



# Ewell Grove Newsletter

## Welcome to the Summer Term

I can't believe we are already in the Summer Term! It has been a lovely and very busy first week back to school. Our Reception and KS1 children visited the British Wildlife Centre. They had a fabulous time and have been using the experience as a starting point for their learning. Children have approached me to share some of the interesting facts they learnt about. The owls seemed to be very popular and lots of children have shown me where an owl's ears are situated! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who supported the children during the trip.



We came back to school on Monday to find some brilliant artwork in our group room and in the orchard. As you can see the outside art includes all of the British Wildlife our classes are named after. We would like to say a huge thank you to the artists from 'The University of Creative Arts Farnham', as well as, Miss Christie and FOEG for building these connections and making this happen!



Continuous improvement is at the heart of everything we do and we never want to stand still. This term we will be focusing on phonics, multiplication and comprehension. We will also be working with our school community on attendance. Personal development and well-being are key areas that underpin all other aspects of school life. In particular we will be revisiting online safety and the [Fundamental British Values](#). Please also see our PSHE focus for all year groups on our [website](#). Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Paula Rising

## Useful Online Website Links



[School Calendar](#)



[Parents Information Booklet](#)



[Change of Contact Details](#)



[Exceptional Leave of Absence Form](#)



[Pupil Medication Request](#)

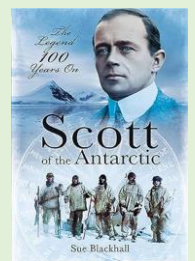
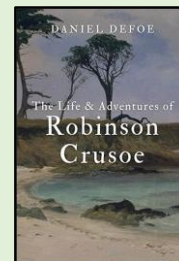


[Photographic Images / Names Consent Form](#)



## A Love of Reading

This week Mr Aldridge has recommended two stories you may like to share at home.



'Robinson Crusoe' was one of my favourite books when I was younger. It is an adventure story about a man who becomes stranded on a deserted island and survives by building shelter, growing food and learning to live independently. This inspired my imagination when I was climbing trees and building camps and fuelled my love of exploring.

'Scott of the Antarctic' is based on the real-life story of Robert Scott and his final expedition to the South Pole. It is a story of courage, endurance, teamwork and sacrifice whilst being faced with extreme challenges.

This book further fuelled my love of exploring as it interested me to go to a place where not many people had been before.

## Subject of the Week – Phonics

In phonics this week the children have been continuing to learn their new sounds and recap previous ones. We have had some children even take on the role of teacher!



Reception have been applying their sound knowledge to write CVC words, remembering to check their sound mats to help them.

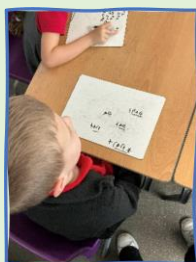
In the morning, we enjoy a quick game of real and fake words before starting our day. It is always interesting when we are introduced to new vocabulary.



In Year 1 we have been looking at new sounds and playing a range of games to help remember them. We especially love playing sound bingo, using Phonics Play and going through our flashcards. Hedgehog class are trying to get quicker each week!



We are becoming confident in putting sound buttons under the words to help us read and write them. We cannot be tricked by those sneaky alien words because we are just too good!



## Class Concert Dates

All concerts will start at 9:15am in the Hall

May	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1
June	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery

## Year 6 Production

We are delighted to announce that the Year 6 production this year will be Alice in Wonderland!

The Year 6 children are all busy learning lines and the various songs in preparation for their auditions!



## Consent Required for School Class Photos

Whole class photos will be taken by our school photographer on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026** and will be available to purchase by families.

If you have previously given permission for your child's image to be included in 'Internal Displays' there is nothing further you need to do and your child will be included in the class photo.

If you have previously declined permission for your child to be included in Internal Displays your child will not be included in the photo.

If you wish to change your consent preference, we ask that you visit our school website and click on Parents > Online Forms to complete our Photographic Consent online form as soon as possible but before **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

## “What I wish my parents or carers knew...”

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits. Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors. The guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular.

The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't."

For DSLs, this is a practical resource to share with parents and carers, particularly at transition points or where online harms are presenting in school. Four versions are available to download: the main parent and carer guide, an activity pack for children, and print-ready single-page versions of both.

The downloads can be found here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives>



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## Transition to Secondary School

### Summer Holiday Support Sessions

Is your Year 6 child feeling anxious about starting secondary school?

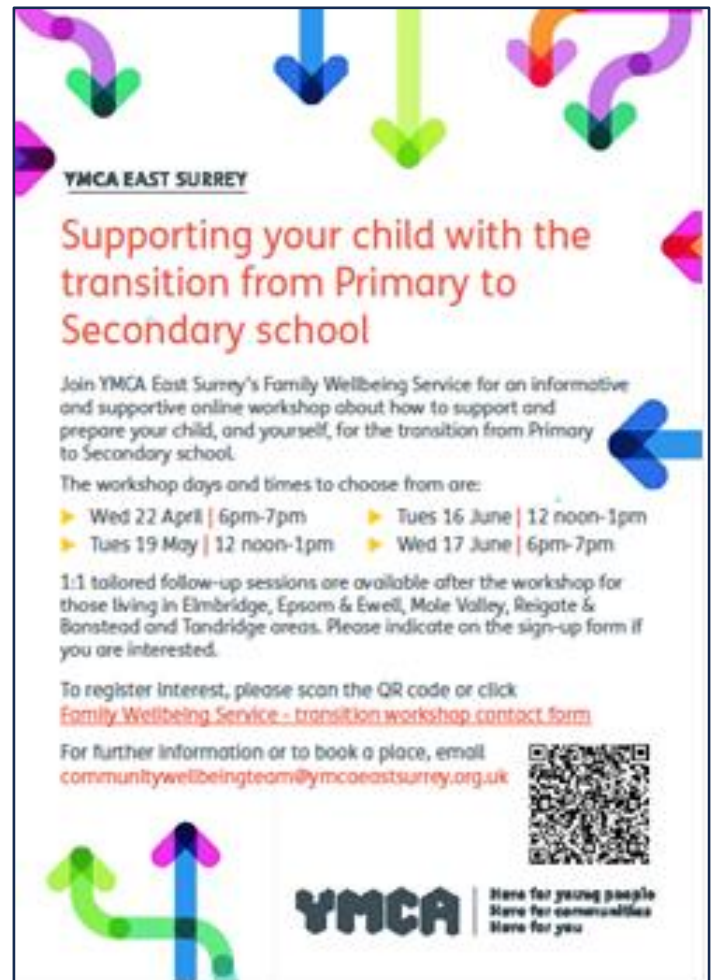
Learning Space & YMCA East Surrey are offering 1:1 young person & parent/carers support sessions during the summer holidays to help ease the transition.

These sessions focus on addressing anxiety, worries, building resilience and celebrating each child's strengths.

Sessions are offered in various locations throughout East Surrey, as well as online. Please choose your preference on the form.

Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Parents and carers can sign up using the QR code/link  
<https://forms.office.com/e/GHtAgndK3z>



**YMCA EAST SURREY**

## Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school

Join YMCA East Surrey's Family Wellbeing Service for an informative and supportive online workshop about how to support and prepare your child, and yourself, for the transition from Primary to Secondary school.



The workshop days and times to choose from are:

- ▶ Wed 22 April | 6pm-7pm
- ▶ Tues 16 June | 12 noon-1pm
- ▶ Tues 19 May | 12 noon-1pm
- ▶ Wed 17 June | 6pm-7pm

1:1 tailored follow-up sessions are available after the workshop for those living in Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead and Tandridge areas. Please indicate on the sign-up form if you are interested.

To register interest, please scan the QR code or click [Family Wellbeing Service - transition workshop contact form](#)

For further information or to book a place, email [communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk](mailto:communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk)



## Do children always need antibiotics for ear infections?

### Survey reveals 1 in 3 parents believe children always need antibiotics for ear infections

36% of parents surveyed believe that children always need antibiotics for ear infection according to research conducted by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). The study, led by the UKHSA surveyed over 500 parents whose children had experience ear infection symptoms in the previous year.

Ear infections are very common, particularly in children, and often get better on their own within 3 days although sometimes symptoms can last up to a week. Research shows that as few as 1 in 5 children are likely to require antibiotics to treat an ear infection. The NHS have also published advice on what to do if you think your child has ear infection - [Ear infections - NHS](#)

Catherine Hayes, the UKHSA study lead said "While antibiotics are sometimes necessary for children with ear infections, unnecessary antibiotic use can cause side effects in children and contribute to **antimicrobial resistance**. If your child is prescribed antibiotics, it's important to follow the advice of your GP, nurse or pharmacist."

The survey highlights that more can be done to support parents to understand when an ear infection is serious and what they can do. UKHSA's work will aim to address this by developing resources to support health professionals and patients during consultations.

**Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites evolve to withstand the medicines designed to kill them. This makes standard treatments ineffective, leading to persistent infections, severe illness, or death. It is a natural evolutionary process accelerated by the misuse and overuse of antibiotics**

For more information on AMR, the SCC Health Protection Team published an article on [World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week \(WAAW\)](#) in Nov 2025 that also included a fun [you tube video about AMR](#).

## Attendance Policy

### Please find below important information regarding Penalty Notices.

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

## Friends of Ewell Grove Events

### April

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Nearly New Uniform – playground sale @3:15pm
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
	Summer Fair ➤ Year 6 Permission response due

### May

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	➤ FOEG Book Club – Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë ➤ Summer Fair raffles goes live ➤ Summer Fair promotion starts
Week commencing Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Nearly New Uniform link goes live

### June

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nearly new uniform donations accepted
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	➤ Uniform order link closes at 4:00pm ➤ Uniform sorting evening from 7:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nearly new uniform – playground sale from 3:15pm
Week commencing Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	➤ Donation week for the Summer Fair (soft toys, games, puzzles and books) ➤ Non-uniform day (date to be confirmed) – bottle tombola donations
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	➤ Junior Quiz (Years 5 & 6) from 3:30pm (details to follow – ticketed event) ➤ The Little Recyclers collection – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	➤ The Little Recyclers collection – 8:45am – 9:00am ➤ Year 6 Cake sale donations delivered to school ➤ Summer Fair preparation evening from 7:00pm – volunteers needed!
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Ewell Grove Summer Fair - 11:30am – 3:00pm ➤ SEN Families - 11:30am – 12:30pm ➤ All families welcome - 12:30pm – 3:30pm

### July

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	FOEG AGM at Ewell Grove – 2:15pm – all welcome!
Summer holidays – Year 6 leavers (uniform donations) location (to be confirmed)	



## FAMILY LEARNING

### First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism and other)



This course is a FREE three-week parenting course, parent/carers will develop an understanding of neurodiversity, including ADHD and Autism and the terms associated with neurodivergence and key features of different presentations.

#### What will I learn?

**For Parents and Carers only - Sorry no children**

- To gain a greater understanding and answer the question, 'Why does my child do that?'
- To have an understanding of neurodiversity behaviours in children.
- To apply techniques for understanding a child's profile and behaviour

**Where: Ewell Family Centre**

Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP

**When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June -17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 09:30 - 11:30 3 x Weeks**

To book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)

Tel : 0300 200 1044



## SURREY PAEDIATRICS PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICE 3-WEEK FACE-TO-FACE SESSIONS

Held at  
Ewell  
Grove

Thursdays 9-11AM

Session 1 - 11th June

Session 2 - 18th June

Session 3 - 25th June



THREE-WEEK COURSE FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER WHO MAY BE SHOWING SIGNS OF NEURODIVERSITY, HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OR EXPERIENCING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS.

To sign up interest, scan QR code & complete short form



<https://forms.gle/vNJfhDJbYiBvpj2P8>

#### SESSION CONTENTS FOUND ON FORM

- 1) SIGN UP YOUR INTEREST VIA THIS GOOGLE FORM
- 2) MISS AHMED WILL EMAIL YOU THE WORKSHOP REFERRAL FORM TO BE COMPLETED TO SECURE PLACE ON ALL THREE SESSIONS
- 3) ATTEND SESSIONS

# WE'RE HIRING SENDTHRIVE HOLIDAY CLUB!

Join our mission to create joyful, inclusive summer experiences for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

**3rd - 15th August 2026**

(Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

Location: **Potersbury School, Camberly.**

We're looking for: Specialist SEND

We're hiring for inclusive, friendly roles supporting children with SEND and skilling our community. Join us to make a positive impact!

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**Epsom & Ewell  
Family Centre**

**7:00-9:00pm  
Wednesdays  
3, 10, 17, 24 June**

## Keeping your Child in Mind

Join us for this free **4-week course** designed to help parents and carers work together to create a calmer, more supportive family life. Each session offers practical tools, thoughtful discussion and space to reflect on what we do as adults and how our actions shape the way everyone in the family feels.

To book a place, scan the QR code, email: [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)  
Or call: 01372 571 178



**Ewell Family Centre, Riverview Road, West Ewell, KT19 0JP**



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**9:30-11:30am  
Thursdays  
Starting 30<sup>th</sup> April**

## The Nurturing Programme

Join us for this free **10-week parenting course** designed to help you feel more confident and connected in your role as a parent. Each session includes practical activities, helpful strategies and opportunities to share experiences in a supportive environment.

Course runs weekly from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> July.  
No session on 28<sup>th</sup> May or 18<sup>th</sup> June.

To book a place, scan the QR code, email: [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)  
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**Thursdays  
9:00am-12:00pm**

## Parenting Drop-In

in partnership with **Citizen's Advice Bureau**

Drop in to Ewell Family Centre on a Thursday morning for support on all aspects of family life, including SEND, family conflict, mental health, domestic abuse, housing, benefits and energy. Our Family Centre team and Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) advisors are here to help. CAB Energy Advice will be here on the last Thursday of each month 10-12 (dates may vary).



No need to book, but if you want to contact us: scan the QR code, call **01372 571 178** or email [epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:epsomewellfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)



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## For your information:

### FREE online workshops for Parents and Carers in Surrey

As part of the Family Learning Programme, Surrey would like to introduce a new area specifically designed for parents of teenagers. Parents can enrol onto these courses and workshop.

Surrey Family Learning, provide a wide range of programmes designed to support families in navigating the complexities of secondary education and beyond. Their workshops and courses are tailored to help parents understand and support their children's wellbeing and educational journeys.

#### Surrey Family Learning Programme for Families

- Develop Skills to Support your Child's Sensory Needs (ASD, ADHD & other) (Online)
- First Steps to Understanding Emotionally-Based School Non-Attendance (Online)
- Who's in Charge? First steps to understanding Child to Parent Violence (Online)

Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run the above courses that are available for families to enrol on with [a few simple clicks on their website](#).

**2026 3RD & 4TH MAY**  
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For further information and to book - please scan:



or visit:  
<https://www.kingston.ac.uk/about/events/young-scientists-2026>