



THIS WEEK

SLIDE

On Tuesday afternoon, we were treated to a fantastic performance by the St Bede's Slide Band during our school assembly. The talented group of students played a range of instruments, including clarinets, trumpets, saxophones, guitars and drums.

Before each piece, the orchestra members shared how their instruments worked. We learned how woodwind instruments like flutes and clarinets use air blown through a mouthpiece to make music. Brass instruments such as trumpets produce sound through the vibration of the player's lips, and drums add rhythm with their powerful beats.

The highlight of the assembly was their amazing performance of a well-known song that had everyone clapping, clicking, and tapping along to the rhythm. The music was full of energy and joy, and it left the whole hall buzzing with excitement.

The afternoon was also a little bittersweet, as we had to bid a fond farewell to Mr Wood, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service. We thank him for remembering Wray Common each year and bringing his students to share the joy of music with us. We wish him all the very best in his well-earned retirement. Thank you, Mr Wood and St Bede's Slide band, for bringing music, learning, and fun to our Tuesday afternoon!



NEW NURSERY PROVISION

We are excited to announce that from September this year, Tall Trees Day Nursery will be on site at Wray Common School.

We are delighted to offer our parents and the local community a nursery provision from 9 months to Reception. Although the nursery will be a separate entity to Wray Common, collectively we are passionate about creating a consistent and sustainable learning environment in which children can thrive.

Please note, if your child attends Tall Trees Day Nursery, the normal school admissions process applies.

Please join us in welcoming the Tall Trees team to the Wray Common Community.



TALL TREES DAY NURSERY WRAY COMMON

A home from home learning environment

CONTACT US

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Reigate, RH2 0LR

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OPENING
SEPTEMBER 2025



OPENING TIMES

MON - FRI
08:00 - 18:00





TALL TREES DAY
NURSERY WRAY
COMMON

MON - FRI
08:00 - 18:00

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WHAT WE OFFER

EXTRA CURRICULARS



PLAYBALL

Playball is a structured program that introduces young children to sports and physical activity in nurseries. It focuses on developing a range of skills, including physical, social, and emotional development, through a multi-activity approach.



SING AND SIGN

Sing and Sign is a baby signing program designed to help babies communicate before they can speak. It combines music, singing, and signing to teach parents and babies how to use hand gestures to express needs and wants.



KIDSLINGO

Kingslingo is a multi-award-winning, CAA gold accredited kids' language company and aims to inspire young children from birth to age 11 years to learn French and Spanish through the structured use of songs, actions, rhymes, game play, storytelling and drama.



PHONICS WITH ROBOT REG

Phonics with Robot Reg is a program designed to teach early phonics skills to young children through fun, high-energy classes. The classes are aimed at children aged 3 months to 6 years and focus on developing literacy skills.



KICKS DANCE

Classes specifically planned and developed for the younger children. Aims to help develop social and motor skills, rhythm and encourage independence and confidence.

Please contact Tall Trees directly should you have any enquiries.

DISTRICT SPORTS

This year's District Sports took place at RGS Hartswood with perfect weather conditions, albeit a little warm in the afternoon! It was a great day and well done to the children using their key Wray Common values, supporting one another as well as other schools. Overall, Wray Common placed 3rd for the boys and 4th for the girls in the large schools category, - it was our best ever result! Thank you to all the staff, parents and carers who helped run such a fantastic event!





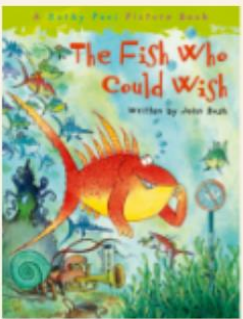
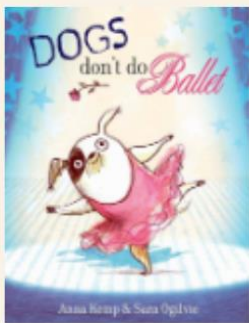
"YOU CAN FIND MAGIC WHEREVER YOU LOOK. SIT BACK AND RELAX, ALL YOU NEED IS A BOOK!"— DR. SEUSS

Choosing books can be an overwhelming task with so many wonderful titles out there to enjoy! Whether you have an enthusiastic reader who seems to have read everything or a reader who needs a little more encouragement to try something new, here are some recommendations we have shared with the children this term. Happy reading!

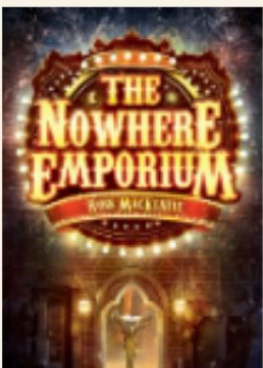
BOOKFLIX

KS1 Trending Now

KS2 Trending Now



Because you liked Harry Potter



UPCOMING EVENTS



Tues - Y6 Secondary school transition

Tues - Y5 Music performance 9am

Tues - Y2 Music performance 2:30pm

Tues - New Reception Parents Evening

Wed - Y3 Music performance 2:45pm

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

Fri - Transition PM

Sat - Wrayfest

FAMILY SUPPORT

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

Next Friday (4th July) is a non-uniform day! Please bring in a bottle donation for the bottle tombola.

Donations can include alcoholic drinks, non-alcoholic drinks, condiments, bubble bath, etc.

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



SERIOUS; NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a **nut-free school**. It is essential that children do **not** bring any food containing nuts for break or lunch. This includes, but is not limited to, products such as **Nutella, pesto, and peanut butter**. Some members of our school community have **airborne nut allergies**, so it is vital that this policy is strictly followed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

HONOUR BOOK

RH	Mariam	For always showing respect to her peers and teachers by helping out in the classroom.
RP	Hudson	For his excellent participation in Family Day Assembly - it was lovely to hear your beautiful singing so confidently!
1EL	Maryam	For persevering with all her learning this half term.
1B	Nicholas	For recalling his great maths knowledge and applying it to reasoning questions.
2T	Wilf	For excellent progress in his times table knowledge.
2P	Phoenix	For aspiring to be the best he can be and always volunteering to answer questions.
3S	Clara	For aspiring to be the best she can be by contributing to discussions in all lessons
3F	Sofia	For being very supportive and showing great sportsmanship during our PE lesson.
4BR	Olivia	For always making an effort to contribute to class discussions and using ABC effectively and respectfully.
4BE	Delilah	For excellent use of teamwork skills in our PE lesson this week.
5E	Scarlett	For her attitude to her learning and always trying to be the best she can be.
5J	Lily	For being such a kind and helpful learning partner.
6C	Jack	For going out of his way to show kindness and encourage other children, during our production practises.
6F	Imi	For her dedication to the Year 6 production by making a life-size door as her prop.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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The National College



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FRIDAYS**

**EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL
THE END OF TERM**

30P EACH OR TWO FOR 50P



**STALL IN THE KS1 AND KS2 PLAYGROUND
AFTER SCHOOL EVERY FRIDAY**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN
HELP US TO RUN THESE EVENTS!!**



FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON PRESENTS

Wrayfest

SUMMER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 5 JULY - 12-4PM

**LIVE MUSIC, DJs
& ENTERTAINMENT**

FAMILY FUN ZONE

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School Cleaner

Perm, Part time

Closes: 30 June 2025



Class Teacher

Mat cover, part time

Closes: 3 July 2025



School Office Assistant

Fixed term, part time

Closes: 8 July 2025



Teaching Assistant

Mat cover, full time

Closes: 2 July 2025



SEN Teaching Assistant

Perm, full time

Closes: 10 July 2025



Nursery Practitioner (qualif)

Perm, full time

Closes: 8 July 2025



Teaching Assistant (Progress & Achievement Coach)

Perm, 25 hours pw

Closes: 30 June 2025



Learning Support Assistant

Perm, 29.25 hours pw

Closes: 30 June 2025



Creative Arts Teaching Assistant

Perm, part time

Closes: 10 July 2025



SEN Learning Support Assistant

Perm, 29.25 hours pw

Closes: 30 June 2025



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