

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



THIS WEEK...

HIGH ASHURST

Year 6 had an amazing time camping at High Ashurst, creating unforgettable memories during their action-packed adventure. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, from mastering archery and learning woodland survival skills to taking on the thrilling challenge course and climbing high ropes. Their teamwork, resilience, and excitement made the experience truly special - a fantastic way to start their Year 6 journey!







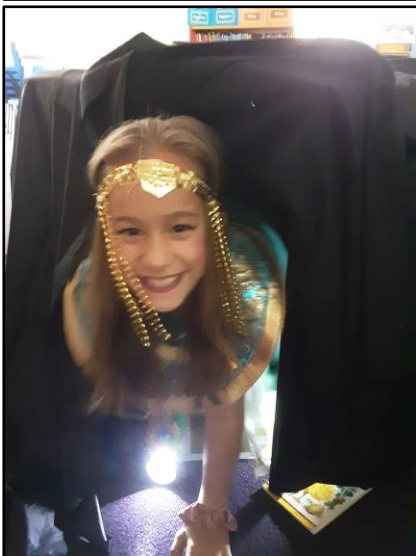
WATER RESISTANCE

Year 5 have continued their learning on forces by investigating the effects of water resistance. They made different shapes out of modelling dough, dropped them in water and timed how long they took to drop to the bottom. We found that the larger the surface area, the slower they fall because there is more water resistance.



ANCIENT EGYPT

On Friday, Year 4 had a fabulous day celebrating Ancient Egypt. We began the day by completing the mummification process followed by a traditional Ancient Egyptian feast. Later in the morning, we had a surprise visit from Howard Carter all the way from 1922, to tell us all about his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. During the afternoon, we experienced the feeling of entering the tomb for the first time as well as creating some fantastic Egyptian craft.





FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP


Year 2 were delighted to welcome a very special visitor this week - Florence Nightingale herself! The children took part in an exciting workshop where they stepped back in time to learn all about the "Lady with the Lamp" and her incredible work during the Crimean War. Through role play, storytelling, and hands-on activities, the children discovered how Florence transformed hospitals and made a lasting impact on nursing. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring history to life, and the children were full of questions and enthusiasm throughout the session.



THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Year 1 were amazed when they watched the Tudor houses they had created burn up in flames on the playground this week! They noticed that the wind blew the fire along the row of terraced houses, just like in the Great Fire of London! Fortunately, Mr Fensom was on hand to make sure the fire went out safely!




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PICK UP AND DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR KS1

All parents/carers of KS1 children are to enter the school for pick up and drop off via the KS1 red gate and use this gate to exit the school.

Please do not cut across the school into the KS2 playground.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025 - FRAGILE X SOCIETY

This half term, we are excited to be raising money for Fragile X Society, a charity who supports individuals, and their families, who have been diagnosed with Fragile X Syndrome. Fragile X Syndrome (FXS) is a genetic condition, affecting around 1 in 4000 males and 1 in 6000 females. It can cause a wide range of difficulties with learning, as well as social, language, attentional, emotional, and behavioural problems.

The Fragile X Society was formed in 1990 by families whose children had just been diagnosed with Fragile X Syndrome. At that time there were no facilities to support and inform families about any aspect of Fragile X. The charity has since grown to consist of a team of dedicated employees and volunteers, supporting thousands of individuals and families. Find out more about this amazing charity here: [Fragile X Society | Fragile X | United Kingdom](#).

This is a charity close to our hearts at Wray Common since it has supported Mrs Casaclang (TA in Year 1) and her family in supporting her son Hugo, who has been diagnosed with FXS. Mrs Casaclang says, "When your child is diagnosed with a disability, it's an overwhelming time for the whole family, especially when it's something you've never heard of before. The Fragile X Society was such a huge support for us, helping us to make sense of Hugo's diagnosis and giving us the help and reassurance we really needed."

On Friday 10th October, we are inviting the children to come into school dressed in **turquoise** and/or **blue**, the colours of the Fragile X Society logo, in exchange for a 3-coin donation of your choosing.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!



FREE ADULT LEARNING COURSES

Family Learning - sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

Start date: 13 October 2025

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom) - **Sessions:** 2 sessions

Family Learning - sensory routines to support your child with ASD, ADHD and other (online)

Start date: 1 December 2025

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom) - **Sessions:** 2 sessions

Family Learning - cooking ideas for you and your child (ADHD, Autism & Neurodivergent) (online)

Start date: 11 November 2025

Time: 4pm to 5:30pm

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom) - **Sessions:** 2 sessions

Family Learning - first steps to understand My Neurodivergent child (ADHD, Autism) (online)

Start date: 27 November 2025

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Location: Online (Zoom) - **Sessions:** 3 sessions

[Find an adult learning course - Surrey County Council](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

All week - L2 Bikeability (Y6)

Tues and Thurs - Parent Consultations



FUNDRAISING

Hardy was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in June, and he's facing it with so much courage and positivity. If you'd like to support him on his little adventure and help raise awareness of T1D, here is his page - every bit means the world to the family, thank you so much!
<https://fundraise.diabetes.org.uk/fundraisers/hardygudgeon/wellness-walk-london>

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

THERAPY DOG VISIT

Just a reminder that we have registered for Pets As Therapy visits, which can help to give pupils opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of well-being. The dog who will be visiting us is called Poppy and she will be coming into school to listen to children read, along with her owner. Poppy will remain on the lead and under control at all times, under the close supervision of the her owner, and sessions will be supported by a member of the school staff. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to take part in a session with Poppy, please complete the consent form here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/aS30ZaL8wR>
Please complete one form per child.



SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Please can we remind you that dinners for KS2 need to be paid for in advance via Arbor. If you have any problems with making payments, please speak with the school office.

HONOUR BOOK

1LP	Qawwi	For always going the extra mile and being helpful in class without being asked. It spreads a little bit of kindness.
1P	Pearl	For always showing respect to the adults and her classmates.
2T	Stanley	For always persevering in his learning, especially his Maths lessons.
2F	Elodie	For her great contributions during our Florence Nightingale workshop.
3EM	Emily	For being a kind and supportive classmate.
3F	Emilia	For always being ready to learn and trying her best.
4B	Neive	For providing her partner with excellent feedback during our writing lessons this week.
4S	Hardy	For aspiring to be the best he can be by raising money for a diabetes charity.
5A	Lottie	For being a consistently considerate member of the class who always thinks about the needs of others and tries to help them.
5J	Elijah	For showing kindness to other children by helping them tidy up their resources.
6C	Lyanna	For using some fantastic vocabulary and phrases in her writing this week.
6F	Albie	For showing patience and kindness when helping others with their learning and for always being a fabulous role-model in the classroom.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College

We are hiring!

Teaching Assistant (Progress & Achievement Coach)

Perm, 25 hrs pw, term time

Closes: 5 October 2025



Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner

Perm, full time

Closes: 13 October 2025



School Cleaner

Perm, full time or part time

Closes: 6 October 2025



Midday Meals Supervisor

Perm, part time, term time

Closes: 30 September 2025



Learning Support Assistant

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 13 October 2025



School Cleaner

Fixed term, 5 hours pw

Closes: 7 October 2025



View vacancies at:
greensandacademytrust.co.uk



Reigate School OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd October 2025 | 5.30-8pm



Welcare Centre
Redhill

welcare
strengthening families since 1894

Who's in Charge?

9 week course for parents whose children are abusive or violent towards them or appear out of parental control.



Wednesday evenings online

from 7pm to 9pm

Oct: 15th & 22nd. Nov: 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. Dec: 3rd & 10th.

Followed by a review meeting in the new year (date to be confirmed)

This online course aims to:

- Reduce parent's feelings of isolation and guilt
- Reinforce belief in the possibility of change
- Clarify boundaries on acceptable/unacceptable behaviour
- Examine strategies for creating meaningful consequences
- Explore anger, both children's and parent's
- Encourage assertiveness and self-care
- Reinforce progress and provide emotional support

£10 per person to reserve a place

To book: [01737 780884](tel:01737780884)/redhill@welcare.org



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Find out more about us: www.welcare.org



Instrumental Lessons at Wray Common Primary School!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am really pleased to announce that Grooveline Music Education is opening up some new slots for instrumental lessons at Wray Common Primary School.

We will be **opening up some new spaces** for guitar, piano, drums, ukulele and bass - both 1:1 and in small groups.

With our hand selected tutors, all of which are working in the music industry, GrooveLine is able to offer the most cutting edge education to help start your child's musical journey! Lessons are designed to be fun, interactive and focussed on a range of music genres. Each lesson, pupils will be given learning resources to take home and practise during the week. We also have our own tuition books for complete beginners on Piano & Guitar! We operate using an online portal to ensure the best communication with parents/guardians, including weekly lesson reminders and reports!

Our lessons are paid for in blocks of 10 at the following prices per pupil

	1:1 Lessons	Group Lessons
20 mins	£17.75 Per Lesson	N/A
30 mins	£22.75 Per Lesson	£17.75 Per Lesson

To register your interest, please visit www.groovelinemusiceducation.com/signup or email admin@groovelinemusiceducation.com with your child's name, instrument preference and year group! Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

You can also sign up by scanning the QR code below:





FLORRIE'S
THE PAVILION

Autumn Craft Leaf Magic



Family Nature Crafts
Saturday 25th October, 10am-12pm
@ Florrie's Café, Memorial Park, Redhill.

Create a **beautiful leaf crown** and **autumn lantern** to take home, while enjoying a **cosy coffee**, **kid's hot chocolate/juice box**, and a shareable **Chalk Hills Bakery cinnamon bun**.

Price includes **all craft materials**, **drinks**, and **cinnamon bun**.

For children aged 3 - 10
and their grown up!

Limited places,
scan to book.



Saturday 25th October

10:00AM and **11:00AM**
slots

F **Florrie's Cafe**, Memorial
Park, Redhill

£17 per adult and child,
£13 for siblings

[wonder.folk.forest.school](https://www.instagram.com/wonder.folk.forest.school)
 [florriescafe](https://www.instagram.com/florriescafe)



FLORRIE'S
THE PAVILION

Autumn Craft Forest Friends



Family Nature Crafts
Sunday 26th October, 10am-12pm
@ Florrie's Café, Memorial Park, Redhill.

Create a **trio of woodland nature chums** to take home, while enjoying a **cosy coffee**, **kid's hot chocolate/juice box**, and a shareable **Chalk Hills Bakery cinnamon bun**.

Price includes **all craft materials**, **drinks**, and **cinnamon bun**.

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Autumn Craft Wonder Women

An invitation to all **Wonder Women** to **pause & create** with like-minded souls for a beautiful crafting evening **Florrie's Café**, Memorial Park, Redhill.



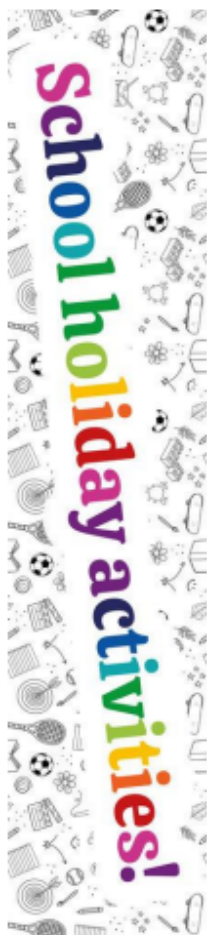
Make a **pressed flower pumpkin** and **hand-rolled beeswax candle** whilst enjoying a glass of fizz or herbal tea,
Price includes all resources and glass of fizz or herbal tea.

-  Thurs 23rd October 2025
-  6.00PM - 8:00PM
-  Florrie's Cafe, Memorial Park, Redhill
-  £35 per person

Limited places
scan to book



 [wonder.folk.forest.school](https://www.wonder.folk.forest.school)
 [florriescafe](https://www.florriescafe.com)



Bookings are open for October half term holiday activities

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce our October half term activities are live for booking! With 17 different activities on offer, there is something for everyone. Whether you are looking to get creative, try a new sport or make new friends, we have you covered! There are activities specifically for children with SEND, children under 5 and teens, as well as a mixture of all day activities and shorter faster session activities.

Take a look now and book at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols

Creative activities include:

- Play in a day – comedy workshop for 11 to 15 year olds
- Show in a Day – Wednesday theme for 7 to 11 year olds
- Jam Coding – Arcade Games Design for 7 to 12 year olds
- Afro Caribbean Creative Experience for 8 to 12 year olds
- Filmmaking workshop for 8 to 13 and 11 to 16 year olds

Sports Activities include:

- Beginners squash for 5 to 9 year olds
- Multi-Sports for 7 to 12 year olds and SEND Multi Sports for 4 to 11 year olds
- Athletic Kidz for 2.5 to 4 year olds and 5 to 7 year olds
- Indoor Cricket for 9 to 13 year olds

Remember if you are in receipt of benefits you can receive a 50% discount, please email leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk to check your eligibility.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Kind regards,
The Leisure Team