



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 30th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers:

'Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint.' Pope Francis.

We have had a busy week at school, and the children have been enjoying lots of different learning opportunities! The children in Year 3 have started to rehearse their nativity, Year 4 welcomed Chertsey museum into school on Thursday, the whole school enjoyed watching an Assembly by Engage on Tuesday, and we all had a day of speaking French during our 'French day'.

It hardly seems possible that we are entering the period of Advent on Friday. We have been talking to the children about how Advent is a time of waiting, and of hope, and how it is a special time in the Christian calendar. Please take the time to share the diocese's online advent calendar with your child/ren (details below).

At Horsell Junior we traditionally use the time of Advent to think about what we can do for others and have a 'reverse' advent calendar. This year we will be supporting Woking Food Bank, as we did during Harvest. Every day in December there will be a box at the school gate for you to donate the items that Woking Food Bank need the most. We suggest different days for you to donate the different items, but this is optional, and you can donate as much or as little as you like. Details are below.

We are all looking forward to the Horsell Christmas Fair on Saturday, and I hope to see you at the Village School for our fantastic PTA event.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 1ST — 9TH DECEMBER 2023

Friday 1st December	Start of Reverse Advent Calendar , please see details overleaf. Aspire Dodgeball Championships, 12:30—15:00, Woking Leisure Centre, by invitation
Saturday 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair, The Horsell Village School, 12:00—15:00. Our choir will perform at 1pm (please meet Mrs Cumberbeach under the old oak tree at 12:45). Horsell Village Christmas Market, from 1pm
Tuesday 5th December	Senior members of the choir perform at the Seymours Christmas Concert, in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospice. Christchurch, Woking, 12noon.
Friday 9th December	Cedar class assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into school and photography is not permitted.

School lunches should be booked a week in advance.

Please book lunches for the last week of term by Sunday 3rd December. Please note bookings for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December have closed. If Scopay is marked with "T" please provide a packed lunch. Children will still eat together and all children will receive a Christmas cracker and so on, to add to the festive spirit.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Love and service are two of our school values, and as part of this we encourage our children to think of others. We will be running our "Reverse Advent Calendar" again, where we ask children to bring in a donation, this year in aid of Woking Food Bank. Children can bring in one of the suggested donation on any day between 1st and 15th December. A collection box will be available at the gate each day, and in reception after drop off.

Day 1 Packets of biscuits	Day 2 Chocolate bars and sweets	Day 3 Toilet Rolls	Day 4 Tinned Tomatoes	Day 5 Longlife Milk (whole type)
Day 6 Long life fruit juice	Day 7 Chocolate spread	Day 8 Honey	Day 9 Nappies size 7	Day 10 Laundry detergent
Day 11 Surface cleaning spray	Day 12 Baby wipes	Day 13 Hair conditioner	Day 14 Cooking oil	Day 15 Coffee



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



THANK YOU

The Royal British Legion have written to thank Horsell Junior School for supporting their Poppy Appeal again this November. Together, we collected £89.28. Thank you!

Starting your Christmas shopping?

Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for our school.



Click [here](#) to find out more.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children wishing to send friends cards can do so via the school Christmas Post. A letterbox will be available in reception from 1st December. **Please ensure the name and class of the recipient is written clearly.**



The last posting date will be **Tuesday 12th December.**

BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY



On Friday 24th November, Beech class performed their class assembly to their peers in year 5, parents and carers.

The assembly focused on the physical and human features of Canada. The children explained where Canada was, what it's climate is like and the many lakes, rivers and mountains found there. The children also explained how the Great Lakes were being polluted and how this issue could be solved in the future.

The assembly ended with the children singing Summer of 69 by the famous Canadian singer, Bryan Adams. Several members of Beech accompanied the song on guitar and saxophone.

CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY

Cherry class loved welcoming our grown ups into school to show case our learning. We focused our assembly on preparing for the future by being great thinkers, historians, readers, athletes, scientists, artists and much more!

We are proud to be the class of future doctors, lawyers, athletes, authors, cafe owners, teachers and engineers.



"FRENCH DAY"

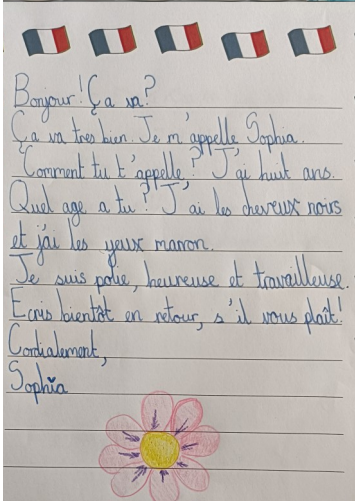
On Tuesday, pupils and staff enjoyed their first French Day!

In Year 3, children focused on colours and shapes, describing various objects in their classrooms using impressive French accents! Well done to Aida from Elm who was brave enough to share her description with the Year 4s! Tres bien!!

In Year 4, the children painted self-portraits and then described themselves in letters to their future French pen pals.

Years 5 and 6 created their own Top Trumps and then played against each other, using French descriptions and numbers.

Everyone enjoyed wearing blue, white and red and echoes of "Bonjour! Ca va?" could be heard all around the school! We hope all the fun has enthused and inspired the children, and look forward to our next French Day in the Spring Term!



YEAR 3

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DAY

Year 3 had a great time learning all about their new DT topic - textiles. Everyone had the opportunity to design and then make a cushion using the skills they learnt that day.

The children got very creative and practised using cross stitch, running stitch and applique when designing their cushions.

Thank you very much to the parent helpers who also joined us.

Well done Year 3!



CHOIR PERFORM AT SWITCHING ON OF WOKING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On Thursday 23rd of November, around 70 members of the school choir sang carols in Jubilee Square in Woking as part of the Christmas Light Switch on. The children sang beautifully and their performance was appreciated by the hundreds of people who came to watch.

The choir are looking forward to three more concerts before the end of term, including at our PTA Christmas Fair this Saturday.

Great practice for VIAM next term!

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Woking Mayor switch on lights.



The deadline for children to complete the national survey for the Children's Commissioner is Friday 15th December.

Please click [here](#) to let your child make their voice heard in the lead up to the next General Election and tell politicians how they can improve the lives of children in England.





Seymours
Christmas Carol Concert
 In aid of
Woking & Sam Beare
 Hospice and Wellbeing Care

featuring specially invited singers from the West End performing songs from hit musical Frozen

Tuesday 5th December at 12pm | £12 a ticket with all proceeds going to charity. Under 4's, on knees go free | Christ Church Jubilee Square Woking

Scan the QR code to book your tickets or you can purchase tickets at the following Woking & Sam Beare charity shops: Woking, Goldsworth Park, Horsell, Kingfield, and Knaphill Furniture Shop.




JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Party

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER
 3.30PM-5.30PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH, HORSELL

Crafts, music, games and refreshments for 0-11s and their families
 Free event, donations welcome

Includes a performance by our handbell club!



The Snowman
 Live Screening with Orchestra

Woking High School, Wednesday 13th December, 7pm
 The film classic on the big screen accompanied by our Orchestra along with some seasonal favourites.

Refreshments available (cash only)

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CXNA> Tickets £5



Christmas HALF TERM Holiday Camp

Mon 18th to Thurs 21st Dec 2023
 Multi-Sports and Activities

Fun and engaging sporting activities to promote skills and team-building
 @ Goldsworth Primary
 Girls and Boys Reception to Yr 6

Starting from Less than £3.60 per hour

To book & more course details visit ntsports.co.uk

Woking High School are this year putting on a special Christmas concert.

They are opening the show with some festive favourites played by musicians in our school. This includes a guitar ensemble, soloists and school orchestra.

After a short interval, the orchestra will be playing along to a live screening of Raymond Briggs' The Snowman. This has been weeks of rehearsing and they are very excited to perform this live accompaniment to the film.

To book tickets for this family event, please click [here](https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CXNA).