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Headteacher's Message



It has been lovely to welcome so many of our Year 1 parents and carers into school this week for our first Stay, Play and Learn sessions of the year. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us, see phonics in action and spend some special time with your child in their classroom. We hope the sessions gave you a useful insight into how phonics is taught and that you found the workshop helpful and informative. Most of all, we loved seeing how proud and excited the children were to share their school life with you.

We have also been really pleased with the response to our Behind the Classroom Door opportunity, with families representing 64% of our children. It is clear how much the children enjoy bringing their families into this part of their world and sharing what happens in their classroom. It is also lovely for staff to put faces to the names of the parents and carers we communicate with so regularly, helping to strengthen those important relationships between home and school.



This week we also held our New Parent Induction Meeting, where we had the opportunity to share our story and give families considering a Reception place for September 2027, a glimpse into what makes Walton Oak such a special school. We hope those who joined us are keen to come back and see the school in action through the tours we will be conducting over the coming weeks. A particular thank you goes to our wonderful pupil leaders, who did us proud by attending the evening looking smart, confident and incredibly welcoming. Do take a moment to read the speeches from our Head Pupil, Sophie and Deputy Head Pupil, Elliot, further on in this newsletter.

This morning, we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the staffroom, organised so kindly by Mrs. M Roberts. Macmillan Cancer Support does such important work supporting people and families affected by cancer, a cause which touches many of us in one way or another. Thank you to Mrs Roberts for bringing everyone together and giving us the opportunity to support this very worthwhile charity.

Our week came to a lovely close with our Harvest assembly this morning. The children listened carefully and reflected thoughtfully on the meaning of Harvest and the importance of giving and supporting others. Their singing, as always, was a real highlight and brought a wonderful sense of joy to the hall. Thank you too to all of our families for your incredibly generous donations to the Walton and Hersham Foodbank. The Foodbank team collected the donations today and were extremely grateful for the generosity of our community. Your contributions will make a real difference to local families.



Next week marks the start of Black History Month which runs throughout October. This year's theme is Honouring Our Communities, celebrating the many Black people who make a difference through their kindness, courage, creativity, leadership and hard work. We will learn about inspiring people from across Britain and discover how their contributions have helped shape our schools, neighbourhoods and communities.

Siân McCarthy





General Information

Inset Day – Friday 2nd October

Don't forget next Friday is an INSET day which means school is closed to children, as Staff attend a Lumen Learning Trust training day.



Head and Deputy Head Pupil Speeches

Hello, my name is Sophie and I am the Head Pupil here at Walton Oak.

Being a pupil at Walton Oak is really amazing. All of the teachers are so kind and there is so much to look forward to throughout the years. Some of my favourite things are the school trips, the residentials and the wide range of clubs on offer to all children. I especially love the football club and it was through this club that I found my love for football; I now play three times a week outside of school.

A particular highlight of my learning at school has to be the World War 2 topic because I love learning about the past and the challenges people faced back then.

At Walton Oak, the staff are really helpful, caring and trustworthy. This is important to me because when you are at school you need adults who are going to support you throughout your journey.

Hello, my name is Elliot and I am the Deputy Head Pupil here at Walton Oak.

One of my favourite things at this school is the range of sporting opportunities we have, such as: football, netball, cricket, rugby, cheerleading and athletics. I am really proud to have been part of the Walton Oak football team and my participation at District Sports. I also took part in the Mini London Marathon with many friends from Walton Oak.

Some of my favourite subjects throughout my years have been: History, English and PE. We are also so lucky to have such a special library which was designed by our Pupil Parliament. All classes get the opportunity to visit the library once a week where they are allowed to borrow books to read in their free time.

We are so lucky at Walton Oak to have such a range of kind and caring members of staff. They help us through our ups and downs, which supports us in being our best.

Space Day Themed Lunch – 1st October

On Thursday 1st October there will be a special Space Day Themed Lunch provided by our caterers. Please see flyer at the end of the wire. Bookings can be made in the usual way via School Grid.

Stay, Play and Learn Sessions for EYFS

We invite you to come and join in some phonics learning with your child in their classroom and get involved in their play and learning. This will be followed by a brief information session to help you support your child at home with their phonics.

HEDGEHOGS

Tuesday 6th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408386>

Wednesday 7th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408395>



SQUIRRELS

Tuesday 6th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408383>

Wednesday 7th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408393>

BUTTERFLIES

Tuesday 13th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408410>

LADYBIRDS

Thursday 15th October 9am-10am: <https://buytickets.at/waltonoakprimaryschool/2408415>

Transition

Reception Intake 2027 - Head/Deputy headteacher group tours

We are running several Head/Deputy headteacher group tours. Please do come along to see the school in action and find out more about provision for children at Walton Oak. Click [here](#) to book a place.



Walton Oak Nursery – places available for 2026 and beyond!

We are incredibly proud of the Nursery provision at Walton oak, rated as Good as part of our most recent school Ofsted. Although the Nursery remains very popular, we still have a few 15 and 30 hour places for 2026-2027 available and we welcome applications for our waiting list. Unlike many private nurseries, there are no registration fees and children can be registered from birth. If you have younger children not yet registered we would encourage you to complete the application form found [here](#). Please do share this link with any friends and family that may want to join the Walton Oak Community. Further information can be found on our [website](#).

Surrey CC Guidance for Secondary Transition

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2027. You can apply for a secondary school place from **1 September 2026**.

The closing date for on-time applications for secondary schools is **31 October 2026**.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

Local Secondary School Admissions information and open events for the 2027 Y6-7 Transition:

[Heathside Walton](#)

[Three Rivers Academy](#)

[Thamesmead](#)

[Esher Church of England High](#)

Oracy

Take Home Focus – Let's Talk!



TAKEHOME

20th September - 25th October



How can we share our stories?

In the news this week

The Bayeux Tapestry is a nearly 1,000-year-old very long piece of cloth covered with pictures sewn in colourful thread that tells the story of a very famous event called the Norman Conquest of England. The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France, to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Which stories are important to your family and how have these stories been passed from one person to another?
- > Do we have any photographs or objects that tell part of our family's story?
- > What do you think we can learn from different types of stories? E.g., written, photos or ones we retell.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



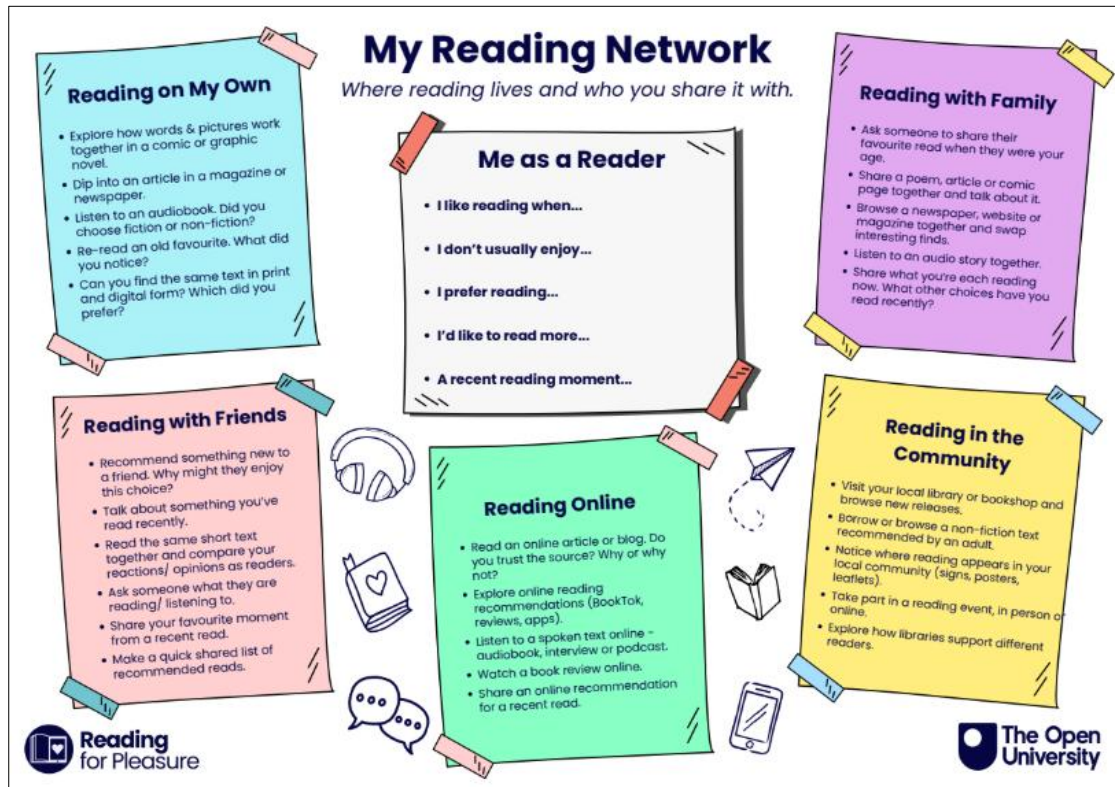
Reading

Building a Reading Network at Home

Reading doesn't only happen in school or at bedtime. Children can develop their confidence, enjoyment and curiosity as readers in lots of different ways, and My Reading Network is a simple way to help families explore these opportunities together.



The ideas below offer small, manageable ways to make reading part of everyday life - whether reading independently, sharing a book with family or friends, discovering something online or noticing reading in the wider community. Most importantly, they encourage children to think about themselves as readers and to discover that reading can be enjoyable, social and connected to the world around them.



Tiny Happy People

The 'Iceberg Game'



With the sunshine and dry weather set to continue over the weekend, this week it is a physical, outside game. This week's activity is called 'The Iceberg Game'. This is a chance for children to be active whilst having fun and using their imagination. On the link below is a short video of how to play the game. It can be played with 1 child or a group, why not play as a family?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/rangers-iceberg-activity/zf8v3j6>

We hope you have fun playing this game



Enrichment Activities

Year 1 Stay, Play & Learn



A huge thank you from the Year 1 team to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for our two Stay, Play and Learn sessions this week. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into our classrooms and see you getting involved in your children's learning.



Parents and carers had the opportunity to watch a phonics lesson and then join their children during our 'Explore and Learn' time. It was lovely to see families working together as the children practised letter and number formation, writing simple sentences and tricky words as well as getting creative outside and building their very own seaside towns!

These sessions mean so much to the children. They absolutely love having you in school and being able to show you what they can do. We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically and confidently they engaged in their learning throughout both sessions. Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to share these special moments with your children.

Yr1 Zoolab

Year 1 had a very exciting afternoon when Ben, a Zoologist from Zoolab, <https://www.zoolabuk.com/> came to visit us and helped bring our animal learning to life!

As part of our current learning in science, we have been exploring the five categories of animals: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. Ben brought along some very special guests to help us deepen our understanding including an African snail, a corn snake, a frog, a millipede and a gerbil! The children had the opportunity to get up close to the animals and choose how they would like to interact with them.



Throughout the afternoon, Ben encouraged the children to share what they already knew and used their ideas to build the conversation. The children were able to talk about the features they had been learning about and compare the different animals, helping to reinforce the key differences between the five animal groups.

It was wonderful to see the children's knowledge, confidence and curiosity grow as they asked questions, shared their ideas and experienced these animals first-hand. A huge thank you to Ben and Zoolab for such a memorable afternoon – we certainly had some very excited young zoologists in Year 1!



Pastoral News

Useful Websites



The Local Offer provides information on education, training and support, for children and young people with special educational and disability needs, along with their families and practitioners.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer>



<https://www.sendadvice.surrey.org.uk/>



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting: We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you. For more information please **click on the link on page 1.**



FOWO

Christmas Fair Board – Fundraising the easy way!

Seymours Estate Agents have generously offered to sponsor our Christmas Fair again this year! If you are willing to have a board outside your house advertising the fair, please complete this google form:

<https://forms.gle/oTUDPrstWuex6EY99> There is no cost to you and you don't need to do anything other than give up some space on a fence or post for the board.

We need 30 names by early next week to maximise this fantastic fundraising opportunity! Any issues, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

School Whatsapp Groups – Join the conversation

As you may be aware, each year group has a WhatsApp Group for all the parents in the year group. Most of you, if not all of you are already in one, and have been for a number of years. However, if you aren't, please speak to your Class Rep below.

Nursery: Giulia	Year 3: Toni, Alison, Sarah
Reception: Sabrina, Abbie, Eve	Year 4: Gemma, Rebecca
Year 1: Isabel, Laura	Year 5: Sarah, Caroline
Year 2: Vania, Dovile	Year 6: Vania, Kirsty

For those of you in Nursery and Reception, you may well have seen the QR Code to join the class WhatsApp as you have gone in to pick up your child. If not, please find the link here:

- Nursery: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E9mF5zKUbg0Fi5l3KYup4h?s=qt&p=i&mlu=4>
- Reception: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Du1y24u3p0KFYSczWHIbts?s=qt&p=i&mlu=4>

Esher Fireworks are going to go off with a bang for FOWO

As the Autumn draws in there are lots of firework displays in the local area to choose from. From low bangs to those with funfairs. However, we have teamed up with Esher Rugby, and have managed to get a promotional code for their fireworks on Friday 06 November that will mean that FOWO get a proportion of the money from ticket sales.

Book your tickets for Esher Rugby Fireworks below and help support FOWO and the school:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eshes-rugbys-2026-fireworks-night-tickets-1996970204639?aff=WaltonOak>

Give uniform a second life

Don't forget you can pick up a pre-loved school uniform from the FOWO Uniform Rail in reception, and **all items are just £1 per piece.**

If you have any requests about what you need, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and we can check stock.

Keep in touch with us on socials



[@friendsofwaltonoak](https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwaltonoak)



[FriendsofWaltonOak](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWaltonOak)



fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk



Celebrations



Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a gold leaf this week for following our Walton Oak Way Values:



Hedgehogs	Fares, George, Clark, Reign & Violet
Squirrels	Richard & Eliza
1N	Louis & Alex
2H	Josh, Evie, Teddy, Lewis & Josh
3C	Tiya & Victoria
3H	Bertie
4C	Harley, Ata, Noah, Sienna, Lilah & Eva
5BD	Hirst & Leandra
6B	Georgia, Jessica B, Jessica H, Georgia, Elliot, Amelia, Adiyat & Ben
6J	Sophie, Immy, Edith & Lola

On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a pleasant weekend.



Upcoming dates for the diary

New Dates in Red

Fri 2 nd Oct	Additional Inset Day
Tue 6 th Oct	Reception Stay, Play and Learn (+phonics workshop)
Wed 7 th Oct	Reception Stay, Play and Learn (+phonics workshop)
Fri 9 th Oct	Young Minds: Hello Yellow event for young people's mental health awareness
Tue 13 th Oct	Butterflies Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Thur 15 th Oct	Ladybirds Stay, Play & Learn 9-10am
Mon 19 th – Fri 30 th Oct	HALF TERM
Tue 3 rd Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations 1.50-4.30pm
Wed 4 th Nov	Parent Teacher Consultations 4-7pm
Tue 10 th – Fri 13 th Nov	Yr6 Bristol Residential
Mon 16 th Nov	Individual/Sibling Photos
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th Nov	Antibullying week
Fri 20 th Nov	FOWO Christmas Fair
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th Nov	Y6 Bikeability
Tue 1 st Dec	Flu Vaccinations R-Yr6





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SPACE DAY

1ST OCTOBER

DEAR FAMILIES,

WE'RE DELIGHTED TO SHARE THAT ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER, OUR SCHOOL CATERING TEAM WILL BE HOSTING A SPACE DAY THEMED LUNCH!

OUR TEAMS WILL BE SERVING A TASTY MENU PACKED WITH CHILDREN'S FAVOURITES, INCLUDING CHICKEN METEOR-BITE BURGERS OR VENUS VEGGIE BURGERS, GUARDIAN FRIES OF THE GALAXY AND BLACK HOLE BEANS OR PLANETARY PEAS, FOLLOWED BY JUPITER JELLY AND ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT.

MEALS CAN BE ORDERED IN THE USUAL WAY. IF YOUR CHILD DOESN'T USUALLY HAVE A SCHOOL MEAL, SPACE DAY IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE ONE A TRY AND ENJOY ONE OF OUR SPECIAL THEMED EVENTS. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ORDERING.

A REMINDER THAT ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS. CHILDREN IN OLDER YEAR GROUPS MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS – YOU CAN CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.GOV.UK/APPLY-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME EVERYONE FOR A LUNCHTIME FULL OF COSMIC FUN AND TASTY FOOD!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PRIMARY@IMPACTFOOD.CO.UK

COME ON A SPACE DAY ADVENTURE WITH OUR SPECIAL MENU!



ESHER RUGBY
Fireworks NIGHT
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
GATES OPEN 5PM | FIREWORKS DISPLAY 8PM
FUNFAIR | STREET FOOD VENDORS | BEER & MULLED WINE | DJ
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
DON'T MISS ESHER RUGBY'S BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!
★ UNDER 2s ARE FREE ★ UNDER 16s - MUST BE WITH AN ADULT (PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE) ★

£26 PER SESSION
HALF TERM NETBALL CAMP!
UNLEASH YOUR NETBALL SKILLS THIS HALF TERM!
27TH, 28TH & 29TH OCTOBER
9.30 - 12.30
SPORTS HALL, THREE RIVERS ACADEMY, HERSHAM, KT12 5EJ
SCHOOL YEARS 3 - 8
www.surreynetballcoaching.co.uk/camps

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Piano, Guitar, Ukulele & Drum Lessons Available at Walton Oak
Dear Parents and Guardians,
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Sessions will run throughout the school day.
For more information and to book lessons please contact LTP Music directly at hello@LTPMusic.co.uk



READY SET NETBALL

Fun Saturday Netball Sessions!

For Children Aged 6-13

LOCATION
Three Rivers Academy
Bell Farm Way,
Walton-On-Thames,
KT12 5EJ

TIME
9-10am

COST
£16 per session

**Saturday 5th September –
Saturday 5th December**
(12 weeks with 2 weeks in
October half term)

BOOK NOW

readysetnetball@outlook.com

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**AGES 4 - 11
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
FREE TRIALS
FUN RUGBY FOR GIRLS & BOYS**

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SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER
9:30AM
WHITELEY VILLAGE KT12 4EJ**

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AND FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS**

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THAMESMEAD SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's talks at 5.30, 6.15, 7.00, 7.45pm



We warmly invite parents and primary school students to visit our successful school

You do not need to book to attend but will need a ticket on arrival if you would like to go to the Headteacher's Talk.

More details are on our website.

Thamesmead School, Manygate Lane, Shepperton, TW17 9EE

Tel: 01932 219400 Email: info@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Website: www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

Morning tours of the school are also bookable via the school office

"I wanted to say how impressed my husband and I continue to be with the quality of care provided by Thamesmead. Both of my children are so happy within the school environment" – Year 7 & Year 9 parent

"We never had any doubt choosing Thamesmead was the right decision. We're proud to be part of the Thamesmead community." – Year 8 parent.

"As parents, we see not just the academic progress, but the confidence, independence and character the school helps to develop in its students" – Year 9 parent.

NEW OFSTED REPORT CARD AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE





Halliford School
SHEPPERTON

Open Morning

Saturday 3rd October
Tours at 9 am & 11:30 am
Personal tours available throughout the year

[Click here to book](#)

Come as you *are...* go as all you *can be*



Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 1st October
6 pm - 8 pm

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE



Halliford School
SHEPPERTON

[Click here to book your Saturday Adventure](#)

Come as you *are...* go as all you *can be*

Awarded an ISI Significant Strength for Pupil Leadership



Saturday Adventure Series for boys in Years 4, 5 and 6

Saturday 14th November 2026
Parents welcome for refreshments at 11:45 am

Experience life as a Hallifordian with a morning packed full of new friendships and excitement. Choose from 3 activities:
Design & Technology and History: The Great 1066 Showdown
OR Music: Soundscapes Unleashed OR Art: I, Robot

OCTOBER 2026

HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

TWO WEEKS OF SPOOKY, AUTUMNAL FUN!

EPIC EXPLORERS
PRESCHOOL - YEAR 2

MIGHTY ADVENTURERS
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6

FOREST SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL - YEAR 2

ROYAL KENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, OXSHOTT

19th - 30th OCTOBER

FROM £28 PER DAY

OPEN 08:30 - 18:00

SHUTTLE SERVICE FROM SOME LOCAL SCHOOLS AVAILABLE

HALLOWEEN FUN AND AUTUMN ADVENTURES

FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO YEAR 6

TWO WEEKS PACKED WITH FUN EVERY DAY:

- Pumpkin carving and printing
- Halloween themed cookery
- Den building and outdoor adventures
- Spiders and creepy crawly crafts
- Witches, cauldrons and potions
- Zombie tag and outdoor team games

And much more!

BOOK HERE!



SPACES FILLING FAST - BOOK NOW!