



## THIS WEEK...

### FOOTBALL - GIRLS

Last Friday, a group of Year 6 girls represented our school in an exciting match against Furzefield. It was a fantastic display of teamwork and determination. Selena and Sophia shared their thoughts and highlights from the game, capturing the spirit and enthusiasm of the team. Well done to everyone who took part!



The whistle blew, we started with the ball. Eva made great crosses but they got the ball as they scored. It was 1 nil to furzefield. Minutes later, Selena scored an amazing goal <sup>bringing</sup> us back. It was 1-1. Ava made some great tackles. Sadly they scored again making it 2-1 to them. Abi made a really great pass and bring the ball all the way down to Malak. With all her strength she kicked ball ~~into~~ in the goal top bin. It was 2-2! We had to score to win it. Furzefield kept pushing forward but we had imi block it. Luckily, we got the ball back and pushed forward. Someone got fouled so Malak to the penalty. We... SCORED! In the last few minutes, they pushed forward and tried to make a top bin goal but Sophia dived and saved it. The final whistle blew. It felt like we won the league! The final score was 3-2 to Wray Common! Everyone did amazing

Written by selena and Sophia 😊 in GC!

## GREEN GUARDIANS/VOLUNTEERS

This week, with the help of one of our volunteers, four of the Green Guardians from Year 4 helped to plant new flowers in our baskets by the front entrance of the school. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for her help - we think they look great!



## SUMMER 1 CHARITY FUNDRAISING REMINDER - FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025

A reminder that next week, on Friday 23rd May, the children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite animal. This is in exchange for a £1 donation to raise money for WWF charity, as chosen by the children of Wray Common. As an extra challenge, we would love for the children to research a fact about their favourite animal and bring this into school on this day to share with the class. Let's raise money for charity and develop our knowledge at the same time! We look forward to seeing your wonderful costumes and learning some interesting facts.



## WRAYFEST 2025 IS BACK AND BIGGER THAN EVER!

Join us on 05.07.2025 from 12 PM to 4 PM! 🐝

Get ready for an amazing day packed with:

- Live music, DJ and performances
- Petting Farm
- Inflatables
- Family fun zone
- Feel good area
- Tug of War
- Dadiators
- Food village and makers market

Tickets are selling fast, so don't miss out! Grab yours now at <https://bit.ly/Wrayfest25> or at sports day! We also desperately need volunteers to make this event a huge success! Look out next week for sign-up sheets on class windows. Your help is essential, and the children love getting involved and being part of the excitement.

Let's make Wrayfest 2025 the best one yet! See you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Mon - Cricket Tournament Y5/6 girls  
 Tues - Y3 Rainforest Day  
 Tues - Y4 Roman Day  
 Wed - YR Guardians Of Our Planet (superhero dress up day)  
 Wed - Arts Soiree  
 Thu - Sports Day  
 Fri - Charity Day (WWF)  
 Fri - Break up for half term (normal time)

## ARTS SOIREE

Next Wednesday evening the hall will be transformed into an entertainment venue for Wray Common's Arts Soiree.

Many children will be taking part, showcasing a wide range of talent in singing, dancing and performing. (If your child has been invited to perform, please complete the consent form asap to confirm whether they will be attending or not). The show will start at 5:45pm and is expected to finish at 7:00pm. Families are encouraged to come and watch the performances. Friends will be selling refreshments on the evening.

## BEATING ASTHMA TOGETHER - PARENT AND CARERS SESSION 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7.30-8PM ONLINE

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Understand what asthma *really* is

- ✓ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ✓ Learn what works - at home and in school
- ✓ Build a solid action plan
- ✓ Get expert answers to your questions

**Clear. Practical. Life-saving.**

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared [click here to book](#)

## FREE COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FROM SURREY ADULT LEARNING (SAL)

SAL is offering a range of free, high-quality workshops and courses designed to support parents, carers, and the wider community. Topics include cooking, understanding neurodivergent children, and helping children build self-esteem and manage anxiety, among others. We have uploaded many flyers for the courses on our website, so please click [here](#) for further information.

## HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Roseanna	For showing great collaboration with her team in sports day practice.
1B	Lara	For a positive attitude to her work including early morning writing and maths after coming into class with a contagious smile.
2T	Luca	For using his extensive knowledge of animals when contributing ideas in class discussions in Writing.
2P	Ethan	For sharing his knowledge in Science and RE and inspiring others to do the same.
3S	Albie	For always being a kind, helpful and caring friend and learning partner.
3F	Adeep	For always being polite and friendly to adults and children by holding doors open and making sure people are okay.
4BR	Diana	For always making sure she is listening and ready to contribute to class discussions.
4BE	Amelia	For always asking question to help her develop her understanding and gain new knowledge.
5E	Finlay	For his encouragement and praise to the members of his team during PE.
5J	James	For showing great reflection during our art lessons this week.
6C	Jaeden	For always having a great attitude to learning and being kind and respectful.
6F	Chloe	For standing up for what is right and being the voice of reason when arguments have happened this week.

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Feeling a genuine sense of belonging is essential for the emotional and social development of children and young people. Belonging significantly boosts self-esteem, resilience, and mental wellbeing, reducing feelings of isolation and anxiety. This guide provides practical strategies to help parents and educators cultivate inclusive environments, enhancing both academic outcomes and overall happiness among young people.

### 1 CELEBRATE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Acknowledge and celebrate the uniqueness of every child. Promoting diversity and inclusion creates an environment where differences are valued rather than stigmatised. This acceptance empowers children to confidently express their identities and feel genuinely included, fostering a robust sense of belonging within both school and home settings.



### 2 CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION

Regularly communicate and actively listen to children, showing genuine interest in their thoughts and experiences. Creating open communication channels helps young people feel heard and valued. This approach not only builds trust but also reinforces children's perception of themselves as a vital part of their family, school and community.



### 3 MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION

Give children opportunities to actively participate and contribute, whether in classrooms, at home, or in community activities. Meaningful participation helps children feel their input matters, reinforcing a sense of purpose and value. Including them in decisions and responsibilities enhances their self-worth, promoting a deeper sense of belonging and inclusion.



### 4 FOSTER STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Support and encourage positive relationships between peers, educators, and families. Strong, healthy relationships significantly impact a child's sense of belonging, providing emotional support and reducing feelings of loneliness. Facilitate social interactions through group activities, teamwork, and collaborative learning to strengthen these vital connections.



### 5 CREATE INCLUSIVE SPACES

Design environments that reflect diversity and are welcoming for everyone. Inclusive spaces where all children see themselves represented can dramatically improve their feelings of safety and acceptance. Consider classroom displays, books, and resources that celebrate various cultures, abilities, and backgrounds to visibly reinforce inclusivity and belonging.



### 6 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Adults play a crucial role by demonstrating inclusive, empathetic, and respectful behaviours. Modelling positive interactions and attitudes sets a clear standard for children to follow. Children are likely to replicate inclusive behaviour, creating a supportive community atmosphere where everyone feels accepted and valued for who they are.



### 7 BUILD EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Teach and encourage emotional expression and understanding among children. Developing emotional literacy enables young people to articulate their feelings and empathise with others. An emotionally intelligent environment cultivates mutual respect and compassion, fostering a deeper sense of belonging and interpersonal connection within groups.



### 8 SUPPORT PEER MENTORSHIP

Encourage peer mentorship or buddy systems within educational settings. Peer support enhances feelings of connectedness and security, reducing feelings of isolation. When children support one another, they naturally build community bonds, nurturing a supportive culture where belonging and friendship thrive.



### 9 RECOGNISE EFFORTS REGULARLY

Consistently acknowledge children's contributions and achievements, however small. Recognition reinforces a child's understanding that their presence and efforts are important. Celebrating individual and collective successes helps cultivate a positive environment where children feel acknowledged, motivated, and deeply connected to peers and adults around them.



### 10 ADDRESS BULLYING PROMPTLY

Quickly address any incidents of bullying. Promptly intervening demonstrates a clear commitment to an inclusive and safe environment. Creating a culture where incidents are swiftly and effectively addressed reinforces trust, security, and a sense of belonging for everyone involved.



## Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is Director of Halcyon Education Ltd and Director for Wellbeing and Family Services at Leigh Trust. With extensive experience in systemic mental health in schools, she supports educational leaders across the UK to develop inclusive, resilient, and supportive learning environments. Anna is also the lead expert for mental health at The National College.



The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: [nationalcollege.com/guides/fostering-a-sense-of-belonging](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fostering-a-sense-of-belonging)

# We are hiring!

## Class Teacher

**Maternity cover, full time**

Closes: 19 May 2025



## Class Teacher

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 19 May 2025



## Class Teacher

**Perm, full time / part time**

Closes: 19 May 2025



## Class Teacher

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 20 May 2025



## Class Teacher

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 20 May 2025



## KS2 Class Teacher

**Maternity cover, full time**

Closes: 2 June 2025



**View vacancies at:**

**[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)**



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# Parent Empowerment Group

A Four Week Online Course for Effectively Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Anxiety.



## Understand How Children's Emotions Work

Learn the brain science behind your child's emotional outbursts and how you can support them effectively when they do happen. Receive support for the sometimes difficult work of parenting as well as celebrating the wins!

*"Sarah advises in such a kind and empathetic manner. Her playful parenting, listening, and setting loving limits tools have been particularly helpful for us. We've broken frustrations and got to the bottom of issues with our child so quickly and whilst keeping calm ourselves because of them. We're going to bring these things into our every day, they are going to really add so much to our family life."*

## Learn five simple but effective anxiety busting tools

Build bite size connection moments. (A game changer for family life). Understand how to set loving limits that build co-operation and help your child thrive.

## Understand the role of play and laughter in reducing anxiety

Bring the joy back into family life, build confidence in your parenting and receive reflection time and appreciation for you!



**Book using QR Code  
or email below.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
10.30am till 12noon  
on Zoom**



Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be? Enhance your relationship with your children? Learning at a time that suits you?

6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion



### What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

### Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

### Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: [sfscparent@racefound.org.uk](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?

6 online sessions



6 group discussions



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### What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

### Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

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**SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION**

Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association

SESDA Charity no 281076

## **Support Evening for Parents and Carers including Transition to Secondary School**

Advising parents how to help pupils make the change from  
Primary to Secondary as smooth as possible.

**plus**

A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members,  
who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and  
specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have  
about dyslexia at home or in school.

**Monday 9th June 2025**

**8pm – 10pm**

This meeting is free and open to all parents and carers who  
have an interest in dyslexia.

**Canada Hall, All Saints Church,  
362 Battlebridge Lane, Merstham. RH1 3LH**

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# KIDICAL MASS

FREE ENTRY



**SUNDAY 8th JUNE**  
Gentle 5km Route - Meet at 10am

**JOIN THE BIG FAMILY BIKE RIDE**



scan for ride details

Everyone is welcome ~ All kids to be supervised  
Fancy dress, whistles, music, flags etc encouraged  
Refreshments available at end of ride

**START / END : HATCHLANDS SCHOOL  
HATCHLANDS ROAD, RH1 6AT**

   @KidicalMassRH1

# GATTON PARK

## Picnic in the Park

Sunday  
1st June  
12-5pm



Celebrate the start of summer with a picnic at Gatton Park in Reigate. 250 acres of parkland and gardens, including Japanese garden. Croquet on the lawn and traditional children's games

Online booking: £6 adults, (£8 on the door) Children free  
Details and tickets at [gattonpark.co.uk](http://gattonpark.co.uk)