Sun 3 rd Dec	PTA Christmas Fair 13:00 -15:00
Mon 11 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 1 parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Tue 12 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance – Year 2 parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Wed 13 th Dec	Reception Christmas performance – Reception parents invited, arrival from 09:00
Wed 13 th Dec	Big Stars Christmas performance – Big Stars parents invited, arrival from 10:45
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch
Fri 15 th Dec	End of term: 13:15 Main school, 15:30 Nursey & 16:30 KidsQuest

You can now subscribe to our school calendar via our website. Please [click here](#) to view our calendar, and click 'Subscribe' to sync the calendar with your own device.

Early Birds & Late Birds Sessions

If your child is currently attending Early Birds or Late Birds sessions, these will finish next week. There are no sessions in the final week of term.



Staffing Update



At the end of this term Mrs Male will be heading off on maternity leave. As a result there are some staffing changes to ensure her roles are covered within the school Miss Hearne (Assistant Headteacher and Hedgehog Class teacher) will be coming out of class to teach year two focus groups and work across the school in her leadership capacity. Mr Cliffe will be teaching Hedgehog Class full time. Rest assured children will have full access to forest school which will be renamed nature explorers and be delivered by class teachers.

Mrs Smith SENDCO will be working full time from January to cover Mrs Male's inclusion lead roles and take focus groups across the school.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is extremely important and we monitor this closely. If your child is absent from school for an unauthorised reason, you may be liable for a penalty notice issued by Surrey County Council.

Please find below links to some useful information regarding our attendance policy based on *Department for Education* guidance. Please take the time to read this policy and watch the presentation.

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Working Together to Improve School Attendance \(slides\)](#)



Year Two trip to The Natural History Museum

Last week, Year Two travelled into London to the Natural History Museum to take part in the Oceans project. Whilst there, the children had the chance to explore a few of the exhibits like the dinosaurs, creepy crawlies, and mammals from around the world. The children took this chance to discover new and interesting facts as well as observing historical sources and artifacts like fossilised bones. Later in the day the children made their way to the Attenborough studio where they took part in a deep diving adventure into the world's oceans. They imagined they were on a submarine travelling to different parts of the ocean to observe the animal life that make the ocean their habitat. They then thought carefully about the impact humans are having on the oceans and the problems things like plastic can cause for our ocean life.

As the year progresses, we will be thinking about the ways we can help protect our oceans and make our planet a better place for all living things who inhabit it.



Governor of the Month – Emma Bailey

Hi! For those of you who don't already know me, I'm Emma, Mum to Mia in Badger class and Oscar in Gold Stars. My eldest, Rory, is in Year 3 over at the Junior School. I am an accountant with a background in maths and data analytics. I was keen to use my skills to help support the school that has looked after my children for the past 5 years and counting, therefore joined the Board of Governors at the end of the last academic year.



I had my first 'Governor of the month' day last week which is an opportunity to spend some focused time within the school, meeting various staff members and pupils and doing a deep dive into certain aspects of school life. I really enjoyed my day and it was great to get an insight into a day in the life of the school. I had a walk around of the school in the morning and saw the different ways children were supported in their learning. In reception the children were busy lining up to head outside for forest school and they were chanting tricky words off flashcards being held up for them, showing that at Wallace Fields "every second counts" when it comes to the school day and opportunities for learning.

My highlight of the day was getting a chance to chat to some of the pupils who (amongst telling me about their dreams and favourite foods!) told me how happy and safe they feel at school which was so lovely to hear. They were all very excited about their upcoming Christmas performances which are fast approaching.

Winter Mini Challenge 2023

Spark a love of reading even in the most reluctant reader with the free online Winter Mini Challenge. Children can unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities on the dedicated children's website created by The Reading Agency.

What is the Winter Mini Challenge?

The Winter Mini Challenge is an online, bitesize version of The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge. This summer, The Reading Agency teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust and public libraries to bring you Ready, Set, Read! – a Summer Reading Challenge that empowers hundreds of thousands of young people to read and play, keeping minds and bodies active over the summer break. Following the success of Ready, Set, Read!, The Reading Agency are delighted to extend the theme into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage children to discover the joy of reading and to build on good reading habits!

It is easy to take part in the Winter Mini Challenge. Children simply read three books or more of their choice between 1 December 2023 and 19 February 2024 and add them to their online profile on wintermini.org.uk. Reaching their reading goal will unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

Prize for every child reaching their goal

Surrey Libraries are encouraging every child and their responsible adult to visit their local Surrey library to pick up their books and start reading! Besides picking up books from their Surrey library, children can borrow books from their school library, and download for free Surrey Libraries' eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics. All reading counts! Once a child has reached their online goal, they can collect a prize in one of our libraries. They can bring along their printed certificate or show the e-certificate to a staff member or volunteer on a device like a mobile phone, and they can collect a prize (suitable for 3+ year olds, available in most of our libraries, and as long as stock lasts). Please note that a child must be a library member to collect their prize. If someone isn't a member yet, they can join the library [online](#) or at their [local library](#). Library membership is free.

See you at the PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS Sunday 3 December 1-3pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We can't wait to see you this Sunday at the PTA Christmas Fair. **Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends and family.**

ENTRY IS THROUGH THE FRONT PLAYGROUND INTO THE HALL. PLEASE HAVE YOUR £1 ENTRY FEE READY (CASH OR TOKEN WILL BE FASTEST).

Children are free.

Most of the stalls and the Café/bar will be in the hall and you and your children can enjoy our festive games and crafts in a familiar environment. Re-fuel with a hot chocolate and a treat (or something stronger!) before you visit Santa himself in our Grotto (pre-booked slots only – in the Blue Cabin Room).

ALL STALLS WILL ACCEPT TOKENS AND CASH (some stalls will not have change). CARD PAYMENT AVAILABLE ON CAFÉ/BAR AND TOKEN STALL. WE RECOMMEND BUYING TOKENS IN ADVANCE TO SAVE TIME/AVOID QUEUES.



Enter our Christmas Raffle

You **still have time** to buy your raffle tickets and be in with a chance of winning one of these amazing prizes!



Simply fill in your raffle ticket stubs and pop them straight into our raffle barrel at the Fair. Pay on the day or online at PTA Events. The raffle draw will take place at the Christmas Fair at 2.30pm. **Good luck!**

QR Code for PTA Events

Book your Grotto slot and pay for tokens, raffle tickets and your children's craft decorated in school. Couldn't be easier!



www.pta-events.co.uk/wfispta



WALLACE FIELDS

Infant School & Nursery

Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery are looking to appoint Governors and Chair of Governors

Do you know someone who is retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity?

Do you know someone who works in a corporate organisation offering Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV), also known as Corporate Volunteering, where the organisation's employees take paid time off to volunteer during work hours?

Does your company offer you the opportunity to take time off to volunteer?

The Board of Directors at [South Farnham Educational Trust \(SFET\)](#) have delegated certain functions to be locally managed, which means that the [Local Governing Board of WFIS & Nursery](#) has general responsibility for the effective management of the school, allowing individual pupil needs to be met effectively. Local Governors target resources and develop the nature and character of the school to effectively meet the needs and wishes of parents, children and teachers.

The Governing Body is made up of individuals with a broad range of skills who collectively help to set and implement the aims, ethos and strategic direction of the school by volunteering their time.

The Local Governing Board meet every other month during the academic year to discuss a wide range of school issues. Each Governor has an area of responsibility and the role of a Governor gives volunteers an opportunity to become involved with the life of the school and local community.

To find out more about our Governing Body please click [here](#).

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact the Clerk sconstantino@sfet.org.uk



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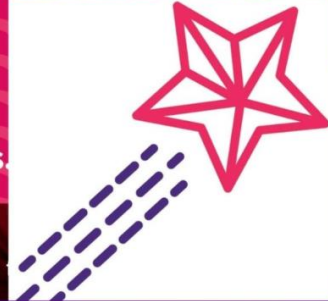


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NSPCC

With Christmas fast approaching and children receiving gifts that are able to access the internet, you may

be interested in an upcoming workshop for parents/carers.

The internet's a great place for children to learn, create, chat with friends and family, access information or

keep them safe online.

support and explore fun apps, sites and games. But exploring comes with risks, so it's vital we know how to

That's why we'd like to invite you to join our FREE workshop: 'Keeping children safe online'.

Our workshop will:

- Help you understand how children experience the online world
- Show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- Empower you to guide them on their journey

Join us for the FREE virtual workshop. You can attend in-person and be part of the virtual workshop at Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery or attend virtually following the Zoom link provided below.

Date: 12th December 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Zoom Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81447671313?pwd=WFdQQ3VkSkJWZm13WmF5UUIMSUxOdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 4767 1313

Passcode: 307249

Please respond to let us know if you'll be attending virtually or in-person for the virtual workshop by completing this [form](#) by 8th December 2023.



ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

MAIN STAGE (OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S LOCAL)

4.55pm Epsom Hospital Radio welcomes you to Ewell Village and opens Ewell Yule

5pm Wallace Fields Infant School Choir

5.30pm Ewell Grove School Choir

6pm St Clements School Choir

6.30pm Heart and Soul Choir

7pm Snowy Street Party with 'Epsom Hospital Radio'

7.30pm Guitarist and singer Emyr Thomas

8pm St Marys Church Choir

STAGE TWO (OUTSIDE THE GREEN MAN PUB)

5pm Starstruck Dance School

5.30pm Razzle Dazzle with Miranda

6pm Ewell St. Marys Morris Men

6.30pm Phoenix Clog Dancers

7pm Protégém Dance School

7.30pm Epsom and Ewell Silver Band





In order for us to ensure that we are maintaining our high expectations for equality and diversity within our school, every four years we are required to audit our provision and consult with stakeholders.

Mrs Male has prepared a recorded presentation to explain this in further detail. This can be [accessed here](#). At the end of this presentation you are invited to share your views via Microsoft Forms; please [click here](#) to access the form.

We ask that all views are submitted by 15th December 2023.

As this review takes place every four years, we are keen to share with you what we have worked on since our previous review. Please [click here](#) to view our 'You said, we listened' document.

Responses

In our previous review we received:

- 119 parent/carers responses
- 39 staff and governor responses
- 98% of parents/carers and 97% of staff and governors felt that there was a strong commitment to ensuring equal treatment of all children.

This year we would love to receive even more responses to support us in developing our action plan to work on over the next four years.



Wallace Fields Infant School and Nursery Club Dates for Spring Term 2024



Clubs will run from Tuesday 2nd January 2024 until Wednesday 27th March 2024

Miss Anita Kelly (Deputy Headteacher) – Club Lead

CLUB, LEADER & ELIGIBLE PUPILS	TIME	DATES & PRICE PER SESSION	NO SESSION(S) ON THE FOLLOWING DATES
Spanish Club (click to book) Mrs Brynteson Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	8 th January – 25 th March 10 sessions @ £8.50 each	12 th February – Half Term 19 th February – INSET Day
Year 2 Choir (during school) Mrs Luck Year 2 Pupils	2.45pm – 3.15pm	2 nd January – 26 th March 12 sessions (free)	13 th February – Half Term
Multiskills Club Mr Yeates Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	2 nd January – 26 th March 12 sessions @ £7.50 each	13 th February – Half Term
Music Club Mrs Luck Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	2 nd January – 26 th March 12 sessions @ £7.50 each	13 th February – Half Term
Art Club Ms Berry Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	3 rd January – 27 th March 12 Sessions @ £8.50 each	14 th February – Half Term
Drama Club Ms Cottrell Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	3 rd January – 27 th March 12 Sessions @ £7.50 each	14 th February – Half Term
Cookery Club Mrs Golding & Mrs Oman Year 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.30pm	4 th January – 21 st March 11 Sessions @ £11 each	15 th February – Half Term
Lego Club Mr Yeates Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	4 th January – 21 st March 11 Sessions @ £7.50 each	15 th February – Half Term
Football Club Mr Cliffe & Mr Yeates Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	5 th January – 22 nd March 11 Sessions @ £7.50 each	16 th February – Half Term
Gardening Club 2nd half term only Bookings open 05/02/2024 at 8pm Mr Holmes Year 1 & 2 Pupils	3.15pm – 4.15pm	23 rd February – 22 nd March 5 Sessions @ £8.50 each	-

Pick-up for all clubs except Cookery Club is from the front playground at 4.15pm.

Cookery Club pick-up is from the front playground gate at 4.30pm.

Wallace Fields Infant School & Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
<https://southfarnhamschool.sharepoint.com/sites/SFET-WFIS/Shared Documents/Admin-Office/After-school Clubs/2023-2024 After School Clubs/Spring Term 2023/WFIS Spring Term 2024 Club Schedule.docx>

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KidsQuest



NEWSLETTER

Dear KidsQuest Parents and Carers,

Friday 1st December 2023

This week the children have been very excited and have enjoyed making Christmas crafts. We will continue to do so in the coming weeks as we near the buildup to Christmas.

Thank you and enjoy your weekend.

Ms Bowyer and Miss Kelly and the KidsQuest Team.

