

Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



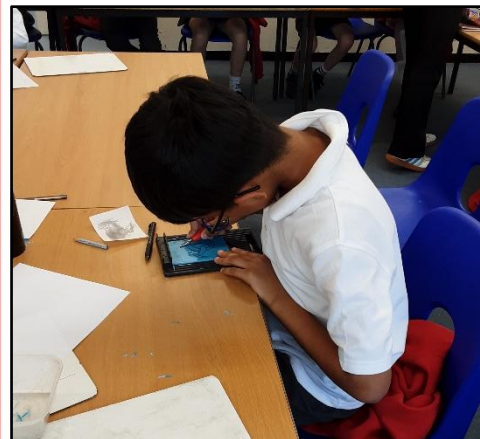
Inspiring Lifelong Learning



THIS WEEK...

PRINTING

This half term, Year 5 have been exploring mono printing and lino printing. They learned that mono printing can only be done once and they used Viking motifs to create a symbol to use. After exploring this, they used lino to create a new symbol and printed this using multiple layers to create a detailed effect. They can't wait to evaluate these in our art gallery towards the end of the half term!



PAPAYA THE BEARDED DRAGON!

Year 1 had a very exciting visitor today - Papaya the bearded dragon! As part of our Science learning this half term, the children had the incredible opportunity to meet and hold something extraordinary in their hands! They were amazed by Papaya's rough, scaly skin and loved learning about the special features that help bearded dragons survive in hot, dry habitats linking this to our learning this half term about reptiles. We talked about what reptiles need to stay healthy, what Papaya likes to eat, and how bearded dragons use their sharp claws and long tails to move around and protect themselves. The children were especially interested to discover that Papaya enjoys a varied diet of insects and vegetables! It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought our Science learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and questions. A huge thank you to Mrs Casclang for bringing Papaya in to visit us!



Hold something extraordinary in your hand



PHYSICAL DIFFERENCES

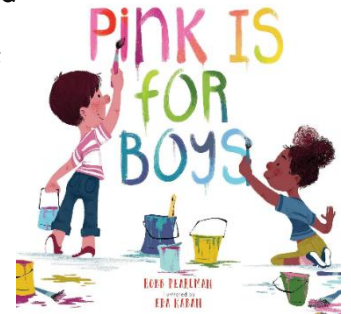
This half term, during our Differences Assembly, children explored a range of physical differences. These included height, weight, hair colour, visible expression (piercings, clothing), gender and challenging gender stereotypes. Below are some recommended books that help children develop awareness and understanding of these differences.



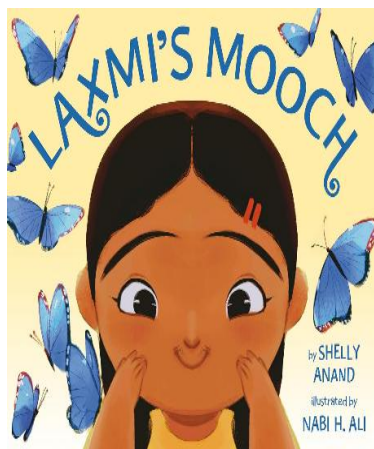
Once there was a girl with a big laugh and a big heart and very big dreams. She grew and grew and grew. And it was good... until it wasn't. When the girl grows big, the world begins to make her feel small. She feels out of place and invisible, and soon she isn't herself at all. But with the girl's size comes huge inner strength - and this helps her look past the hurtful words to see how perfect she really is. With beautiful illustrations and a gatefold flap, this quietly reassuring story explores the experience of being big in a world that celebrates small, promoting body positivity and self-acceptance in young readers.

Pink is for boys . . . and girls . . . and everyone! This timely and beautiful board book rethinks and reframes the stereotypical blue/pink gender binary and empowers kids-and their grown-ups-to express themselves in every colour of the rainbow.

Featuring a diverse group of relatable characters, Pink Is for Boys invites and encourages children to enjoy what they love to do, whether it's racing cars and playing baseball, or loving unicorns and dressing up. Vibrant illustrations help children learn and identify the myriad colours that surround them every day, from the orange of a popsicle, to the green of a grassy field, all the way up to the wonder of a multi-coloured rainbow.



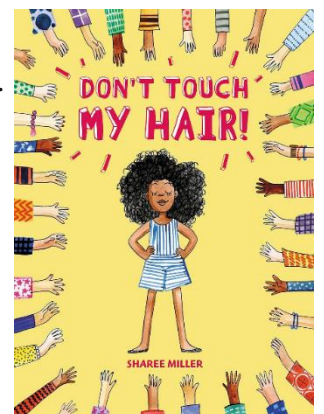
A joyful, body-positive picture book about a young Indian American girl's journey to accept her body hair and celebrate her heritage after being teased about her moustache.

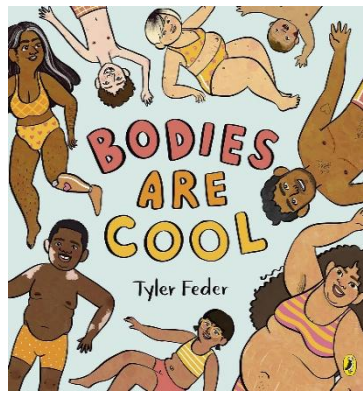


Laxmi never paid much attention to the tiny hairs above her lip. But one day while playing farm animals at recess, her friends point out that her whiskers would make her the perfect cat. She starts to notice body hair all over--on her arms, legs, and even between her eyebrows. With her parents' help, Laxmi learns that hair isn't just for heads, but that it grows everywhere, regardless of gender. Featuring affirming text by Shelly Anand and exuberant, endearing illustrations by Nabi H. Ali, Laxmi's Mooch is a celebration of our bodies and our body hair, in whichever way they grow.

It seems that wherever Aria goes, someone wants to touch her hair. In the street, strangers reach for her fluffy curls; and even under the sea, in the jungle, and in space, she's chased by a mermaid, monkeys, and poked by aliens... until, finally, Aria has had enough!

This humorous picture book speaks to a national conversation on strangers touching black hair (from Solange's song "Don't Touch My Hair", to Phoebe Robinson's You Can't Touch My Hair), and sparks an important conversation on personal boundaries for children as Aria explains that her hair should not be touched without asking for permission first. Commercial, imaginative, and fun, Don't Touch My Hair! can be used to teach young readers about personal boundaries and asking for permission--and that it's all right to be told "no" as well.



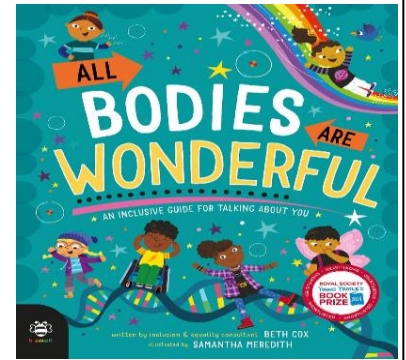


My body, your body,
every different kind of body!
All of them are good bodies!
BODIES ARE COOL!

This heart-warming, inclusive book, filled with detailed and friendly illustration is a celebration of every kind of body that exists in the world. Through an empowering, rhythmic text that is perfect for reading aloud, little ones can explore various skin tones, body shapes, hair types, and more, in an accessible way that instils body positivity and confidence.

This book will help children to be themselves and feel like they belong.

From the atoms that made them to the things that bodies can do, ALL bodies are wonderful. We know that bodies can be tricky to understand. Sometimes you might feel like your body is different. But being different is completely natural ... it's just science!
Trust the experts to help you have big conversations together using this inclusive guide.



CHARITY FUNDRAISING DAY SUMMER 1 - WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026

This half term, the Charity Champions have been busy considering various different charities to raise money for and came up with a top three. They then went around to all classes to take a hands up vote so the whole school has contributed to choosing the charity to fundraise for this half term. Our chosen charity is **Diabetes UK!**

This is charity close to our hearts at Wray Common as Hardy in Year 4 is affected by Type 1 Diabetes and he, along with his family, friends and school staff, have been getting to grips with how to live with and manage this condition. Similarly, Year 3's Mrs Houghton's son and Reception's Mrs Harper's husband are also affected by Type 1 Diabetes so we are thrilled that the school had a vast majority vote in favour of raising money for this charity.

On Wednesday 20th May, we are inviting children to participate in Rainbow Day in exchange for a donation to Diabetes UK. Each year group is invited to come into school wearing an outfit themed around a colour of the rainbow so we can collectively come together as a school and bring lots of joy and colour to our charity day. The year group colours are as follows:

Reception - violet, Year 1 - indigo, Year 2 - blue, Year 3 - green, Year 4 - yellow, Year 5 - orange, Year 6 - red.

After a successful fundraiser using JustGiving last half term, we are going to ask for donations again via the same method. We will still be accepting cash donations on the day should you wish to donate that way, but we realise that it may be easier for many to donate online. Please click on the link below to donate to Diabetes UK. The page will close on Friday 5th June.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/wraycommonschoolfundraiserdiabetesuk?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you in anticipation of your support and generosity.

DiABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon-Thurs - Y6 SATS. Don't forget SATS breakfast from 8:15am!

Fri - Superhero Day (YR)

Fri - Paint & Sip (Friends)



FAMILY DAY ASSEMBLIES

Please note the following information for our Family Day assemblies;

Tuesday 23rd June at 9:00 am - YR, Y2, Y4 and Y5.

Thursday 25th June at 9:00 am - Y1, Y3 and Y6.

We look forward to welcoming you!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We will shortly have two vacancies for Parent Governors at Wray Common.

This is a strategic, unpaid role working alongside the school's senior leadership team to help shape the school's direction, priorities and long-term success. It's an opportunity to play a meaningful role in the life of the school and have a direct impact on pupils' experience.

The role does require a meaningful commitment of time, including attendance at governing body meetings and monitoring visits during the school day. It is however, a rewarding way to contribute to the school community.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk to Governors, Catriona Sanderson, csanderson@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk who will provide further information and arrange an informal conversation with the Headteacher. For an outline of the role - please see the NGA information sheet [here](#).

If you then wish to proceed, you will be invited to submit a nomination form.

- **Expression of interest deadline: 5pm Monday 18th May**
- **Nomination form deadline: Midday Monday 8th June**

If the number of applicants exceeds the available positions, a ballot will be held.

**Parent
Governor
Vacancy**

HONOUR BOOK

RH	Lily Rose	For using what she knows to support her to create a poster that encourages people to pick up their rubbish.
RP	Scarlett	For working so hard in every phonics lesson across the week!
1LP	Khaleesi	For putting a huge amount of effort and focus into phonics and reading this week.
1P	Hope Claire	For always engaging so fully in our phonics lessons.
2T	Monty	For his great effort and progress in Reading Ramp-Up sessions.
2F	Artur	For using strategies he has learnt in our reading lessons to help him answer the reading questions accurately.
3BM	Jack	For showing a resilient attitude to his learning this week and asking for help when he needed it.
3F	Chester	For having a really positive week and showing kindness to a new member of the class.
4B	Amaris	For always aspiring to be the best she can be and setting excellent examples for others.
4S	Mandy	For aspiring to be the best she can be by giving maximum effort across all subjects.
5A	Diana	For persevering with her writing and showing determination to write an excellent Viking story.
5J	Tamara	For aspiring to be the best she can be by challenging herself in all lessons this week.
6C	Heidi	For aspiring to be the best she can be by trying hard in all lessons.
6F	Nevaeh	For having the motivation and determination to try hard across all learning this week.

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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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



MONTE FORTE

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026
11AM UNTIL LATE

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