



THIS WEEK...

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can we please remind you that we **do not** allow nuts in school. This includes chocolate spread and snack bars which contains nuts and Nutella bars. Nuts for some children and adults endanger their lives. Please respect this policy. Thank you.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

This week in Science, Year 4 had a hands-on adventure learning about the digestive system! Using everyday objects and a bit of messy fun, the children recreated the journey food takes through the body. We used Weetabix to represent the food, helping to demonstrate how it's broken down at each stage of digestion.



Autumn 2025–2026

Please find below dates and events for this term. Why not pin this on your noticeboard so that you can refer to the dates each week.

Dates are subject to change but we will try to give as much notice of any changes as possible.

| SEPTEMBER 2025 | | Description | Time |
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| Tuesday | 02 | Back to school | |
| Wednesday | 03 | Volunteer and Safeguarding Training (Adults only) | 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 04 | Year 6 Information Meeting | 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 04 | Volunteer and Safeguarding Training (Adults only) | 8:50 a.m. |
| Friday | 05 | Year 4 Information Meeting | 3:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 08 | Year 5 Information Meeting | 3:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 08 | Wray Common Clubs Start | 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 09 | Year 2 Information Meeting | 3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 10 | School Swimming Starts | See separate timetable |
| Wednesday | 10 | Friends of Wray Common Committee Meeting (Teams) | 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 10 | Year 1 Information Meeting | 2:45 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 10 | Year 3 Information Meeting | 2:45 p.m. |
| Monday | 15 | Year R Information Meeting | 2:45 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 17-19 | Year 6 High Ashurst Residential | During School Time |
| Friday | 19 | Year 4 Egyptian Day | During school time |
| Sunday | 21 | Friend's Run Reigate | |
| Tuesday | 23 | Florence Nightingale Workshop Year 2 | During school time |
| Monday–Friday | 29-3 | Bikeability L2 Y6 | Details to follow |
| Tuesday | 30 | Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots) | 3:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m. |
| OCTOBER 2025 | | | |
| Thursday | 02 | Parent Consultation Evening (booked time slots) | 3:40 p.m. - 6:10 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 08 | Y6 Victorian Day | During school time |
| Thursday | 09 | Sports Crew Training (invited Y6 children only) | During school time |
| Tuesday | 14 | Individual and Sibling Photos | Details to follow |
| Friday | 24 | Celebration Medals Assembly | 2:20 p.m. |
| Monday - Friday | 27-31 | Half Term Holiday | |

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| NOVEMBER 2025 | | | |
| Monday | 03 | Inset Day | |
| Friday | 07 | Friend's Non uniform day (donations for Rainbow hampers) | During school time |
| Friday | 07 | Greensand Let's Sing | 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 07 | Friends Firework Evening | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 10 | New Parents Open Morning | 9:20 a.m.—10:30 a.m. |
| Monday-Friday | 10-14 | Class Assemblies | Details to follow |
| Friday | 14 | Children in Need | Details to follow |
| Monday—Wednesday | 17-19 | Friends Elfridges Sale | During school time |
| Tuesday | 18 | Nasal Flu & Reception/Y6 Heights and Weights | During school time |
| Thursday | 20 | New Parents Open Morning | 9:20 a.m.—10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday | 25 | Y2 Sparkfish Christmas Journey | During school time |
| Wednesday - Friday | 26-28 | Year 5 Residential Trip to Aylmerton | Departure time tbc |
| Friday | 28 | Friends Non Uniform Day (sweetie jar donation) | During school time |
| Saturday | 29 | Friend's Christmas Fayre | Details to follow |
| DECEMBER 2025 | | | |
| Monday-Thursday | 01-04 | Book Fayre | Details to follow |
| Saturday | 07 | Friend's Christmas Tree Sale | Details to follow |
| Tuesday | 16 | Whole School Carol Service at St. Matthew's Church (children only) | During school time |
| Wednesday | 17 | Year 1 Nativity Performance | 9:20 a.m. |
| Wednesday | 17 | Reception Nativity Performance | 2:15 p.m. |
| Thursday | 18 | School Christmas Lunch | During school time |
| Friday | 19 | Celebration Medals Assembly | 12:45 p.m. |
| Friday | 19 | Break up for Christmas Holidays | 1:35 p.m. pick up KS1 1:40 p.m. pick up KS2 |
| Monday | 22 | Christmas Holidays | |
| JANUARY 2026 | | | |
| Tuesday | 06 | First day of Spring Term for children | Normal school times apply |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon - YR Parent Information meeting 2:45pm

Wed - Fri - Y6 High Ashurst

Fri - Y4 Egyptian Day



OPEN MORNINGS

Open mornings for prospective Reception parents with children due to start in September 2026 are now bookable on our website by visiting our [Admissions page](#).

PARENT CONSULTATIONS - TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Please can we advise you that Parent Consultation meetings will be taking place after school on Tuesday 30th September and Thursday 2nd October. You are able to book your appointment from 6am on Tuesday 16th September. For the first time, we are asking all parents to book their appointment via Arbor. If you need help, please call the Office or view. [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#).

All parent consultation meetings will take place in the Large Hall. Before your appointment, we encourage you to come and have a look at your children's books (Reception children will not have any books to look at on this occasion). Everyone should enter school via the red gate nearest to the school building (Camp Glide entrance) at the end of the car park, and enter the small hall where the children's books will be laid out. Parents can then meet the teacher at the booked time in the large hall. Please ensure you are on time. Appointments will last for 10 minutes and a bell will sound to signal when the 10 minutes has passed. After the appointment, you may exit via the main office. KS2 children are encouraged to attend with their parents.

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

HONOUR BOOK

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| 1LP | Hugo | For thinking of an excellent question during our RE learning this week. |
| 1P | Mehar | For kindness when helping her friend to tidy up the train set. |
| 2T | Tom | For demonstrating courage and thinking carefully when acting as tour guide for his partner in RE. |
| 2F | Rae | For a great explanation as to why a number was greater than another number. |
| 3EM | Alfie E | For having a fantastic attitude to his learning this week and always having a go. |
| 3F | Martha | For being a supportive learning partner and collaborating well during lessons. |
| 4B | Kay | For challenging herself in her learning and thriving to do her best. |
| 4S | Blake | For having a great attitude towards his learning this week by always trying his best. |
| 5A | Thomas | For consistently sharing well-reasoned contributions across all lessons. |
| 5J | Leila | For always showing respect to peers and adults by listening to their ideas. |
| 6C | Inaya | For a fantastic setting description in her writing using the full toolkit. |
| 6F | Ella | Always offering a helping hand to adults and for thinking of jobs to help around the classroom. |

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

I WANT TO BELIEVE

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

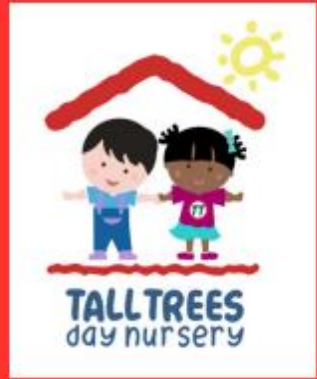
Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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WB 15TH SEPT

MON – FRI

09:30 – 11:30

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RUN REIGATE

2025

21 SEPTEMBER

DONATE VIA THE QR CODE



If you're planning on running at the Run Reigate event we'd love you to be sponsored by your friends and family to raise vital funds for our school. You can send your donations to us via our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wraycommonrunreigate25> or via the QR code.

Entry into the race is at your own cost via the event organisers Run Reigate.

For full details visit www.runseries.co.uk/run-reigate

The cost of entry covers a branded t-shirt and a winners medal.

Children will have the opportunity to bring their medals into school after the event, and have their hard work recognised in an assembly.





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GATTON PARK

APPLE OPEN DAY AND TRACTOR RIDES

- Apple juicing & tasting
- Children's trail & crafts
- Tractor rides
- Gattton Hall Tearoom
- Gardens fully open

**SUNDAY
5TH OCT
12-5PM**



Tickets at gatttonpark.co.uk

Adults £6 online, £8 on the door. Children free. RH2 0TW

JOIN *The* BOOGIE



WRAY COMMON SCHOOL
7.30pm - 11pm
Tickets £15 pp
including a welcome drink
Buy: email ladiesdisco25@gmail.com



Two neighbours of the school, Tania and Lois, are organising a Charity Ladies Disco on 18th October with all proceeds to be divided between Wray Common School Fund and our local Baby Bank, Stripey Stork. We hope you can support this event by buying tickets and joining the fun and they would also welcome donations of prizes for the Tombola.