

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



THIS WEEK

SLEEPOVER SUCCESS

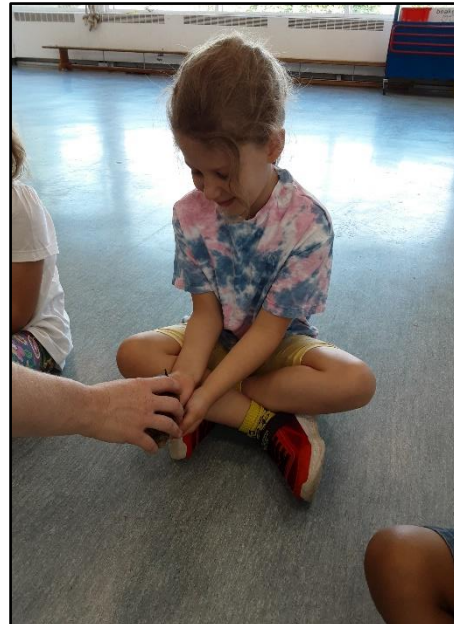
Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed their much-anticipated school sleepover. The evening began with games outside, where the children played happily together, followed by a delicious dinner cooked by Michelle - thank you so much for coming in to help. Later, everyone settled down to watch a film while enjoying popcorn. After the movie, the children made up their beds and prepared to sleep. It was wonderful to see so many children reading books before drifting off. Even the adults were able to somewhat 'settle' by 11:30pm!

In the morning, the children enjoyed a breakfast of hot toast before being collected by their families. It was such an exciting experience, and a pleasure to look after a group, who behaved so well. Their positive attitude made the sleepover an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



ZOOLAB

Last week, Year 1 pupils were treated to an exciting visit from Zoolab as part of their learning. This special session linked to their recent topic on animals, where they explored the animal groups that have backbones. The children had the opportunity to compare the characteristics of each group and discover the similarities and differences between them. Zoolab brought in a selection of live creatures, giving the pupils a chance to see and even interact with some of the animals up close. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that really brought their classroom learning to life!



1

~~Z~~oolab

Last Friday

Zoolab visited

our school! we

We sat in a

big semi-circle

in the little hall.

First we met

Speedy the giant

African land

2

Snail I loved

him because

he is my favrote

animal in the

world. Then we

met chicken Nugget

the cockroach

he was cute.

Next we met

fluffy the

tarantula we

3

could not

~~touch~~ touch her

because she

would give us

a rash for

three weeks!

After Snowy

the snake she

was as white

as corn. Finally

we met Jamie

4

the tree frog

he was small

but very energetic

my favrote

was the ~~cockroach~~

cockroach his

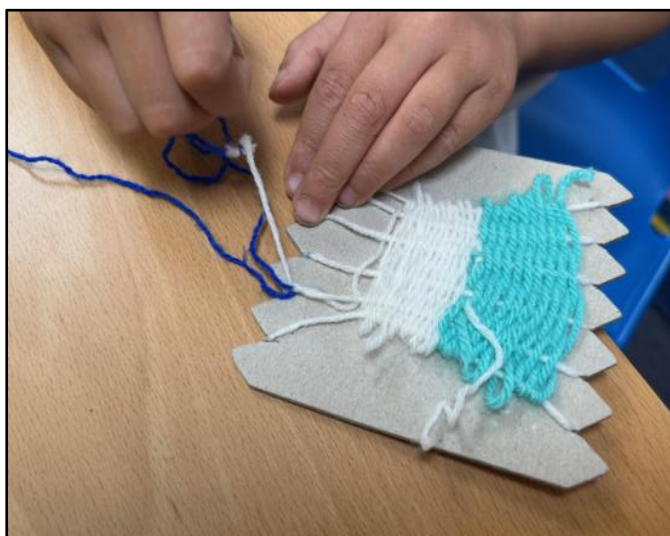
exoskeleton felt

scaly.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

As part of Year 2's topic 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!' we have been learning how to re-use unwanted items so they don't go to waste.

The children have made good use of the wool that's been kindly donated and have learnt how to weave using a small cardboard loom. Here is the work in progress and some examples of our finished pieces. Many thanks to the adults who came in to support us with this project.



TENNIS COLLABORATION

This week Year 5 and Year 1 did some great collaboration in tennis. The children listened well to each other, and the Year 5 children gave some brilliant instructions as well as encouragement.



CLASS ALLOCATION

Class Name	Class Teacher(s)	Previous Class
Ladybirds (RP)	Miss Palmer	-
Caterpillars (RH)	Mrs Harper	-
Hedgehogs (1LP)	Mrs Padmanathan and Mrs Laing	RH
Rabbits (1P)	Mrs Perera	RP
2F	Miss Fanner	Mix
2T	Mr Taylor	Mix
3EM	Mrs Evans and Mrs Mwila	2P
3F	Miss Flower	2T
4B	Miss Belcher	3F
4S	Mr Savedra	3S
5A	Miss Andrew	Mix
5J	Miss Jenkins	Mix
6C	Mr Carter	5J
6F	Miss Fosbueary	5E

This afternoon to support a smooth transition into next academic year, the children visited their new class room and spent time with their new teacher. They will also return to their new teacher next Wednesday morning to complete a fun activity and get to know each other. You will have received an email if your child is in the current Year 1 and Year 4 cohort to inform you what class they will be in. Please note that we have not currently allocated teaching assistants to classes - we will let both yourselves and children know as soon as we have this confirmed.

TEACHER UPDATE

At the end of July, we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Ellis, Mrs Brooks and Mr Burgess who over the years have given so much passion, enthusiasm and excitement towards the children's education at Wray Common - we are extremely thankful for their dedication in the many years they have been teaching here. While we will be sad to see them go, we are equally excited for them as they begin new chapters in their lives.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Fosbueary, Mrs Mwila and Miss Andrew to the Wray Common teaching team - they all bring with them a wealth of experience and enthusiasm!

SWIMMING GALA

We will be holding our last in-school swimming gala next week - **Friday 11th July 9:00am - 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 11th July
Year 1 (whole year) 9:00 - 10:00
Year 2 (whole year) 10:00 - 11:00
Year 3 (whole year) 11:00 - 12:00
Reception Swimming lesson

DONATIONS

The KS1 lunchtime team are looking at refurbishing our mud kitchen. We would really appreciate any help and donations. We are looking for items such as -

- Soil
- Bark
- Grass
- Pots and pans etc
- Oven trays
- Kettle
- Wooden utensils
- Small table/ chairs
- Metal kitchen signs to make it homely
- Any wooden play kitchens
- Hanging baskets
- Artificial plants
- Plastic cutlery/plastic jugs/cups/bowls/plates

CLUBS

Reminder - club details for Autumn have been sent. Clubs highlighted on the timetable in red will be bookable from 7am on Monday 7th until 4pm on Friday 11th July. Places are not confirmed until you receive a confirmation from the office. Payment should be made in advance on Arbor.



YMCA PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH JULY AT 9AM
AT WRAY COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH TRANSITIONS

Transitions can be tricky for children of all ages. Come and speak to the team from the YMCA for support and strategies to use at home.



To DO:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon - Y6 dress rehearsal to the whole school (PM)

Wed - New Reception Stay and Play AM

Wed - Transition Morning



Thurs - Y6 Production

Fri - Swimming Gala (Y1, 2 and 3)

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

Only one day to go until Wrayfest 2025! Get ready for a fantastic day of fun, games, and festivities. We can't wait to see you there! **Don't forget to purchase your tickets via bit.ly/wrayfest25**



Y6 - HOODIES

For the remainder of the term, Year 6s are allowed to wear their Leavers hoodies to and from school. They are not to be worn in class.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Jurado, Mrs Denley, Miss Kelly and Miss Clarke for giving up their spare time to help clear some of the KS1 area - it looks great and is highly appreciated!

SCHOOL DINNERS

If your child is currently in Year 2, their Universal Free School meal status will expire on the last day of term. From September, school dinners will need to be charged. Please note the price for a school dinner from September will be £2.90.

HONOUR BOOK

RH	Roma	For always helping grown ups and friends when needed.
RP	Mehar	For showing respect to our classroom by always finding things to tidy without being asked!
1EL	Bodhi	For aspiring to be the best he can be. You've had an excellent attitude to learning this week.
1B	Spencer	For aspiring to be the best he can be. You've had an excellent attitude to learning this week.
2T	Albert	For having the confidence and courage to share a 'show and tell' with the rest of the class.
2P	Emily	For being such a supportive friend to others in the class and being such a great learning partner.
3S	Jaxon	For always putting his hand up to contribute in all lessons.
3F	Adeep	For constantly showing the Wray Common Values everyday!
4BR	Sienna	For always offering help to Mrs Brooks.
4BE	Elijah	For providing excellent feedback to his partner in PE.
5E	Phoebe	For her enthusiasm towards her learning this half term, especially in her writing.
5J	Aoife	For showing kindness when helping Year 1 in their PE lesson.
6C	Henry & Toby	For demonstrating enthusiasm and engagement with singing during assemblies.
6F	Tanner	For having the courage to stand up for what is right at the swimming gala.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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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

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Closes: 10 July 2025



Class Teacher

Mat cover, part time
Closes: 10 July 2025



School Office Assistant

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Teaching Assistant

Mat cover, full time
Closes: 7 July 2025



SEN Teaching Assistant

Perm, full time
Closes: 10 July 2025



Qualif. Nursery Practitioner

Perm, full time
Closes: 8 July 2025



Home School Link Worker

Perm, 14 hours pw
Closes: 17 July 2025



HLTA Cover Supervisor

Perm, full time or part time
Closes: 15 July 2025



Teaching Assistant

Fixed term, two positions
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Early Years Teaching Assistant

Perm, full time
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