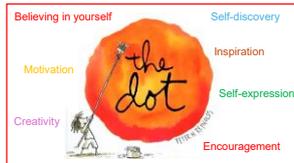


Ewell Grove Newsletter

This week, during our whole school assembly we shared the story 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. This is a wonderful story about creativity, self-discovery, and the importance of taking the first step and believing in yourself. During this term we have been developing intrinsic motivation within the classroom. Although we know the children love to receive a sticker, we have been encouraging them to reflect on how they feel when they achieve something new or learn how to do something they may have initially found a challenge. Positive feedback and a sense of pride can be what motivates the children to keep going!



The next week, when Vashni walked into art class, she was surprised to see what was hanging above her teacher's desk.
It was the little dot she had drawn - HER DOT!
All framed in swirly gold!

Opening Worlds - Developing Oracy Skills

Following on from last week's focus of story time I would like to share an overview of our 'Opening Worlds' knowledge rich humanities programme for teaching history, geography and religion in Years 3 to 6. Opening Worlds supports the teaching of rich vocabulary through a range of techniques such as varying a question to encourage repetition; practising using the key vocabulary by answering in a full sentence. Another technique is using an image as a starting point to model vocabulary using different voices, actions and a 'my turn-your turn' approach. The children enjoy sharing the high-quality texts and then focus on applying the core knowledge and key vocabulary within their writing. Below are some examples of the themes covered throughout the year.



Finally, I would like to give a warm welcome Mrs Scarth to Ewell Grove. Mrs Scarth will be teaching in Year 1 Squirrel Class as Mrs Jenkins will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term.



Miss Paula Rising

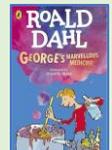
During the autumn term, our school Governors have spent time with our school community to explore key areas outlined in our School Development Plan. These areas include:

- Oracy
- Foundational Knowledge
- Professional Growth
- A Sense of Belonging and a Relational Approach
- The Experience of Being a Child at Ewell Grove

This process has involved discussions with children and staff, classroom visits and looking at children's work. We always value the opportunity to reflect and discuss the impact we are having on the children in terms of academic achievement as well as their relationships, well-being and behaviour. During one visit a child shared that they feel proud to be part of the Ewell Grove community.

A Love of Reading

This week Mrs Holmes has recommended two stories you may like to share at home.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a story by Eric Carle which combines my love of reading with numbers and food. This book is a favourite from my own childhood and I feel privileged to share it with children in the school and watch the excitement on their faces when they can join in with the counting.

George's Marvellous Medicine is a classic Roald Dahl book which really gets my imagination whirling! I enjoy hearing all of the ideas from the children as they imagine all of the marvellous things they would put into their own medicine.



[Parents Information Booklet](#)



[Calendar of Events](#)



Subject of the Week - DT

In Reception, the children enjoyed listening to the story 'Pumpkin Soup' as an introduction to exploring a pumpkin and describing it using their senses.



In Year 2, the children discussed what a balanced meal is and the different type of food groups.



Year 3 have started researching electrical systems in preparation of making their own electrical poster.



Year 5 are researching monitoring devices and learning how these devices observe and record something over time using data from one or more sensors.

Year 6 have been discovering complementary flavours and how certain flavours work well together. For example, a lemon is not as sour when paired with sugar.



In October, Sophie - Year 6, took part in the Gymnastique Magique Competition Paris 2025 placing an impressive 1st or 2nd place in all of her events.



Sophie has also taken part in the Meapa Gymnastics (Regional) Competition gaining a Brilliant Dancing Judges Special Award.

Congratulations to Sophie on her amazing achievement We are all so proud of you!

Year 6 - Bikeability



Over the past couple of weeks, some of our Year 6 children have taken part in Bikeability, run by Surrey County Council. The children have developed their road sense and cycling skills. The Bikeability team have commented on the children's engagement and good behaviour.

Years 3 and 4 Boys Football Tournament



The Years 3 and 4 Boys Football Team took part in a tournament at Glyn last week. Our teams played with excellent sportsmanship and determination, representing the school with pride.

Scholastic Book Fair



Once again, the [Scholastic Book Fair](#) will be visiting Ewell Grove. The fair will be open from **3:15pm – 3:45pm** in the Practical Room (KS1 Building) from **Monday 24th to Friday 28th November** for children, parents and carers to browse and buy books. There will be a fantastic range of books available, perfect for Christmas treats.

All purchases help earn free books for our school so we look forward to seeing you there! All payments are cashless and will need to be made via the QR code provided.

Nursery Parents

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place.

Nursery children will be coming home with a leaflet with full details of the application process.

Reception outcomes will be sent by post or email on **16th April 2026**.

Apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions between **1st September 2025** and **15th January 2026**.

If you have any questions regarding the admissions process, please contact the school office.

Christmas Performance Dates

Christmas performances will take place in the School Hall starting at 9:15am.

Nursery	Friday: 12 th December
Reception	Wednesday: 10 th December
Year 1	Thursday: 11 th December
Year 2	Tuesday: 9 th December
Year 3	Monday: 8 th December
Year 5	Thursday: 4 th December

School Photographs

fresh school photography
Your lovely School Photos for 2025 are ready
Lovely Individual and Sibling Photos
DON'T MISS THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!
ORDER BY MIDNIGHT THIS SUNDAY - 23rd NOVEMBER
Please see the viewing instructions in your child's bookbag today. Orders can be made online.
Please note that the deadline for three photos is 20th November with early bird discounts if you order by the 23rd NOVEMBER.
Simply visit our website - www.freshorders.co.uk - use the browser bar at the top of your screen
Enter your unique passcode - the passcodes are on the forms in your bookbags & Order your favourite photos!
We hope you enjoy these lovely happy photographs

Yesterday your child will have come home with their photograph slip in their book bag.

There is an **early bird discount** for all orders placed by **midnight on Sunday 23rd November**.

Online Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

Starting on Tuesday 25 November at 1:00pm

To accommodate for the upcoming holiday period, there will be a two week break commencing on Monday 22 December 2025 - Monday 5 January 2026. Our team is committed to supporting your parenting journey and this break will enable us to support you before the year ends.

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?

6 online sessions

6 group discussions

Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

- Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
- Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
- Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
- Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk

Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **Group starting (Arabic Speakers Only) Friday 9 January at 11:00am**

SFSC
Stronger Relationships

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?

6 online sessions

6 group discussions

Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement.

Group discussion...

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KIDS CLUB
FUN, ACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-13

Winter WONDERLAND

Your children are invited to up to 2 Holiday Activities & Food Sessions from 22nd & 23rd December

We are delighted to inform you that KOOSA Kids Holiday Club at Wallace Fields Infant School will be offering a number of fully funded holiday club places, as part of the Active Surrey's CLUB4 Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF) this Christmas, funded by the Department for Education.

Apply Today for Fully Funded Holiday Activities & Food Sessions at KOOSA Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Wallace Fields Infant School

The fully funded, fun-packed holiday provision will include a healthy, hot lunch and enriching activities, eligible for children aged 4-13, who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Apply for up to 2 fully funded sessions per child (10.00am to 4.00pm). Click the link to apply. Please note, places are limited and we may not be able to offer you all sessions requested.

CLUB4 HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

- ✓ Apply for up to 2 fully funded sessions per child this Christmas at Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom
- ✓ Eligible for children aged 4-13 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals
- ✓ Healthy, hot lunch & fun, active holiday club activities included (visit our website www.koosakids.co.uk for more information on our holiday club activity programme)
- ✓ Funded sessions provided on behalf of Active Surrey's CLUB4 Holiday Activities & Food Programme, funded by the Department for Education
- ✓ Ofsted registered, non-patched high quality holiday club childcare

CLUB4 is Surrey County Council's response to the government's Holiday Activities and Food Initiative, designed to provide healthy meals, physical activity and enrichment opportunities for children and young people in receipt of free school meals during longer holidays. Coordinated by Active Surrey for Surrey County Council, funded by the Department for Education.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 01276 21884 OR EMAIL INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK

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CHILDREN FROM 8am - 6pm

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Kids Club at Bourne Hall Museum

bringing the past alive!

Traditional Decorations

Saturday 13 December 1pm - 2.30pm

How did people enjoy the winter season in Victorian and Edwardian times? Come along and make your own decorations to take home with you.

£6.50 per ticket

Book via our website bournehall.org

For more details, contact: Susan Dalloe
sdalloe@epsom-ewell.gov.uk
020 8394 1734
Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, KT11 1UF

Friends of Ewell Grove Events

November

Friday: 21 st November	Helping Hand Coordinators – return Christmas Fair class volunteer rotas
Friday: 21 st November – 7:30pm	Book Club – ‘My Sister, the Serial Killer’ by Oyinkan Braithwaite
Monday: 24 th November	Santa’s postbox opens

December

Wednesday: 3 rd December	Non-Uniform day and Christmas Fair donations (parent volunteers needed 8:45am – 9:15am)
Friday: 5 th December – 3:15pm	Santa’s postbox closes
Friday: 5 th December – 8:00 – 10:00pm	Wreath Making workshop (pre-paid tickets only)
Wednesday: 10 th December – 3:15pm	Collection of Christmas wreath kits (pre-orders only)
Thursday: 11 th December – 7:00 – 10:00pm	Christmas Fair prep evening
Friday: 12 th December – 4:00 – 6:00pm	Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto (Grotto pre-booked tickets only)
Friday: 12 th December – 7:00pm	Christmas Fair raffle (closes at 6:00pm)
Week commencing Monday: 15 th December	Nearly new uniform – order form goes live