



THIS WEEK

VR WORKSHOPS

Years 3 and 5 had an exciting time taking part in VR workshops this week.

Year 3 - rainforest workshop.

Using virtual reality, the children explored the rainforest up close and were amazed to see tarantulas, jaguars, ants carrying leaves, and even sloths in their natural habitat. They also learned lots of interesting facts about rainforest animals and how these incredible environments are important to our planet. It was a fun and memorable learning experience for everyone!



Year 5 - Vikings workshop.

This week, Year 5 delved into the Viking period with a VR workshop. The children got to see where the Vikings lived, ate and made weapons as well as what a Viking longship looked like. They were all so curious, asking lots of questions and deepened their knowledge that they can now use in their English and history lessons.



Date: April 2026

Dear Parents & Carers

Earlier this year, pupils across Greensand Multi Academy Trust took part in our annual Pupil Experience Survey, giving them the opportunity to share their views about school life.

We were delighted that 1,786 pupils responded, representing a 93% response rate across our primary schools. This gives us a strong and reliable picture of pupils' experiences across the Trust.

The results present a very positive picture overall. Feedback shows that pupils are generally happy in school and feel safe, supported, and well cared for. This consistency across our primaries highlights the strong, shared culture within the Trust and reflects the effectiveness of our safeguarding practice and nurturing school environments.

Pupils also helped us identify areas where we can continue to improve, particularly enjoyment of reading, reading outside of school, and emotional wellbeing. We welcome this feedback and are already using it to strengthen reading for pleasure, pastoral support and wellbeing across the Trust.

Each school will now share its individual results with families overleaf, alongside the actions they will take in response.

We would like to thank all our pupils for sharing their views as pupil voice plays a vital role in shaping our work across Greensand.

Yours sincerely



Susan Wardlow - Chief Executive Officer

The questionnaire was designed for all children in Years 2 to 6 to answer. At Wray Common, we have carefully reviewed our pupil survey results and are pleased to share the key messages with you.

Key highlights from the children

- Their enjoyment of Writing
- Feeling successful as learners
- Feeling happy, safe and secure with a strong sense of belonging
- Perceiving others as being kind and respectful

Areas we can develop further

- More varied opportunities at lunchtime
- More reading at home (a third of our children reported that they don't read regularly at home)

What we will do next

- Review, with children, ideas for lunchtimes
- Request support from Friends for funding to support some of the agreed improvements at lunchtimes
- Invite parents in for "Learn with your child" with a focus on Reading taking place next week.
- Continue to promote reading at home, for example, through reading raffle tickets
- Engage School Council in leading promotion drive for Reading

In addition to this, the teachers have shared with their classes their individual class findings and agreed development actions.

We will continue to listen to pupil voice and keep families informed about the impact of these actions.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERpillARS AND LADYBIRDS!

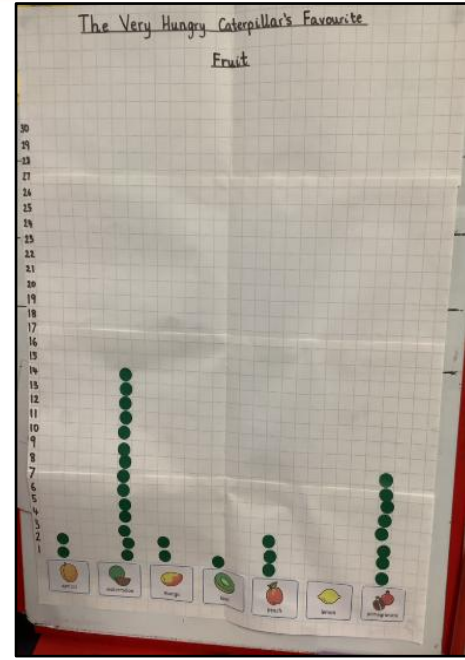
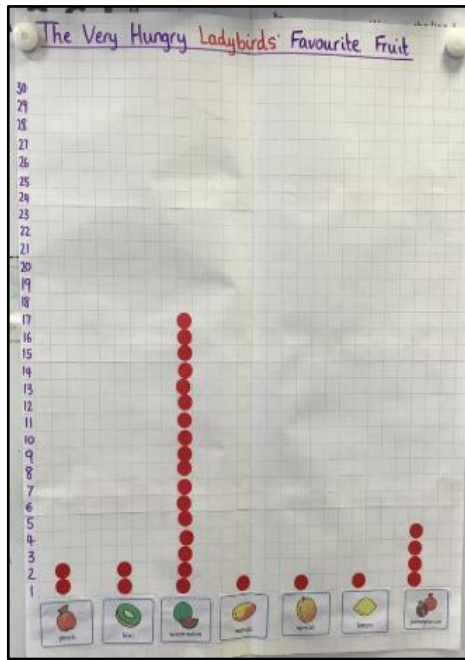
Last week, Reception innovated story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and what he ate. We got to try all these new foods too. We tried apricot, lemon, pomegranate, mango, kiwi, watermelon and peach.

We smelt the fruit in our bowls and described what we could smell. Then we picked it up and described what we could feel. Then we were really courageous and tried the fruit. Some of us had never tried some of these fruits before. We then voted using our thumbs to show if we liked it or not.

After we had tried all these different fruits, we created a bar graph and placed a sticker in the column of the fruit we liked the most. We then compared and shared what we could see - watermelon had the most votes for both Caterpillar and Ladybird Class!

Don't forget our Superhero Day on the 15th May!





GREEN GUARDIANS

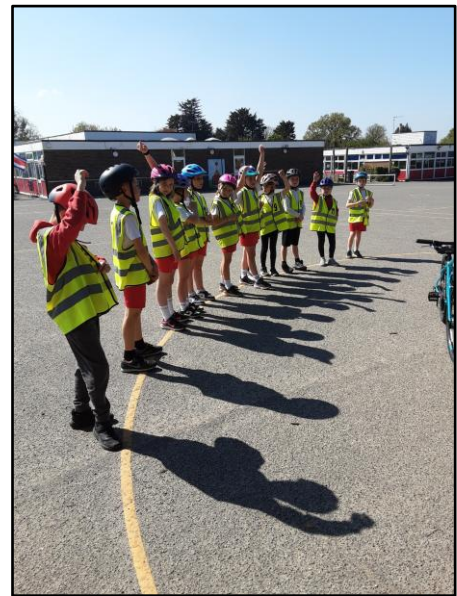
This week, the Green Guardians collaborated to help out with weeding in the allotments. We discussed how we needed to make sure we dug out the roots to make it less likely for the weeds to return. Their hard work meant that the Year 1 children had plenty of space to plant their broad bean seedlings. Thank you to the Green Guardians for helping to inspire a love of nature!



BIKEABILITY

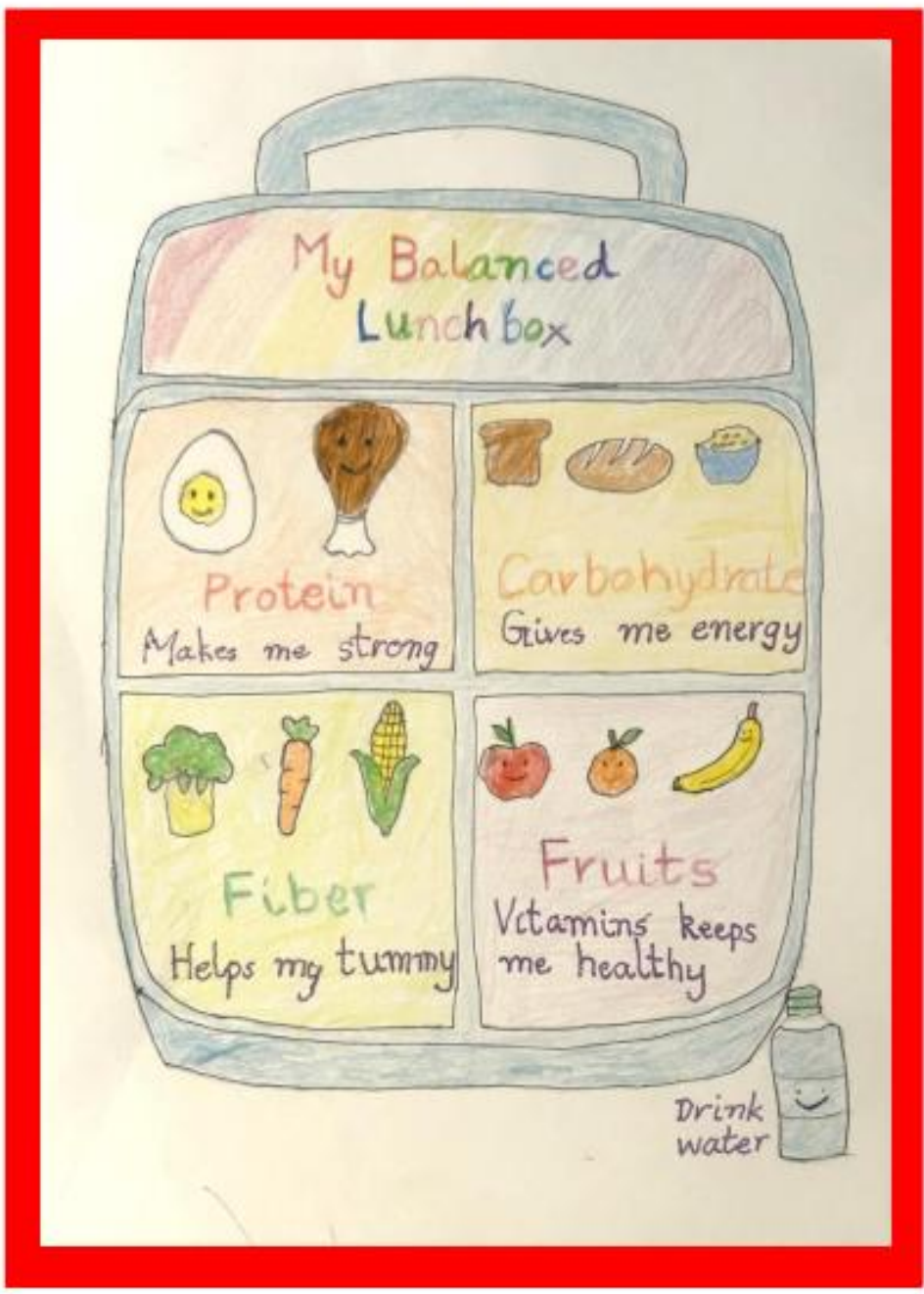
Bikeability Level 1 is where young riders take their first real steps toward cycling confidence and independence. In a safe, traffic-free environment like a playground, they learn how to properly control their bikes, build essential handling skills, and gain a strong sense of balance and awareness. It's all about creating a solid foundation while keeping things fun and engaging.

Designed especially for Year 4 pupils, the course is delivered over an action-packed three-hour session in a single day - giving children the chance to quickly develop their abilities, boost their confidence, and enjoy the excitement of mastering their bikes in a supportive setting.



Congratulations!

Ishaan, 1LP



Congratulations to Ishaan for his fantastic entry into our Healthy Lunch Poster competition!

The design highlights key messages such as including a variety of foods, making healthy choices, and understanding how these help us stay energised and ready to learn. The poster was not only creative and eye-catching, but also demonstrated a strong understanding of what makes a healthy lunch. A brilliant achievement – well done for representing the school so positively!

RSE UPDATE - SUMMER 2

During the Summer 2 term, all children across the school will be taking part in our **Relationships and Health Education (RSHE)** lessons as part of the PSHE curriculum.

These lessons are designed to support children in understanding healthy relationships, managing their feelings, keeping themselves safe and developing their knowledge of physical and emotional wellbeing. The content is carefully planned to be age-appropriate and builds on prior learning from previous year groups.

As part of this programme, children in **Years 5 and 6** will also take part in **Sex Education** lessons. These sessions focus on human development, puberty and reproduction and are delivered sensitively and in line with national guidance.

We value working in partnership with families and encourage you to explore the curriculum further using the links below:

- **RSE Policy:** [Policy statement - health \(to include sex education\)](#)
- **PSHE End Points Overview (Curriculum Progression) and Overview Video (Curriculum Sequence and Content):** [Wray Common Primary School - RSE](#)

If you would like to find out more about the content of the lessons or view any of the teaching materials, please contact the school office.

We are always happy to answer any questions and support you in discussing these important topics at home.

Mr Taylor

PSHE Subject Leader

WORLD EARTH DAY

On Wednesday 22nd April it was World Earth Day- a day to remind us of all how wonderful our world is and all the things we can do to protect it.

As Guardians of our Planet, can you challenge yourself to do something special for our planet this weekend?

You could:

- Plant a flower that attracts pollinators like bees
- Remember to switch off the lights when you're not in the room
- Walk/ cycle or scooter somewhere instead of driving
- Or how about making your own bird feeder?

You will need:

- One slice of toasted bread
- Some string
- A sticky spread like honey or peanut butter
- Some bird seed

Step 1: ask an adult to help you put a little hole in the top of your slice of toasted bread and tie a loop of string through it

Step 2: spread on your sticky base

Step 3: sprinkle some seeds on top

Step 4: find a place to hang up your bird feeder and enjoy watching different birds coming for a feast!



STAFF UPDATE

We would like to inform you that Miss Navale will be leaving Wray Common next Friday to begin an exciting new chapter in her career.

During her time with us, Miss Navale has shown great patience, dedication, and commitment to the Wray Common community, and her contributions have been truly valued.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues - Learn With Your Child (Juniors)



Tues - WCGT (part 2)

Wed - Learn With Your Child (Infants)

LEARN WITH YOUR CHILD - REMINDER

Parents/carers are invited to take part in a Learn With Your Child session which will focus on how we teach Reading and how you can support your child at home. Tuesday 28th April - Juniors / Wednesday 29th April - Infants. Please arrive at 8:50am for a session in the hall, followed by an activity in your child's class at 9:05am. We look forward to seeing you!

HAIR

Please can we remind you that children with hair below their shoulders are required to have their hair tied up whilst at school. Thank you.

OFSTED UPDATE

We have been informed that our OFSTED report will not be finalised until June. When the report is ready, we will of course share this.

COMMUNITY AWARD

Isla & Jess spent a few wet evenings in February and March, supporting the local amphibians cross roads safely during their annual migration from woods to ponds. The overall count was 6000 toads, 2500 frogs and 50 newts. Isla was so enthusiastic, she was nominated by the local community as a Junior ambassador for Toad Patrol. 'Well done' to both Isla and Jess for their community and eco work!



HONOUR BOOK

RH	Brianna	For persevering and engaging with Phonics positively this week.
RP	Olympia	For sharing many excellent ways to care for the planet during a discussion about being a Guardian of our Planet.
1LP	Sophie-Grace	For always trying her best in her learning and persevering, even when it gets tricky.
1P	Casey	For always being ready to learn at the beginning of lessons.
2T	Eve	For showing kindness towards someone who had been left out of a game and sacrificing her own place to make sure they could play.
2F	Ved	For great participation in finding the answers in our Reading Ramp up lessons.
3EM	Jacob	For always being a kind and supportive friend, offering a helping hand when needed.
3F	Fiona	For always completing her work to the best of her ability and challenging herself.
4B	Arielle	For persevering to improve on her own personal learning targets.
4S	Albie	For being a great Wray Common Citizen by cheering on others during races in Athletics
5A	Lottie	For thinking deeply about her word choices to produce an excellent written description of a Viking village.
5J	Max	For showing curiosity when exploring monoprinting in our Viking art this week.
6C	Lily	For always showing the values of kindness and respect to everyone.
6F	Rhys	For showing capture skills throughout his maths learning this week.



CAMP GLIDE

Camp Glide's COLOUR QUEST

Camp Glide's Colour Quest

May Half Term: **Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May**

Charles Dickens, Southwark

The Belham, Peckham

Westvale Park, Horley

Wray Common, Reigate/Redhill

Chipstead Valley, Coulsdon

BOOK TODAY AT: CAMPGLIDE.CO.UK



Early Bird Tickets are nearly
SOLD OUT!!!

The
CIRCUS
is coming to Wray Common!

Saturday 20th June 2026

12:30pm Gates Open
1:30pm Big Top Opens
2-4pm Live Circus Show
4-6pm Summer Solstice Party



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

bit.ly/wraycommoncircus

Early Bird Tickets

Adult £15

Child £12

Family Bundle £50

(2x Adults 2x Child

+ 4x Drinks)

General Sale

Adult £20

Child £17

Family Bundle £70

(2x Adults 2x Child

+ 4x Drinks)

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**HAPPY'S
CIRCUS**

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FRIENDS OF WRAY COMMON

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

7PM FOR A
7:30PM START



BRING
YOUR
OWN
BOTTLE!



TICKETS: [BIT.LY/WRAYCOMMONPAINT](https://bit.ly/wraycommonpaint)
£35 P/PERSON

INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS + MASTERPIECE TO TAKE HOME
+ GLASS OF FIZZ ON ARRIVAL

We are hiring!

Deputy Headteacher



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 29th April 2026

Music Teacher



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 27th April 2026

Midday Meals Supervisor



Perm, Part Time

Closes: 5th May 2026

School Cleaner



Perm, Full or Part Time

Closes: 27th April 2026

Music PPA Cover Teacher - Part Time



Perm, Part Time

Closes: 8th May 2026

School Cleaner



Fixed Term, Part Time

Closes: 27th April 2026

Class Teacher



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 5th May 2026

Class Teacher (KS2)



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 1st May 2026

Class Teacher



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 27th April 2026

Class Teacher



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 1st May 2026

Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner



Perm, Full Time

Closes: 5th May 2026

Maternity Cover Nursery Childcare Practitioner



FTC, Full Time

Closes: 5th May 2026

Breakfast and After School Club Play Worker



Casual Contract

Closes: 4th May 2026

After School Club Play Worker - Fridays



Perm, 3 hours per week

Closes: 5th May 2026

Class Teacher - Maternity Cover



FTC, Full Time

Closes: 5th May 2026

Childcare Practitioner (Bank Staff)



Casual Contract

Closes: 5th May 2026

Breakfast Club Play Worker



Perm, 7 hrs per week

Closes: 5th May 2026

View vacancies at:
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