

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning



THIS WEEK...

ELMER DAY

Last week, Reception took part in Elmer day to celebrate everyone's differences. They came into school in their most colourful Elmer-like clothing and had a brilliant day! They enjoyed many different games in the hall and had an Elmer party, playing musical statues and marching around like an elephant. The day was topped off with a yummy cupcake because no party is complete without a cake! What a great day!





DIWALI

On Monday, children who celebrate Diwali were invited to wear their traditional dress to school if they wished. Year 1 were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from some of our families who celebrate Diwali. We discovered that Diwali is the festival of light and how good wins over bad. The children were delighted to see the colourful traditional dress and learn more about how Hindus celebrate Diwali. Thank you so much for sharing your time and knowledge with us.



CALLING PARENTS & CARERS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN VALUES - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As part of our ongoing work to celebrate **British Values**, we are exploring how these values connect with and compare to those from other cultures around the world. Next term, we are focusing on **India**, looking at the **similarities and differences** between British and Indian values. To make this learning meaningful, we would love to involve members of our school community who have personal knowledge, experience, or cultural connections to Indian values.

- We are kindly asking if you are a parent, carer, grandparent, or family member who:
- ✓ has Indian heritage,
 - ✓ understands Indian cultural or moral values,
 - ✓ can share traditions, celebrations, or stories that reflect values in Indian life
 - ✓ or would simply like to support us in leading or contributing to a school assembly...

...we would be delighted to hear from you!

WRAY COMMON MISSION STATEMENT

WRAY COMMON takes pride in:
providing an education of such quality that every child leaves the school with better life chances than when they first entered.



How do we define "*better life chances*"?

These are children who:

- have made **strong personal progress** across the broad curriculum from their starting points
- have **positive well-being** – enjoy school life; see themselves as successful learners; have a sense of belonging and influence; manage their emotions, and build strong, caring relationships
- consistently choose to demonstrate the Wray Common **Values, and positive behaviours**, in all aspects of their lives, impacting positively on the world around them
- and are knowledgeable, able and confident to make **safe choices**



We achieve these "better life chances" through:

a culture that:

- Sustains a **holistic approach** to the development of every child as represented by our Wray Common Way;
- Embraces a **nurturing ethos**, ensuring a safe, secure and caring environment in which every child can learn, develop and thrive
- Is **inclusive and adaptive**, ensuring every child can access our provision, feel visible and is successful
- Builds **strong partnerships with parents**, being both supportive of, and supported by, our families and community.

a curriculum that is:

- **Ambitious**: ignites a passion for learning that challenges *every child* to "step into their greatness"; stretches thinking, nurtures curiosity and empowers learners to aim high, work hard and take pride in their success.
- **Connected**: clear, progressive and logical sequencing to secure precise knowledge and skills; links are made explicit - across subjects, experiences and the wider world; children make connections, think deeply and apply their knowledge with purpose
- **Immersive**; creative, hands-on and memorable; language-rich; utilises a range strategies and environments, stimulating deep and purposeful thinking

children who:

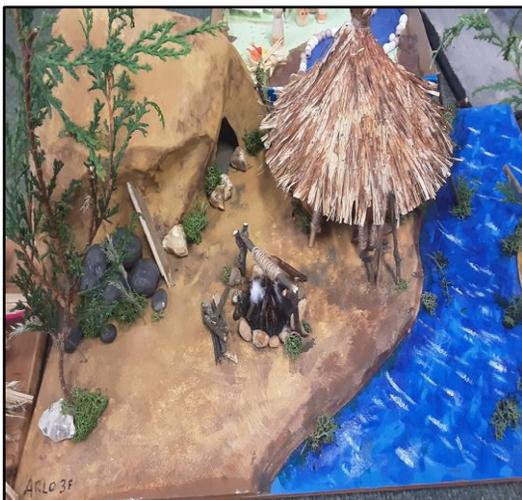
- **CAPTURE** their own learning by
 - Collaborating
 - Asking
 - Persevering
 - Thinking
 - Using
 - Reflecting
 - Exploring
- are proud **Wray Common Citizens** by
 - Contributing to society
 - Looking after the environment
 - Aspiring to be the best they can be
 - Standing up for what is right
 - Seeking solutions, and demonstrating our **Wray Common Values**

staff who:

- choose to be here because of their **shared passion** for the development of every child
- deliver learning with **expertise**, underpinned by our PACE framework
- relentlessly pursue progress for every child

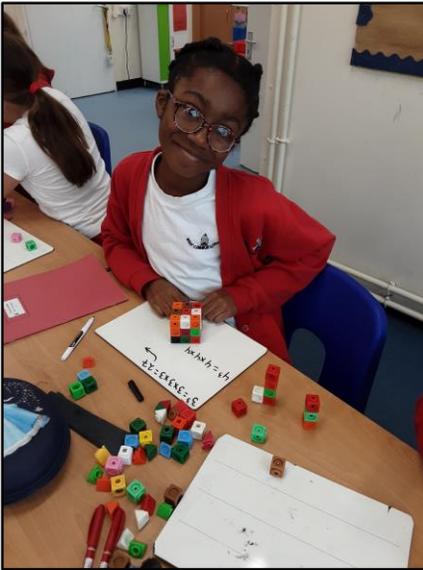
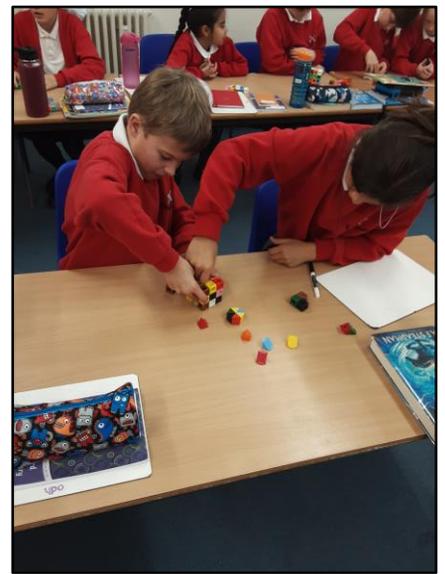
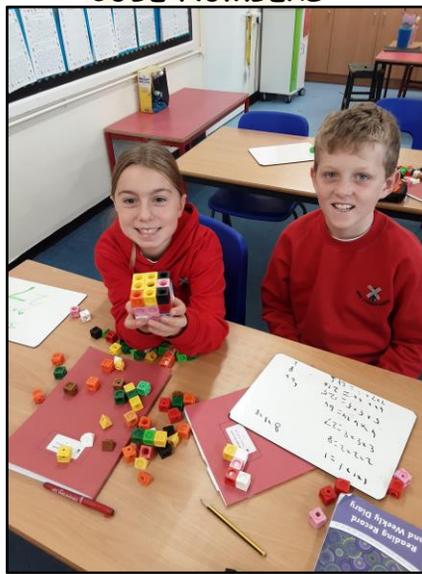
STONE AGE DAY

The Year 3 children had an exciting Stone Age afternoon where they dressed up as Stone Age people and immersed themselves in prehistoric life. They showed off their excellent BrainBuilds, demonstrating all they have learnt about the Stone Age. The children also enjoyed creating Stone Age-inspired art, using natural colours and textures to bring their ideas to life. To finish the day, we had a giggle watching *The Croods*.



CUBE NUMBERS

Year 5 have been developing their understanding of cube numbers. They used multilink to make physical representations of the cube numbers then recorded the multiplication equation it represented. This really helped secure their understanding of what a cube number is.



PE/SWIMMING TIMETABLE - AUTUMN 2

Please see below PE and swimming timetable for Autumn 2. This will change w/c 24th November when Years 4 and 6 begin their swimming block.

	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Mon	PE				PE		
Tue			PE			PE	PE
Wed			Swimming	PE		PE	
Thu		PE			PE		PE
Fri		Swimming		PE			

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please can we remind you that payment for school dinners should be made in advance of the half term via Arbor. Below you will find how much meals will cost for next half term.

Meal Costs for Autumn 2, 2025			
Meals Per week	Cost per meal	No of weeks in half term	Total cost per half term
1	£2.90	7	£20.30
2	£2.90	7	£40.60
3	£2.90	7	£60.90
4	£2.90	7	£81.20
5	£2.90	7	£101.50

Please could we ask you to check that your Arbor meals account has been paid for this current half term and will be topped up with the new amounts for next half term.

JOURNEY OF ELECTRICITY

For the first day of our new topic, Year 4 will be creating the 'journey of electricity'. We would love it if you could start to collect and bring in any recycling e.g. cardboard, straws, kitchen roll tubes, yogurt pots, foil, old cables etc on Tuesday 4th November (first day back after half term). Please deliver junk modelling to the office or Year 4.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY AUTUMN 2 - CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need is a BBC charity that raises money for projects supporting disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. It funds vital work to help young people facing challenges such as poverty, disability, mental health issues, and trauma.



Next half term, Wray Common are going to be supporting Children in Need by raising money on Friday 14th November.

Children are invited to come into school wearing something spotty and, should they wish to, donning their best bear ears or Pudsey ears in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need.



The theme this year is **Challenge Yourself to 25**. We are planning for children to take part in various activities in their class throughout the day up to the count of 25. For example, stop everything and do 25 star jumps! The Charity Champions will be meeting with Miss Palmer to come up with a selection of activities for children to participate in throughout the day. Thank you again in anticipation of your support!

READING DOG

We have been extremely fortunate to have Poppy the Reading Dog in school on a Friday through Pets As Therapy! This has given pupils opportunities to increase their confidence and sense of wellbeing by reading to her and her owner.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to take part in a session with Poppy, please complete the consent form [here](#). Please complete one form per child.





Tel: 01737 948 187

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Date: 21st October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

Subject: Consultation on Proposal for Two-Week October Half Term (2026/27)

Following Surrey's recent decision to implement a two-week October half term break, we undertook a thorough review of our academic calendar for the 2026/2027 school year. As part of this process, we examined current research and available evidence on how a two-week October half term might affect academic performance and student wellbeing. At this time, there is no conclusive evidence that this change offers significant improvements in either area. However, since the majority of local and feeder schools are moving to a two-week October break, we recognise that this shift could have an impact on attendance and family schedules.

In light of these developments, we are seeking your feedback on the proposal to adopt a two-week October half term for the 2026/2027 academic year, in alignment with changes at neighboring and feeder schools adopting the Surrey model. Our priority is to ensure that our term dates best support the needs of our pupils, families and staff.

We warmly invite all staff members, parents and guardians to share their thoughts and feedback regarding this proposal. If you would like to comment, please email: info@greensandacademytrust.co.uk by **Friday 7th November 2025**.

Once all responses have been reviewed, we will communicate the final decision regarding term dates before the end of November 2025. For your reference, the proposed term dates for the 2026/2027 academic year are detailed below.

Academic year 2026 to 2027

Within the dates listed, there will be 5 INSET Days in which children will not attend school. (Individual schools will choose when to place their 5 staff training days).

In addition, there will be a Greensand Collaboration Day on Friday 12th February 2027 when children will not be in school.

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of term: 1st September Half term: 19th to 30th October End of term: 18th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of term: 4th January Half term: 15th to 19th February End of term: 25th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of term: 12th April Half term: 31st May to 4th June End of term: 28th July

Your engagement is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Mon - Fri - Half Term

Mon 3rd - INSET Day (no school for children)

Tues 4th - Children to return to school

Tues 4th - 3F Class assembly PM

Thu 6th - 5J Class assembly AM

Thu 6th - 5A Class assembly PM

Thu 6th - Online parent workshop (YMCA)

Fri 7th - Non Uniform day and donations (Friends)

Fri 7th - Fireworks

Fri 7th - Greensand Let's Sing

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

FIREWORKS - 2 WEEKS TO GO!

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet for one of our flagship events of the year then please get them ASAP before they sell out. We have Joe's Diner, a German Sausage Van, doughnuts and waffles to keep you well fed, our very own Michelle and Di serving mulled wine, a bar and tuck shop too to help make this the event that you won't want to miss!

If you are able to offer your time to act as a marshal or help on the bar then please contact the Friends on our usual email address friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

POPPY APPEAL



As part of Wray Common's support for The British Legion, poppies and associated items will be on sale at school until Monday 10th November. A team of Year 6 children will be selling items in both playgrounds every morning (8:30am-8:45am). We suggest a donation of between 50p and £1. Please note that change will not be available so the correct money is required.

HONOUR BOOK

1LP	Ishaan	For bravely singing in front of Year 1 in Sanskrit for Diwali Resilience.
1P	Ruby	For her perseverance in phonics and joining in with the reading and spelling.
2T	Amelia	For always demonstrating the values of patience, kindness and respect.
2F	Theo	For using inspiration from Picasso to produce a creative portrait.
3EM	Phoenix	For always being a fantastic role model to his peers. He is always on task and has a positive attitude to his learning. Super helpful too.
3F	Faye	For being so polite and always wishing me a happy lunch.
4B	Margo	For excellent perseverance with her maths learning this week.
4S	Edie	For aspiring to be the best she can be by using amazing vocabulary in her Autumn poem.
5A	Pola	For being an excellent collaborator in computing. She provided help to those around her, sharing her knowledge and skills brilliantly.
5J	Ariel	For using her capture skills effectively to solve prime number problems in maths.
6C	Poppy	For a super effort improving and presenting her Victorian letter.
6F	Poppy	For her interesting contributions to English lessons all week and for always being an inspiring role-model for learning.



FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF FUN, FOOD &

FIREWORKS

★ FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER ★

GATES 5PM

DISPLAY 6:30PM



TICKETS ON SALE NOW

WRAY COMMON SCHOOL

FOLLOW US



For enquiries please email—friends@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk | All money raised will help to enhance children's learning at Wray Common School

YEAR 6

YEARS 5

YEAR 4

YEAR 3

YEAR 2

YEAR 1

RECEPTION

NON-UNIFORM DAY

RAINBOW HAMPER

ON FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR NON-UNIFORM IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO THE FOWC RAINBOW HAMPERS.

EACH YEAR WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR A HAMPER E.G. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 1 PLEASE BRING IN A PURPLE COLOURED ITEM. HAMPERS WILL BE WON AT THE CHRISTMAS EVENT ON 10 DECEMBER.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 7 NOVEMBER. YOUR DONATIONS COULD BE ALCOHOL, SWEETS, CHOCOLATE, PAMPER ITEMS, OR CHILDREN'S CRAFT ITEMS.





Premium Nordic Firs
3ft-8ft

Christmas Trees

The Friends are here to help you get ready for Christmas.
Order your Nordic Spruce Christmas Tree between 8-28

November using the QR code or link below.

Trees can be collected from school on
5 December 5-6pm or 6 December 9-10am

All profits go to the FOWC



[Bit.ly/fowctrees25](https://bit.ly/fowctrees25)



17 to 19 November
During school hours



FOWC

Elfridges Sale

Children can buy thoughtful gifts for family,
friends, pets and younger members of the family

£4 per gift - Please send cash in a sealed envelope
with your child's name and the value inside
written on the front.



We are hiring!

Teaching Assistant (Progress & Achievement Coach)

Perm, 25 hrs pw, term time

Closes: 7 November 2025



Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner

Perm, full time

Closes: 3 November 2025



Midday Meals Supervisor

Perm, part time

Closes: 10 November 2025



Class Teacher

Mat cover, part time

Closes: 30 October 2025



English Intervention Tutor

Perm, full time, term time

Closes: 6 November 2025



Nursery Manager

Perm, full time

Closes: 10 November 2025



Breakfast & After School Club Playworkers

Casual - zero hours

Closes: 31 October 2025



Clerk to Governors

Fixed term, part time

Closes: 4 November 2025



Midday Meals Supervisor

Casual, zero hours

Closes: 3 November 2025



View vacancies at:
greensandacademytrust.co.uk





Patchwork Garden



Manage anxiety



Connect with nature

Make friends



Fun activities



Emotional regulation

5-Week Nature-Based Anxiety Course for Children based at Patchworking Garden, Pixham Sports Ground, Pixham Lane, Dorking, RH4 1QA

Every Friday for a half term at 2PM-3.30PM

Run by practitioners who specialise in anxiety and emotional regulation for children

We run in all weathers!



Games



Build confidence



A perfect way to promote wellbeing, social skills, and emotional regulation!

Based at the beautiful Patchwork Garden, we offer a fun outdoor intervention to help children build self-esteem, understand emotions and manage anxiety. Through games, crafts and nature connection; children learn about their survival systems and gain tools in regulating emotions and responding to stress.

Things to consider before referring...

- Your child's ability to regulate in a small group setting: The course will involve engaging in activities and exercises which will involve some listening.
- It is important that you can bring your child to the group every week, as consistent attendance will help your child get as much out of the sessions as possible.
- Staffing: We are able to offer flexible support when needed but we cannot provide 1:1 support.
- Setting: The garden is enclosed but there are risks as within any outdoor space including a pond.



If you would like your child to attend, please self refer using the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/sCnFIZWbs>

We look forward to seeing you next half term!

Any enquiries please contact: admin@learningspace.org.uk



Come along for an evening of honest and uplifting conversation about masculinity today. This event is especially for men, but everyone is warmly invited to join, listen, and share.



Matt Pinkett is a leading authority on gender and masculinity in schools, and as a teacher who has worked in a variety of educational settings, he challenges toxic masculinity and calls for schools to do more to help boys' mental health and wellbeing. Matt is also the best-selling author of 'Boys Don't Try? Rethinking Masculinity in Schools', and 'Boys Do Cry: Improving Boys' Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools'



East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service is the lead provider of the Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership and is a charity supporting all genders who are affected by domestic abuse either living or working within Reigate & Banstead, Mole Valley or Tandridge.

THURSDAY
27TH NOVEMBER

A FREE EVENT BUT
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

7:30-9PM

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- Join dads, sons, brothers, and friends in an open, honest discussion about what it really means to be a man today.
- Look at how harmful stereotypes affect us as men, and celebrate the strengths of positive masculinity.
- Learn how we can support women and girls in our families and communities by challenging sexism and building healthier relationships.
- Discover how everyday men can make a difference, becoming role models and allies in ending violence against women and girls.

REIGATE CRICKET CLUB, PARK LANE, RH2 8JX



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CANDLELIT WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

Standing together against Domestic Abuse



Join our community as we come together in solidarity - to honour those whose lives have been affected by domestic abuse, and to remember those we have lost.

We will walk together, by candlelight, from the meeting point to the Memorial Park, Redhill, where a new tree has been planted as a symbol of hope, strength, and remembrance.

At the park, there will be a short talk and moment of reflection by the newly planted tree.

Afterwards, **Florrie's Café** will kindly stay open a little later for anyone who would like to share a warm drink and conversation.

TUESDAY
9TH DECEMBER

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

4:30-5:30/6PM

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MEETING POINT - CIRCULAR BENCHES OUTSIDE THE BELFRY CENTRE & THE LIGHT COMPLEX, REDHILL

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CONNECTION



THE SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY & COLLEAGUES

A monthly online group facilitated by a trained counsellor to discuss your worries or fears as well as picking up practical advice.



For further information email connection@esdas.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1092643

EMPOWER HER

AN EVENT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Join us for a vibrant and uplifting afternoon dedicated to celebrating the strength, resilience, and brilliance of women and girls.



Emily Watson is the founder of Jolity Fit, created in light of her psychology and dance fitness background, and passion to empower and encourage us to love the bodies we are in! Join Emily for a compassionate, uplifting session on building confidence, finding your voice, and learning to appreciate your body.



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SUNDAY
30TH NOVEMBER

A FREE EVENT BUT
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

2-5PM

In addition to our key speaker Emily, we have:

- A creative workshop led by the super talented **Lucie Flynn @lucie.flynn** who has a passion for celebrating and empowering women through her work.
- An inspiring talk from **Nicola Dawes of stripeystork.org.uk** who turned a simple idea into one of the UK's largest baby banks.
- **Elesha Paul Moses @eleshapaulmoses** has played Tina in the West End and created her own show "The Private Tour". Elesha's journey is one of resilience, talent, and inspiration and has agreed to share this in a short talk with you.

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NUTFIELD PRIORY HOTEL - GIBSON SUITE



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DORKING WANDERERS FC
MINI WANDERERS
 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 4 (PRE-SCHOOL) - UNDER 6 (YEAR 1)

Our fun and safe learning environment allows children to develop core skills such as ball mastery, ball striking, their fundamental understanding through small sides games (1v1, 2v2, 3v3) in preparation for U7s football.

The Mini Wanderers also benefit from:

- Exclusive pathway into U7s grassroots football
- Official DW training kit
- Weekly & termly prizes
- First Team Mascot opportunities
- Family Fun Day
- End of season awards
- Opportunities to take part in local tournaments

SEPTEMBER - JULY (EVERY SATURDAY - TERM TIME)

Under 4s -9am - 9:45am | Under 5s - 9am - 10am
 Under 6s - 10am - 11am

SESSIONS COMMENCE ON SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026.

SEASON SUBSCRIPTION £350 - ONLY £9 PER SESSION

For further information or to register please email: rw@dorkingwanderers.com
 DW Youth players will receive a 10% discount for any siblings entering Mini Wanderers.



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, GOODWINNS ROAD, DORKING, RH4 2LR



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

HOLIDAY COACHING CENTRES

OUR COACHING CENTRES ARE RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DURING VARIOUS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AND ARE HERE TO FURTHER DEVELOP OUR PLAYERS ATTRIBUTES THROUGH OUR CORE TECHNICAL FOCUSES OF:

- **1V1 ATTACKING AND DEFENDING PRINCIPLES**
- **BALL MASTERY AND MANIPULATION WITH BOTH FEET**
- **PASSING AND RECEIVING**
- **BALL STRIKING**
- **SGC TOPICS**

These are all done in safe and challenging scenarios, challenging all players' technical, tactical, physical & social development to enhance overall decision making. Included in the day's schedule are additional football challenges, games and various match scenarios to ensure the players continue their 'love of the game' in competitive situations. All of our coaching centres include tournaments which give the opportunity to win medals and prizes, feeding our winning mentality.

TIMINGS: 9.30-3.30

BOOK NOW SPACES ARE LIMITED

PLACES ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

<https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/dorkingwanderers>



DATES:

OCT HALF TERM 2025:
 MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER
 TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

FEB HALF TERM 2026:
 THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
 FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

EASTER 2026:
 TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
 WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL
 THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
 FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

MAY HALF TERM 2026:
 TUESDAY 26TH MAY
 WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY