



THIS WEEK

ANIMAL HOMES

This week, Year 1 explored what natural resources animals use to build their homes. They went out to the wooded area on the large field and collected a range of resources before working in groups to build a shelter for a small woodland creature. Their shelters were then put to the test by pouring water over them to see how well the animals would be protected.



SWIMMING GALA

We will be holding two in-school swimming galas this year, on the mornings of 27th June and 11th July (please note the change of dates from the newsletter at the start of term). This also means that we have moved the Reception swimming sessions to the afternoons on these dates.

Friday 27th June 9:00am - 12:00 pm will be for Years 4, 5 and 6 and Friday 11th July 9:00 am - 12:00pm will be for Years 1, 2 and 3.

Please can we ask you to note the following arrangements for the galas:

- Parents are encouraged to come and watch their child swim but we ask that you only come for your child's year group. Spectators will be sat outside the pool and space is limited.
- After school drop off, parents and carers are requested to exit the school as usual and then re-enter through the School Office nearer the start time of their child's gala. Please do not wait in the playground.
- On the day of their gala, children will need to bring to school a swimming costume, swimming hat, goggles, crocs or flip flops, two towels and a robe/dressing gown/sweatshirt/hoodie to keep them warm while they are waiting for their races.
- **No photography / filming is allowed during the gala.**
- Parents and Carers are asked to use the toilet facilities in the Library and Music Room close to the pool, but school children will have to use their own classroom toilets during the day.
- Please park considerately around the local roads, respecting our neighbours' driveways.

Friday 27 th June	Friday 11 th July
Year 4 (whole year) 9:00 - 10:00	Year 1 (whole year) 9:00 - 10:00
Year 5 (whole year) 10:00 - 11:00	Year 2 (whole year) 10:00 - 11:00
Year 6 (whole year) 11:00 - 12:00	Year 3 (whole year) 11:00 - 12:00
Reception Swimming lesson	Reception Swimming lesson

SWIM TO FRANCE

In their swimming lessons this week, the Year 4 and Year 1 children took part in the Wray Common 'Swim to France 2024'. Each child swam as many lengths as they could in their lesson time and the total distance swum was added together.

Year 4

Diamonds swam 4.86km or 3.01 miles
 Emeralds swam 5.63km or 3.50 miles
 Rubies swam 4.26km or 2.65 miles
 Sapphires swam 6.491km or 4.03 miles

Year 1

Diamonds swam 5.54km or 3.4 miles
 Emeralds swam 3.83km or 2.3 miles
 Rubies swam 5.21km or 3.23 miles
 Sapphires swam 3.23km or 2 miles

Years 1 to 6 have now completed their swimming lessons.

Unfortunately, none of the houses managed to swim the 21 miles (34 km) to France; however, the courage and perseverance shown in taking part were truly commendable. Thank you to the Year 6 helpers - they were very supportive and gave a lot of encouragement to the younger swimmers!



SWIMMING NEXT WEEK - DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

Next week, as it is Royal Life Saving Society UK Drowning Prevention Week, Miss Alice will be teaching valuable water skills in the pool. Please can all children who are due to swim in Years 1 and 4 bring an old t-shirt to wear over their swimwear.



GREENSAND'S ECO SUMMIT

This week Wray Common School hosted the Trust's first Eco Summit, welcoming Sue Wardlow - Greensand CEO, Wendy Hill - Finance & Operations Director and Alice Catling - Greensand Sustainability Lead, along with staff and children from Horley Infant, Holmesdale Community Infant and Milton Mount Primary School.

It was such an inspiring collective celebration, with each school showcasing the outstanding work they have been doing to protect against climate change, promote sustainability and be more environmentally friendly, not just at school but at home too.

It was also a great surprise for the children to have Mr Alan Mills, Sustainability Officer from Reigate & Banstead Council come along, who presented each school with plaque and tree to plant, as a thank you for their dedication to sustainability.

As a Trust, we are all focused to gain the Eco Schools Green Flag accreditation, watch this space!



ALLOTMENTS

Thank you to the Year 6 Green Guardians for helping the children clear the allotment bed and plant their kitchen herbs in the Nature Hub. We are looking forward to watching their growth over the next few weeks!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues - Y6 Sparkfish Transition Workshop

Tues - Y6+1 Reunion



Fri - Non uniform day in exchange for sweets (Friends)

If you need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. We can help you source information about support through the right agencies, and make referrals ourselves to local support groups. Here are some of the things we have supported families with recently:

- School uniform, school bags, P.E. trainers and school shoes
- Pre-loved clothes for children
- Foodbank referrals
- Housing applications and letters of support
- Seasonal gifts for children

If you have any questions or would like to talk about how we can help, please contact Miss Kober on 01737 761254 or email familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

FRIENDS

Thank you for your support!

We are pleased to advise that we have managed to raise the following amount at our recent events thanks to your support:

Uniform sale £53.90

Arts Soirée £196.08

Sports day £407.83

Someone Special Sale June £1,231

We will be putting these totals towards the new science projects happening later this year and into 2026.

Don't forget we are now running our weekly ice pop Fridays at school pick up and Wrayfest is just 3 weeks away. Don't miss out on the event of the year!

Next Friday (20th June) is a non-uniform day! Please bring a sweetie jar donation for the sweetie tombola - always a crowd favourite! Let's sweeten up Wrayfest together!

Don't forget to purchase your tickets via bit.ly/wrayfest25

WARMER WEATHER

As we look forward to the warmer weather expected next week, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children come to school prepared for the heat.

Please make sure your child has the a hat and refillable water bottle on a daily basis, sun cream should be applied before arriving at school.

We have seen a noticeable increase in children requesting spare cups and water bottles. To support your child's comfort and well-being, it is essential they bring a water bottle to school **every day**, regardless of the weather.

Thank you for your continued support.

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Seb	For being a super Wray Common citizen and a role model for others.
1B	Heidi	For great collaboration with her science group when making natural animal shelters.
2T	Joshua	For ensuring that everyone in his class is included during lunchtime.
2P	Rocco	For always applying himself fully to his learning and supporting other to too.
3S	Ehaan	For showing great respect and fairness during PE this week.
3F	Tabitha	For persevering in maths when learning about clockwise and anticlockwise turns.
4BR	Thomas	For demonstrating enthusiasm in his learning and always being ready to contribute to class discussions.
4BE	Hadi	For always being such a kind and caring member of the class and going out of his way to support others with their learning.
5E	Gabi	For her positive attitude to her work, challenging herself in her learning.
5J	Mia	For demonstrating reflective learning by recognising her mistake and correcting it using her blue pen.
6C	Lilian	For always showing the Wray Common values and being a respectful learner.
6F	Eva	For maintaining consistent effort across her learning particularly writing to continue to progress.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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