

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



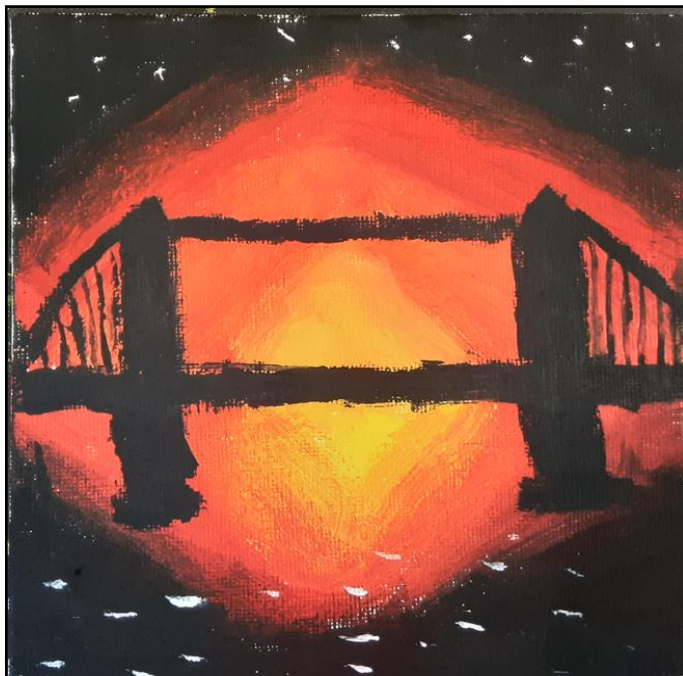
WELCOME BACK!

LONDON SKYLINES

Last half term, Year 6 explored using acrylic paint to create Blitz London skylines. After our practice to recreate a Monet masterpiece, we used his style to create our own masterpieces. Here are some examples:



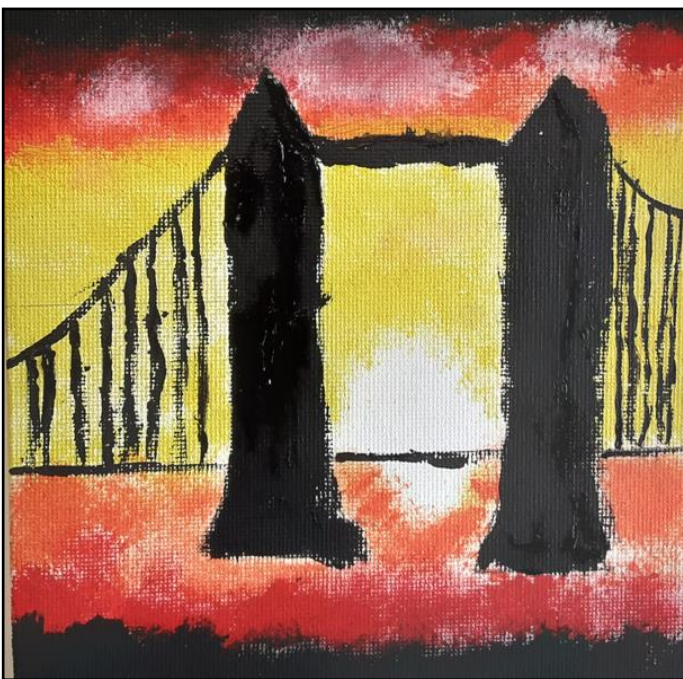
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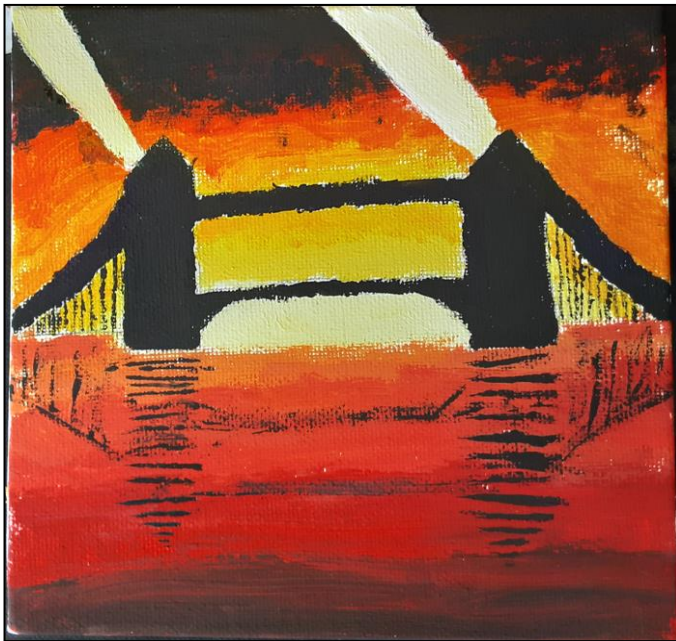
Jenson 6F



Selena 6C



Keira 6C



Imi 6F



Isaac G 6F



Jake 6F



Florrie 6C



Lewis 6C



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below dates and events for this term.
Why not pin this up at home so you are always up to date with what is happening at school!

JANUARY 2025		Description	Time
Tuesday	07	Back to school	
Wednesday	08	Choir starts	7:55 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Wednesday	08	Swimming resumes for Y3	During school time
Friday	10	Swimming resumes for Y5	During school time
Monday	13	Wray Common school-led clubs start	3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday	15	Friends Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	22	Primary Panathlon (invited children only)	During school time
Friday	24	Friends Pre Loved Uniform Sale	After School
FEBRUARY 2025			
Tuesday	04	Y3/4 Boys Football Tournament @ RAA	1:00 pm
Thursday	06	Volunteer Induction & Safeguarding Training	9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	06	Junior Citizen Event Year 6	During school time
Tuesday	11	Year 4 Music show to parents	9:00am
Tuesday	11	Year 6 Music show to parents	2:45 p.m.
Tuesday	11	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	3:40 p.m.—6:10 p.m.
Wednesday	12	Y1 Music to parents	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	12	Year 4 Cultural Day	3:40 p.m.—6:10 p.m.
Thursday	13	Parent Consultations (booked time slots)	4:00 p.m.— 6:40 p.m.
Thursday	13	Year 1 Pirate Day	During school time
Thursday	13	Celebration Medals Assembly	2:20 p.m (invited parents / carers only)
Thursday	13	School finishes for Half Term Holiday	Normal pick-up times apply
Friday	14	Greensand Inset Day	
Monday - Friday	17-21	Half Term Holiday	
Monday	24	Return to school	Normal school times apply
Tuesday	25	Primary Music Festival (Choir)	Details to Follow

MARCH 2025			
Thursday	06	World Book Day	Details to follow
Friday	08	Friends Evening Social	Details to follow
Wednesday	12	Last swimming session for Y3	During school time
Thursday	13	District Cross Country (Large Schools)	Details to follow
Friday	14	Last swimming session for Y5	Details to follow
Wednesday	19	Swimming sessions start Y1	Details to follow
Thursday	20	Y3/4 Girls Football Tournament	1:00 pm
Thursday	20	Friends Disco tbc	Details to follow
Friday	21	Swimming sessions start Y4	Details to follow
Friday	21	Red Nose Day	Details to follow
Monday	24	Friends Someone Special Sale (children only)	During school time
Tuesday	25	Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	25	Friends Someone Special Sale (children only)	During school time
Wednesday	26	Friends Someone Special Sale (children only)	During school time
Wednesday	26	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition	Details to follow
Thursday	27	Year 5 Sparkfish Easter Journey	Details to follow
APRIL 2025			
Tuesday	01	Greensand Dance Show (invited children only)	6:00pm
Wednesday	02	Wray Common's Got Talent	During school time
Friday	04	Celebration Medals Assembly	12:45 p.m.
Friday	04	Last Day of Term	1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2
	7-21 Apr	Easter Holidays	
Monday	22	First day of summer term for children	Normal school times apply

A BUSY WEEK FOR RECEPTION!

This week, Reception kick started their topic 'Once Upon a Story' focussing on well-loved traditional tales. On Wednesday, Reception were presented with some interesting clues and worked together to work out what was going on! First Mrs Measure came across a bag of porridge oats. Then Michelle from the kitchen came to tell us that someone had been cooking in her kitchen and they had left a HUGE pan of porridge! Nobody knew who had made it! Luckily, Reception put the clues together and thought that it must have been Goldilocks from Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We all had a taste of both plain and golden syrup porridge to see which one was 'just right' for us. We then took a vote to see which was the most popular version in the class.

On Thursday, Ladybirds received a letter from Little Red Riding Hood asking for help to find the numbers she was counting with before the Big Bad Wolf blew them out of her hands! Luckily, Ladybirds are really good at finding things and they showed great team work to collaborate and locate all the numbers 0-20.

Also, after lunch, Reception went into their classrooms and discovered a big mess. We found three chairs tipped over, three bowls, three spoons and porridge oats scattered around. After some discussion, we decided it must have been Goldilocks!

We made WANTED posters so everyone in the school could keep an eye out for her.

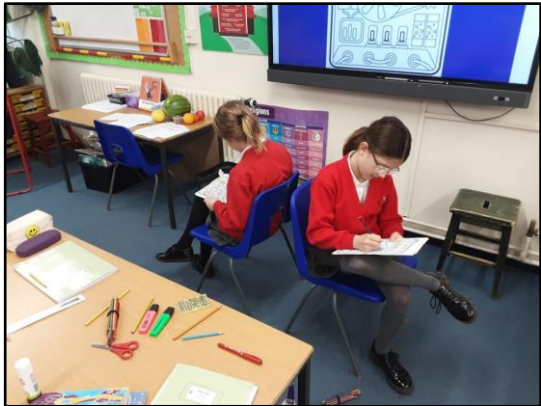
I wonder what we will learn about next!





SPACE

Year 5 have had a great start to the new year and the new term with our Space topic. We have been considering the important skills that astronauts might need when working on the International Space Station and Year 5 decided one of these would be listening. These photos show the children using their listening skills and having to collaborate to clarify the instructions. There was much laughter at just how tricky this was but very quickly our Year 5 astronauts were able to work out how important it is to ensure the instructions were precise.



When finding out more about our solar system, we created human models and when 'orbiting' the sun found out that the furthest planets like Saturn, Uranus and Neptune have a much long path to travel to complete their orbit!



The space topic is also part of Year 5's English work and we have been developing vocabulary suitable for an information text about a newly discovered planet. We had a great game of 'word tennis' this week, challenging each other with suitable vocabulary.



BFG

As part of our DT learning in Year 3, we will be planting and growing fruit to make our own fruit crumble for the BFG. Before we start growing our fruit, we tried a variety of different crumbles to see which ones we like best. We also made our own BFG dream jars.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday - New Year's Lunch



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Just a reminder that if your child turns 4 before the 1st September, applications for school places are open and they will close on the 15th January 2025. Applications need to be made directly on Surrey's Admission's website [here](#).

FOOTBALL BOOTS

If you have any unwanted football boots in a good condition that you would be willing to donate to the school, please hand them to Miss Alice. Any children who are joining football club this term and need football boots, please speak with Miss Alice as she may have a pair you can have.

CLUBS

Please can we remind you that clubs start next week; if you have not already signed up to external clubs please contact the providers as soon as possible. Details for clubs can be found [here](#). For all other clubs, please can we remind you that payment is due before the clubs start. If payment has not been received within a week of them starting, your child will be asked not to attend until payment has been made. If your child is eligible for free school meals, Wray Common lead clubs are free of charge.

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

TOYS

Miss Kober would be grateful for any baby/toddler sensory toys or puzzles (2 or 4 piece) that you no longer need at home. If they are in a good, clean, condition, please can they be handed into the school office? Thank you in advance.



HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Aarib	For being a kind and respectful Wray Common Citizen. You are a role model to others.
1B	Grace Avnee	For a successful first week back and for engaging in our tricky maths 'Number Families' work. For stepping up to the challenges in maths, showing great perseverance and reflection.
2T	Ava	For always aspiring to be the best she can be.
2P	Mia	For her perseverance when tackling her maths revision learning this week.
3S	Amalya	For using her conflict resolution skills to help correct the rules of a game
3F	Sydney	For having a positive start to each morning and coming into school with a smile on her face.
4BR	Rafaela	For always being positive, bringing a smile into class every day and being engaged with all of our learning.
4BE	Evie	For showing perseverance when completing tricky divisions sums in maths this week.
5E	Albie	For his enthusiastic and 'active' approach to his learning by asking questions and even going home to find our more information related to a discussion we had had in class on space.
5J	Henry	For great collaboration during Maths this week by helping his partner and asking questions to think of other strategies they could use.
6C	Keira	For persevering with maths learning and converting measurements this week.
6F	Nick	For great exploring in our electricity lesson making a moving image using a motor.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine at least a few days before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently; so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education as easy as possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-return-to-routine>

We are hiring!

Teaching Assistant

Fixed term, 1 day/wk

Closes: 22 January 2025



Headteacher

Permanent, full time

Closes: 20 January 2025



Internal candidates:

Vacancies bulletin and internal candidate application form can be viewed on EduPay (Via Doc store).

View vacancies at:

greensandacademytrust.co.uk



SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association

SESDA Reg. Charity no.281076

Support Evening for Parents and Carers

New Venue - Canada Hall, All Saints Church,

Battlebridge Lane, Merstham RH1 3HA

Tuesday 28th January 2025
8pm to 10pm

Handwriting

Hannah Aitken, expert in handwriting and SESDA Com. member

Good, legible handwriting is a very important skill for children to master

A short talk about practical ways to help achieve this aim at home and school plus

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

**Canada Hall, All Saints Church,
Battlebridge Lane, Merstham RH1 3HA**

CALLING ALL WITCHES AND WIZARDS



Wray Common's School of Witch Craft & Wizardry



JOIN US FOR A FUN FEEED EVENING

FRIDAY
28 FEB



Time
5:00 PM

More information to follow in January

*If you have a budding Hermione, Harry or Hagrid who
they won't want to miss this event!*

TKETS £10

Gift Amnesty

Parents, staff and friends!

**Can you help us raise funds for
the school this year?**

If you received any gifts at Christmas or on a birthday that aren't quite to your taste (or got two the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events.

Where to drop them off

Please bring your donations to the school office
throughout January

Thank you!

From Friends of Wray Common



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