



THIS WEEK

SPARKFISH

On Tuesday, Year 2 were invited to visit Redhill Methodist church for the Sparkfish retelling of the first Christmas story. The children enjoyed watching the wonderful re-telling of the key events in this Christian story and could remember so much of what they were shown.



CHANGE TO PE/SWIMMING DAYS

Further to the new swimming block information sent to you two weeks ago via the newsletter, please see an updated list of PE/Swimming dates if your child's year group is affected. This is starting next week;

Year 2 - PE on Monday and Friday.

Year 3 - Swimming on Wednesday and PE on Thursday.

Year 5 - PE on Thursday and Swimming on Friday.

Year 6 - PE on Monday and Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

Last week the girls' and boys' Wray Common football teams played games away to Lime Tree. Both teams played with great teamwork, sportsmanship and showed fantastic skills to win 5-0 and 6-0 respectively.



'Last Friday, seven year 6 girls went to Lime Tree Primary School to play a football match against their girls' team. First Eva scored the opening goal then 5 minutes later Ellie scored another goal. Then Miss Alice gave us a great pep talk at half time which helped us score another 2 goals from Selena and Eva. Ava made some great passes and wasn't afraid to go in for lots of tackles. Chloe and Malak in defence were phenomenal like always, intercepting several passes that could have cost us all. Sophia made some elite saves which helped us win 5 - 0. The girls that participated were Eva, Ellie, Ava, Chloe, Malak, Selena and Sophia by Eva and Ellie 6F

Boys from Year 6 also took part in a tournament this week, where they came 2nd in their group, going on to winning one of their games in the afternoon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon - Thurs - Book Fair 3pm - 3:45pm

Fri - Y5/6 Anti-bullying workshop

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

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DONATIONS TO FOODBANK AT ST MATTHEW'S REDHILL - MONDAY 9TH - WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

Just a reminder that this half term, we are encouraging children to contribute to society - being a Wray Common Citizen - by donating towards the Foodbank at St Matthew's, Redhill. Please ensure donations are only from the Standard Shopping List - click [here](#) for more information. Donations can be made on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December and left outside the school office. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child would like to join us for a traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 19th December (a vegetarian option will be available), please complete [this form](#). Please note that if your child has a school dinner already on a Thursday, you do not need to complete the form. One form needs to be completed per child. Please ensure you complete this form by 5pm Thursday 5th December.



GREEN REDEEM

Thank you to everyone who helped Wray Common finish in 2nd place in the Green Redeem competition. This has enabled us to receive £1,000 funding towards our outdoor learning!

HONOUR BOOK

1EL	Tom	For always aspiring to be the best he can be and contributing to class discussions.
1B	Penny	For always coming into the classroom with a huge smile on her face and then applying her positive attitude to her learning.
2T	Max	For his effort in all subjects and aspiring to be the best he can be.
2P	Belle	For her kindness and showing she is such a good friend to others.
3S	Dougal	For being a good Wray Common Citizen by always being kind to others.
3F	Arthur	For showing great teamwork and sportsman ship this week in PE.
4BR	Mateo	For excellent and thoughtful contributions to lessons this week.
4BE	Florence	For being so helpful towards Miss Alice when tidying up the equipment after her PE lesson this week.
6C	Ahmed	The swimming teacher fed back to the office what a delight Ahmed was to teach during the swimming lesson this week.
6F	Jack	For aspiring to be the best he can be by having great focus this week in all lessons.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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Winter Wonderland

Refreshments

Selection of drinks & snacks from 50p - £3.00

Snow globe & inflatable disco dome

£2.00 - £3.00, timed slots

FOWC Gifts & Goodies

Selection of gifts from £2.00

Biscuit Decorating

with Mrs Michelle Claus & Di her helper

Game Stalls

10 fun Christmas themed stalls to enjoy

from 50p

Facepainters

Santa's Grotto

Pre-booked slots only. £5 per child

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How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent.
I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out familylinks.org.uk for more information on *The Parenting Puzzle* book and the Nurturing Programme

The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:

Home-Start Community Room
Tower House (2nd Floor)
3, Cromwell Road
Redhill
RH1 1RT

When:

Mondays 7.30pm to 9.30pm

13th/20th/27th January 25
3rd/10th/24th February 25
3rd/10th/17th/24th March 25

Contact details:

Please contact Lisa to book a place
email lisa@home-starteast Surrey.org.uk
mob: 07593 503701

cost: £30 per person or £50 per couple

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The Nurturing Programme

Information for parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



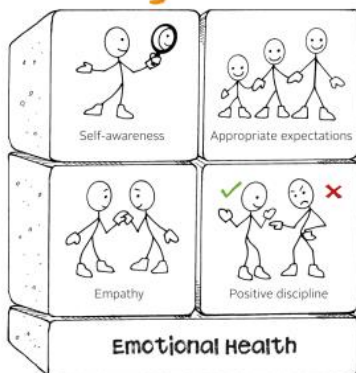
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Building Blocks of the Nurturing Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including

Understanding

why children behave as they do

Recognising

the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring

different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves

Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle

