



## THIS WEEK

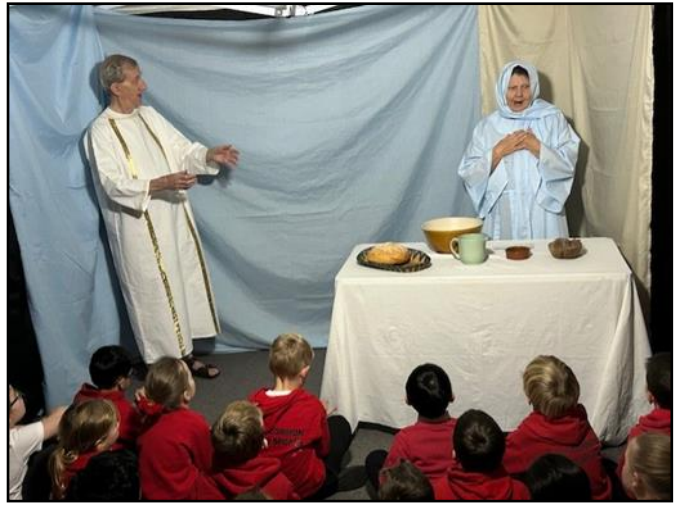
### TREE PLANTING

This week, our Key Stage 1 Green Guardians collaborated to help plant some new trees on the field! We discussed why trees would improve our environment. The children said that more birds would come and visit, they would provide shade and more bugs would look after the soil. Thank you to the Green Guardians (Eco Council) for making our school more environmentally friendly.



## CHRISTMAS STORY

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Redhill Methodist Church for Sparkfish's retelling of the first Christmas story. The children were captivated by the wonderful portrayal of the key events in this Christian story and were able to recall so many of the details they had seen.



Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

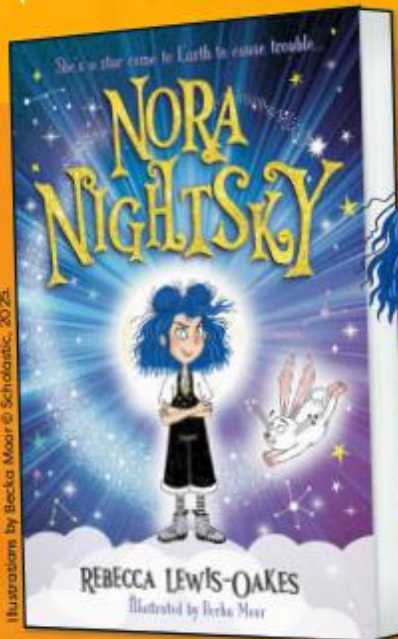
Come to our

# BOOK FAIR

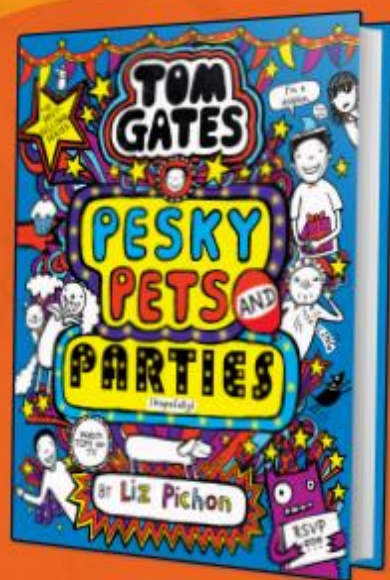


to spot the books you'll **LOVE** to read!

Come and find me!



My brand new book!



Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> after school in the hall.

## CLUB END DATES

May we remind you that clubs are finishing for the end of term; please check below and note the end date for the clubs your child attends.

We will be sending out information about clubs for next term w/c 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Day	Club Name	Provider	End Dates
Monday	Gymnastics	Flexiflics	01/12/2025
Monday	Football	Wray Common Staff	01/12/2025
Monday	Football	Skills School	01/12/2025
Monday	Musical Theatre	Sophie Chapman	01/12/2025
Monday	Swimming	Flipper Club	08/12/2025
Monday	Lego Club	Kids with Bricks	01/12/2025
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Flexiflics	02/12/2025
Tuesday	Dance / Cheerleading	Wray Common Staff	02/12/2025
Tuesday	Y6 Netball	Wray Common Staff	02/12/2025
Tuesday	Art Club	Artsparks	02/12/2025
Tuesday	KS1 Athletics	Athletix Kidz	02/12/2025
Tuesday	Beat Lab	Sing Education	16/12/2025
Wednesday	Music & Movement	Sing Education	17/12/2025
Wednesday	Choir	Sing Education	17/12/2025
Wednesday	Wrayfit	Wray Common Staff	03/12/2025
Wednesday	Football	Skills School	03/12/2025
Wednesday	Street Dance	Reigate Dance Centre	26/11/2025
Thursday	Playball	Playball	04/12/2025
Thursday	Girl's Football	Wray Common Staff	04/12/2025
Thursday	Musical Theatre	SCTA	04/12/2025
Thursday	Lego Club	Kids with Bricks	04/12/2025
Thursday	Karate	Sama Karate	18/12/2025
Friday	Volleyball	BG Volleyball Academy	05/12/2025
Friday	Chess	Deborah Casey	21/11/2025
Friday	Volleyball	BG Volleyball Academy	05/12/2025
Friday	Swimming	Flipper Club	05/12/2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed - Young Carers' trip



Fri - Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles (Friends)

## 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](mailto:familysupport@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk)

## POPPY APPEAL

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who purchased a poppy or any item through the Royal British Legion this year.

Thanks to your generosity and support, we're proud to share that we raised a fantastic total of **£138!**

Every contribution helps the Royal British Legion continue its vital work supporting serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and their families. Your kindness really does make a difference.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If your child would like to join us for a traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December (a vegetarian option will be available), please complete [this form](#). Please note that if your child has a school dinner already on a Thursday, you do not need to complete the form. One form needs to be completed per child. Please ensure you complete this form by 5pm Thursday 4th December.



## ABSENCES

Please do not send your child to school if they have been sick or have diarrhoea, or have a temperature. If you are unsure whether your child should be in school, please call the school office or visit [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

To report your child absent, please call or email the school office or via Studybugs. If we have not heard from you on the first day of absence, we will contact you.

## HONOUR BOOK

1LP	Jamila	For thinking carefully and applying her learning to write a successful retell of Smelly Louie.
1P	Eddie	For always aspiring to be the best he can be.
2T	Luca	For thinking carefully about how to group his arrays differently in multiplication.
2F	Penny	For thinking carefully in our history discussions and sharing her ideas as to why a Stone Keep Castle would be a better defence than a motte and bailey castle.
3EM	Finley A	For his excellent volcano story and improving it even more as he edited his writing.
3F	Ellis	For being a reflective learner and editing his writing.
4B	Adeep	For always being a supportive learning partner and noticing when others need help.
4S	Annie	For showing excellent contribution to class discussions.
6C	Connie	For a great attitude and achievement during writing and reading lessons this week.
6F	Florence	For always having a great attitude towards learning and achievement. Your contributions in lessons this week have been very valuable.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

## BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

## IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

## MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

## ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

## Meet Our Expert

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Weds 10th  
December



Main Hall  
3:15-6:15pm

the  
**Christmas  
Big Sing**

+ Festive Fun!

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON FOR A  
FEEL-GOOD FESTIVE EVENING OF  
SING-A-LONG FESTIVE FAVOURITES AROUND THE  
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TICKETS  
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FREE

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IT!

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Weds 10th

December



Main Hall

3.15-6.15pm

# the Christmas Big Sing + Festive Fun!

## Don't Miss the Main Stage!

- 3:15PM DOORS OPEN
- 3:45-4:15 ELESHA PAUL MOSES
- 4:30-4:45 THE WRAY COMMON CHOIR
- 5-5:15 WRAY COMMON CHEER
- 5:15-5:30 RAINBOW RAFFLE
- 5:30-6 THE BIG SING LED BY ELESHA
- 6:15PM FINISH

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DON'T MISS IT!

On these days, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in return for...

## Non-Uniform Days

For the Christmas Big Sing + Festive Fun!

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

## SWEETS & CHOCOLATE

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

## BOTTLES

FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLE! IT CAN BE ANYTHING - ALCOHOLIC, NON-ALCOHOLIC, BUBBLE BATH, KETCHUP... IF IT'S IN A BOTTLE, IT'S IN!

THERE ARE SO MANY PRIZES TO BE WON! DON'T MISS OUT! GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE DONATIONS! AS LONG AS THEY'RE PACKAGED, THEY'RE GOOD!



# We are hiring!

## Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 31 December 2025



## 1:1 Learning Support Assistant (SEN)

**Fixed term, part time**

Closes: 1 December 2025



## Midday Meals Supervisor

**Perm, part time**

Closes: 1 December 2025



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# FREE FOOTBALL FOR ALL

## FREE COACHING SESSIONS FOR UNDER 7s TO UNDER 16s

Dorking Wanderers FC are proud to announce the launch of our FREE Football For All initiative, offering all children aged 6 to 16 the chance to receive high-quality football coaching completely free of charge!

The programme has been created to ensure that every child in the community has access to expert coaching without the financial barriers.

Rob Tuvey, Head of Youth Football, explained:

"We understand and appreciate that Youth Football can be a costly activity, and we're aware that this could potentially limit the opportunity for some children to participate. We have launched this initiative as we believe that all children in our community should have the chance to develop a love of the game without the concern of a financial commitment being attached. We are welcoming all children, regardless of age, ability, or experience. Boys, girls, outfield players, and goalkeepers are all encouraged to take part, everyone is welcome!"

FREE Football For All Sessions:

- 23rd December 2025
- 17 February 2026
- 7th April 2026
- 11th April 2026

For more information, and to book your place click here.

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