

# Ewell Grove Newsletter



Congratulations to Ewell Grove's Young Voices Choir for their fantastic performance at the O2 Arena last week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event; the Ewell Grove parents even had glow sticks! We were exceptionally proud of their behaviour and attitude throughout. Thank you to the Ewell Grove staff and parents for supporting this wonderful event.

Our year 4 children have also had an amazing time at High Ashurst on their residential. They have experienced a range of fun filled activities from a challenge course, ropes, climbing, woodland skills and the very popular night walk followed by a campfire! Once again thank you to the staff who have made this experience possible! Year 4 parents are invited to the High Ashurst Assembly in the School Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9:00am**.

As you will be aware, Surrey County Council has determined that their local authority-maintained schools should move to a two-week half term in October 2026. As an academy, Ewell Grove is not required to follow the local authority's decision about term dates, however we have chosen to do so, because we feel to do otherwise may negatively impact our families with children in our feeder secondary schools. Therefore, the half term in Autumn 2026 will be a two-week half term (Oct 19th to 30th 2026). Our end of academic year will be on Tuesday 20th July 2027. We will be exercising our academy freedom by making up the additional week within the timings of the school day by making adjustments to our playtimes and lunchtimes across the rest of the year.

*Miss Paula Rising*

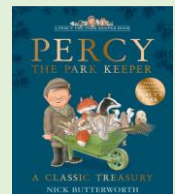
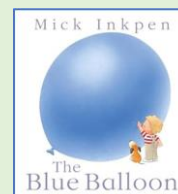
## Year Group Meetings

Online and in the School Hall starting at 9:00am

Nursery	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Year 6	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February

## A Love of Reading

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



What I love about reading 'The Big Blue Balloon', by Mick Inkpen, is that it is about a simple idea which turns into a great big adventure. Who would ever think that a balloon could do all of those things!

Another favourite is a character called 'Percy the Park Keeper' by Nick Butterworth (I couldn't choose a favourite story as they all are all equally amazing!). Percy is one of the most loveable characters, he is always caring and kind to all his friends who are all the animals in the park. They all get up to some great adventures whilst showing the importance of helping others and what true friendship really is.



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## Subject of the Week – DT

Last week, Accent catering delivered some food workshops to us. Nursery, Reception and KS1 had a session called 'Eat the Rainbow' focusing on the importance of eating different coloured fruits and vegetables. They discussed how each colour does something different for the body and ended up with the children making and eating their own fruit kebab.



The session for KS2 was called 'Eat the Seasons' which had a nutrition and sustainability focus. The children explored what fruit and vegetables are available in each season and why it is better to eat seasonally for our health and the planet. The session finished with children making and eating their own seasonal salad.



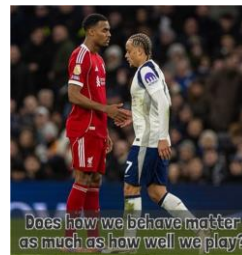
The sessions were brilliant and lots of children tried a variety of fruit and vegetables which they hadn't tried before.

## Respect in Action

This week the children have been discussing the recent published review the Football Association (FA) has published about the behaviour in football across England. The FA wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The children thought about the following question:

Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play?

Children shared that sport can be really exciting because of the scoring and competition. They discussed the importance of having rules and making sure everyone understands the Sport's Values of respect, friendship, equality and teamwork. You may like to continue the conversation at home using some of the following prompts:



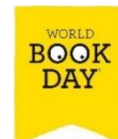
### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

## Reception Children – Morning Drop Off

Please can parents ensure the reception children are accompanied across the playground to their Class Teacher or TA as part of the morning drop off routine.

## World Book Day



Ewell Grove will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.

We recognise that some children love the opportunity to dress up and others don't; we also understand that not everyone wants to pay for a new costume every year. Therefore, your child and family can choose how they would like to participate (or not) in World Book Day. This could be by bringing a favourite book to school, wearing a costume, headdress or a pair of socks.

You might even wear your pyjamas, because your favourite time of the day to share a story is bedtime. We would ask that children do not bring in any 'props' such as swords, masks or anything that is not sensible for playtimes outside. If you do choose for your child to wear a costume, please remember that this is a 'working day'; so, nothing too elaborate. No football strips and school shoes/trainers must be worn. Costumes must also fit under a coat for playtimes.

## School Readiness



Many of you will have recently applied for Nursery and Reception places for September 2026. A group of leading early years organisations have worked collaboratively to provide information for parents on the following topics:

- [The Potty Training Guide](#) – advice and guidance on how and when to begin potty training
- [Starting Reception](#) - your child's journey to school starts at home. The personal, social, emotional and physical skills that most children will develop by the time they start school.

Please visit the above links to access the guidance.

## Mobile Phones in Schools

You will have noticed in the news this week that the DFE has strengthened their guidance on the use of mobile phones in school. The guidance states that **'all schools should be a phone-free environment for the entire school day'**. Ewell Grove is a phone free environment. Year 6 children may be given permission by parents to have a phone for their journey to and from school but the following expectations are stated in our policy:

Only children in Year 6, who walk home without an adult, are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. There must be an agreement between home and school before the following arrangements can be put in place:

- When permission has been provided by the school to bring a mobile phone it must be switched off and put in the class box each morning **before entering the school building**, where it will be kept in the school office during the day. The class box will be taken back to class and phones returned at the end of the school day.
- The mobile phone must be named.
- Parents will not be allowed to contact their child via mobile phone; this must be done, following school procedures, via the School Office.
- If it is found that a pupil has taken photographs / videos or equivalent, whilst on school premises, then this will be treated as a serious breach of the School's Behaviour Policy and will be treated accordingly.
- Ewell Grove accepts no liability for the loss or damage to phones that are brought onto school site for any event / reason.

### Friends of Ewell Grove Events

#### February

Thursday: 5 <sup>th</sup> February	School Disco Day (Reception – Year 5) ➤ A letter with full details was emailed to all parents yesterday with ticket sales now open. ➤ If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, please email the school office confirming your consent for your child to attend.
Friday: 6 <sup>th</sup> February – 7:30pm	FOEG Book Club: 'The Safekeep' by Yael van der Wouden
Monday: week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Nearly New Uniform – online link live
Monday: week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nearly New Uniform – order sorting
	Book donations (ages 3 – 12 years)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	The Little Recyclers Collection (fundraiser)

#### March

Monday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – 3:15pm	Nearly New Uniform – playground sale
Monday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book donations: sort day
Thursday: 5 <sup>th</sup> March – all day	FOEG Free Book Giveaway (World Book Day)
Friday: 20 <sup>th</sup> March	FOEG Paint & Sip evening (fundraiser) ➤ Letter and tickets available – 4 <sup>th</sup> February

#### April

Friday: 24 <sup>th</sup> April	FOEG Quiz Night (fundraiser) ➤ Information letter to be emailed - 12 <sup>th</sup> March ➤ Tickets live – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm
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