

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



## HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER!

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - AGAIN!

Our mission is to provide an education of such quality that every child will leave the school with better life chances than when they first entered. Part of enhancing children's better life chances is through academic achievement. We are proud to report that, again, our Year 6 cohort have achieved significantly above National in all areas covered by SATS. For example, 76% of children attained expected standards in all of Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to National average of 62%. Team Wray Common - staff, parent and children, continue to demonstrate their excellence.

### SWIMMING GALA

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and children who came along to cheer on the swimmers. Your support made a real difference. A special thank you goes to all the staff who helped make the event such a success - especially Miss Alice and our amazing Year 6 Sports Crew Leaders!

The winners are -

KS1 - **SAPPHIRES** KS2 - **DIAMONDS** and Overall winners - **SAPPHIRES**

### WE NEED YOU!

The Friends, as you will read further on in the newsletter, have had such a huge impact on the lives of our children this year. They are now seeking a few more champions to continue their sterling successes. Please see the posters for how you can help. Thank you in advance and we look forward to another amazing year!

### YEAR 6

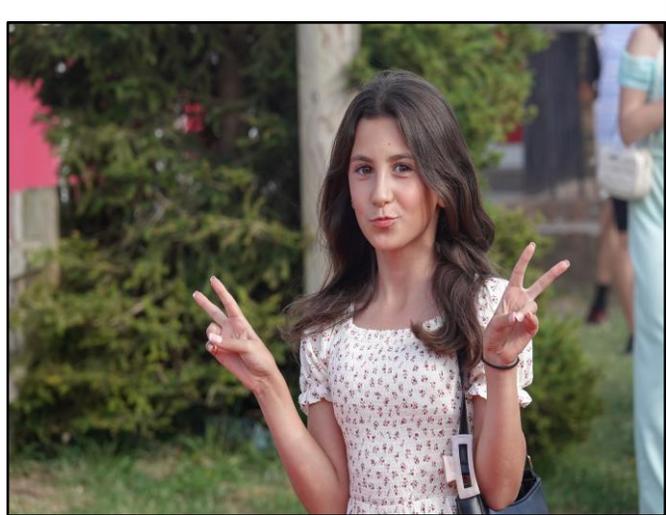
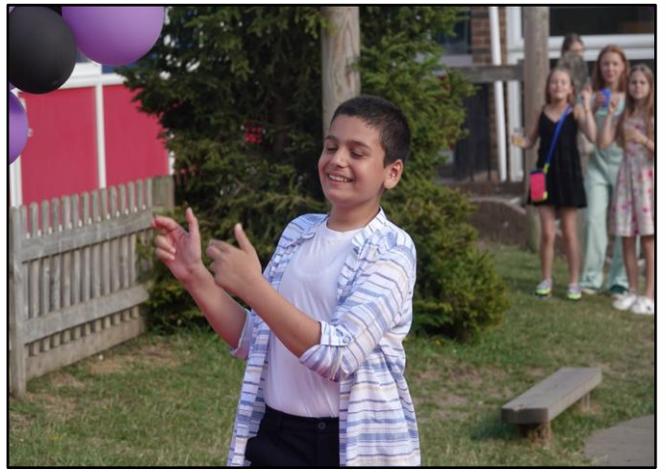
Year 6 have had a wonderfully busy and memorable end to their time at Wray Common! Their final weeks began with outstanding performances of Alice the Musical, where the entire year group amazed parents and peers alike. The children sang with enthusiasm and delivered their lines with confidence and precision - it was a joy to see them so passionate about performing.

But the spotlight didn't stop there! On Thursday evening, Year 6 enjoyed a special 'Red Carpet' event - a celebration of their time together, complete with delicious food (thank you, Michelle and team!) and plenty of dancing. It was a fantastic evening filled with fun and laughter.

And finally, this morning, the children delivered their heartfelt Leavers' Assembly. They shared their most treasured memories of Wray Common and sang a few final songs, marking the end of an incredible journey. Mr Carter, Miss Fanner, Mrs Peach, and Mrs Reynolds are all incredibly proud of how brilliantly the children have performed and represented themselves throughout these events. **Well done, Year 6 - and best of luck for your exciting adventures ahead!**





















**TOGETHER WE'VE RAISED £29,493  
& HAVE GIVEN THE SCHOOL £24,460**

**FIREWORKS  
£4,916**

**GATWICK  
AIRPORT GRANT  
£2,250**

**RAINBOW  
HAMPERS  
£900**

**CHRISTMAS  
CARDS  
£493**

**CHRISTMAS  
TREES  
£424**

**ELFRIDGES  
£1,110**

**WINTER  
HONDERLAND  
£4,127**

**SOMEONE  
SPECIAL MARCH  
£774**

**EASTER  
DISCO  
£823**

**ART  
SOIREE  
£196**

**SOMEONE  
SPECIAL JUNE  
£1,232**

**SPORTS DAY  
£408**

**ICE POP  
FRIDAYS  
£264**

**WRAYFEST  
£6,333**

**UNIFORM  
SALES  
£352**

**MATCH  
FUNDING  
£1990**

**CAROLS  
£93**

**RUN REIGATE  
£1987**

**WIZARD  
EVENT  
£730**

**ASDA  
CASHPOT  
£91**

WE'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS HELPED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE COULDN'T RUN THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOU AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED GETTING INVOLVED. WE ALSO HOPE YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ENJOYED ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES

THIS YEAR WE'VE PROVIDED THE SCHOOL WITH 10 LAPTOPS, 10 GLOCKENSPIELS, EXTERNAL FLOODLIGHTS FOR THE POOL, KS1 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PLAYGROUND GAZEBOS, ART SUPPLIES, CELEBRATION MEDALS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

# FANCY JOINING THE FOWC COMMITTEE?

AS WE CONCLUDE ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR AND CHILDREN MOVE ON, WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT SOME OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON WILL BE STEPPING DOWN AT THE AGM IN NOVEMBER 2025. THIS MEANS WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET A NEW TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE THE FANTASTIC WORK OF THE CHARITY BY BRINGING MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES TO OUR SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY AND AT THE SAME TIME RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL.

FULL TRAINING AND HANDOVER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL ROLES AND THE CURRENT CO-CHAIRS WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AS A SOUNDING BOARD AND GUIDE FOR THE INTRICACIES OF THE ROLE.

## CO CHAIR

- Liaise with school and committee members on a regular basis
- Ownership and oversight of complete event programme
- Co-ordination of volunteers
- Purchasing items for events as and when needed
- Leading quarterly committee meetings

## SECRETARY

- Produce quarterly agendas for the Committee meetings
- Take a note of minutes and actions from the meetings and follow up as necessary
- Review our charity documents on an annual basis and advise any amendments

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Produce and issue our PTA newsletter on a monthly basis via Mailchimp
- Create event posters to help us in promoting the events throughout the year.
- Support with social posts for events



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON A POSITION AND WANT TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON AND WE CAN ARRANGE A CHAT.

## KEEP TIMES TABLES SHARP THIS SUMMER!

As we head into the summer holidays, it's a great opportunity to keep those times tables skills fresh. Regular practise can make a big difference when we return to school. Here are some fun ways to keep it engaging:

<p><b>1. Times Tables Bingo</b> Create bingo cards with answers to multiplication questions. Call out problems (e.g. "3 x 4"), and children mark the correct answer on their cards.</p>	<p><b>2. Hit the Button (Online Game)</b> A fast-paced game where children answer as many multiplication questions as possible in a timed round. Great for fluency!</p>	<p><b>3. Multiplication Hopscotch</b> Draw a hopscotch grid outside. Instead of numbers, write multiplication facts. Kids jump to the correct answer after solving a problem you call out.</p>	<p><b>4. Times Tables Rock Stars (App/Website)</b> A favourite with many students! Children create a rock star avatar and earn coins by practising times tables.</p>	<p><b>5. Multiplication War (Card Game)</b> Using a regular deck of cards, two players flip a card each and multiply the numbers. The player with the highest product wins the round.</p>
<p><b>6. Dice Roll Challenge</b> Roll two dice and multiply the numbers. For more of a challenge, roll three! Keep score to add a competitive edge.</p>	<p><b>7. Chalk Challenges</b> Write multiplication problems on a patio or pavement using chalk. Kids solve them by hopping to the right answer.</p>	<p><b>8. Sing-Along Songs</b> There are loads of catchy multiplication songs on YouTube (like the "Schoolhouse Rock" series) that make memorizing facts fun and memorable.</p>	<p><b>9. Times Table Treasure Hunt</b> Hide multiplication problems around the house or garden. Each correct answer leads to the next clue—great for a hot summer day!</p>	<p><b>10. DIY Flashcards</b> Kids can make their own flashcards and decorate them, then quiz each other or challenge parents!</p>



1	5J 2024/2025	0
1	5E 2024/2025	0
1	4BR 2024/2025	0
1	4BE 2024/2025	0
1	3S 2024/2025	0
1	3F 2024/2025	0
1	2T 2024/2025	0
1	2P 2024/2025	0
1	1EL 2024/2025	0
1	1B 2024/2025	0

### Online games:

- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Hit the Button ([topmarks.co.uk](http://topmarks.co.uk))
- Maths Frame ([mathsframe.co.uk](http://mathsframe.co.uk))
- BBC Super Movers (songs and dances)

### No Tech Needed:

- Quick fire quiz - 2 minute challenge: how many can you get?
- Snap - use flashcards or shuffle a deck and multiply face-up numbers
- Dice Duel - roll two dice and multiply. Score a point for each correct answer!
- Car Times Tables - Quiz in the car: 7 x 6? 8 x 12?
- Family Quiz Night - can your child beat you?
- Times Table Bingo
- Teach the Teacher - Can your child quiz you and catch you out?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

INSET Day - 1<sup>st</sup> September

Children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



## INFORMATION MEETINGS

Looking ahead to the beginning of the next academic year, parents and carers are invited to an information morning (see dates) where our teaching teams will tell you about the year ahead - PE, swimming sessions, educational visits and year group organisation.

Please make a note of your session Date.

Date	Year Group
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 3.00pm
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 3.00pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 3.00pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 2.45pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 2.45pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 3.00pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	YR 2.45pm

## VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

If you would like to become a Volunteer helper during the Autumn term, it's essential that you attend one of our induction and safeguarding training sessions. They will be taking place online at 5pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and at 9am on the 4<sup>th</sup> September in school.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

If you are looking for something to entertain your child(ren) with over the summer holidays how about a cumulative  $\frac{1}{2}$  marathon? As Run Reigate approaches on 21 September we are looking for children to run either a  $\frac{1}{2}$  marathon over the summer holidays and a final 1.1 miles on the day itself or just the 1.1 miles at the event on 21 September. Parents/carers need to register their child to take part via the Run Reigate website at own cost where they will get a t-shirt and medal. If you could then arrange sponsorship from friends and family for the child's efforts and donate it to Friends of Wray Common we would be very grateful. Our Just Giving link is - <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wraycommonrunreigate25>

## REMINDER - PENCIL CASES

Please note that for Y2-6, children will require pencil cases from September. Full details were in last week's newsletter advising what is required. Children will also need HB/writing pencils.

## HONOUR BOOK

RH	Florence	Always helping friends and teachers when asked.
RP	Archie	For being a fantastic Wray Common citizen by being respectful and polite to all adults and children.
1EL	Imogen	For being a true Wray Common citizen and standing up for what is right.
1B	Ophelia	For being a true Wray Common citizen and standing up for what is right.
2T	Sasha	For always demonstrating the values of kindness and respect.
2P	Oliver	For always showing respect to the adults and his friends.
3S	Holly	For being a kind friend by giving up some of their lunch time to help a friend find something they lost.
3F	Kay	For being extra helpful during transition time.
4BR	Arran and Grace	For showing great leadership during teamwork activities and being super role models.
4BE	Ariel	For showing excellent courage to perform in front of the class this week.
5E	Kaspian	For his encouragement and sportsmanship shown in his PE lessons this week.
5J	Poppy	For showing incredible focus during lessons this week.
6C	Jaeden	For engaging in learning the Year 6 song really well and singing with enthusiasm.
6F	Ellie	For always showing respect to others and being proactive when jobs needed to get done.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.



### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.



### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.



### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.



## Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College



**Rooted in Nature, Growing in Wonder  
at Wray Common Primary School**

Half day, drop off forest school sessions for your outdoor wildlings, run by Maggie - qualified primary school teacher, forest school level 3 trained, enhanced DBS and paediatric first aid trained.

£35 per child, 10% sibling discount.

 **Wild Art, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9am-11.45am**

Art, but not as you know it! Create something beautiful with nature.

 **Minibeast Adventure, 29th July 1 pm- 3.45pm**

Discover the tiny world of insects and make your own bug hotel.

 **Guardians of the Trees,**

**30<sup>th</sup> July, 9am - 11.45am and 1pm 3.45pm**

Identify trees, make leaf crowns and learn how to use a bowsaw.

 **Forest Fairies & Woodland Wizards, 5<sup>th</sup> August 1pm - 3.45pm**

Make your own real magic wand and magic potions!

 **Flower Power, 6<sup>th</sup> August 1pm-3.45pm**

Waggle dances, flower crowns and seed bombs galore!

**Each session is packed with hands on play and creating something wonder-filled to take home ✨**

**As well as getting curious in our wonder tent, you can chill out in the hammock,, learn how to light a fire and enjoy a campfire treat!\***

*Campfire in all sessions apart from Wild Art.*



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## Picnics in the Park



Wednesdays 20th and 27th August  
12noon – 2pm

Join us for fun in the park

### Who?

For mums/dads/carers and their under 5's (older siblings welcome).

### Where?

Redhill Memorial Park,  
RH1 1NX

### Details

Dress for the weather and bring a picnic. Welcare will provide activities and games. No need to book, just turn up and join in the fun



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