



Dear Parents and Carers,

*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."* - **Mother Teresa**

Thank you very much to all of our parents who are supporting our Reverse Advent Calendar appeal. As you know, we are supporting Woking Food Bank this year and I know that our donations will bring hope to many families in our local community this Christmas.

I hope, like me, that you enjoyed the Horsell Christmas Fair on Saturday. There was a lovely community feel in the Village and the Village School was very busy! The PTA raised lots of money which will directly benefit your children, so thank you very much. The PTA enables us to provide many enrichment opportunities for our children and on Wednesday next week the whole school will enjoy a Panto, which has been entirely funded by the PTA. This has been a real hit with the children in the past, and I know that they are going to enjoy it very much.

There are lots of Christmas events taking place at school next week, including the combined carol service, the Christmas lunch, the Year 3 Nativity and the Year 5 trip to Wintershall. Please check the dates section below to make sure that you know what is going on in school.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

## KEY DATES FOR 9TH—15TH DECEMBER 2023

Friday 8th December	<b>Cedar class assembly</b> , 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into school and photography is not permitted.
Sunday 10th December	<b>St Mary's Church Christmas Party</b> , 15:30—17:30, with performance by handbell club.
Monday 11th December	<p><b>Year 5 Christmas Pause Day</b> (in school)*</p> <p><b>Year 6: Horsell History Talk</b> (in school)</p> <p><b>FOOHJ (School Orchestra) Informal Performance to parents</b>, 15:45, School Hall</p> <p><b>Horsell Schools' Combined Carol Concert</b>, St Mary's Church, 18:30 Children who are taking part should arrive at 18:15 in full school uniform.</p>
Tuesday 12th December	<p><b>Year 4 and 6 Christmas Pause Day</b> (in school)*</p> <p><b>Year 3 Nativity Performance</b>, 9:30—10:30am, St Mary's Church</p>
Wed 13th December	<p><b>School Christmas Lunch</b> (please check you have pre-ordered). Children are invited to wear a festive jumper with their uniform this day. This does not need to be a Christmas jumper, but can be in bright or festive colours, or with some tinsel/an ornament added to bring some added cheer to the event.</p> <p><b>School Pantomime: A Christmas Carol</b> (in school).</p>
Thursday 14th December	<p><b>Year 3 Christmas Pause Day</b> (in school)*</p> <p><b>Year 4 visit Winston Churchill School to watch school production</b></p> <p><b>Year 5 trip to Wintershall</b>. Children should bring packed lunches and a warm coat.</p> <p><b>Year 3 Nativity to parents</b>, 18:00, St. Mary's Church, Horsell</p>
Friday 15th December	<p><b>Last day of term—school closes at 13:30.</b></p> <p>School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 3rd January at 8:30am.</p>

\* During Christmas Pause day, children reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

## 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 donations 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.

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

### YEAR 3 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE, TUESDAY 12TH AND THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

We are very much looking forward to our Year 3 Nativity next week. Due to GDPR legislation and safeguarding issues, we ask that parents do not take photographs and videos during the performance. In our age of social media, we have to be mindful of how children's images are stored and shared and we thank you for your understanding.

Thank you for pre-booking your tickets for the performances. Bookings are now closed, as we have reached the maximum capacity for the church.

### 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.**

### 'The World is Waiting' Advent Calendar

In school, we have been following the Diocese of Guildford virtual advent calendar. Each day, there is a picture of the nativity from different artists around the world, with "wondering questions" and stories or songs about the nativity. Join in at the weekend by opening the calendar on the [9th December](#) ("Waiting with Friends") and [10th December](#) ("Waiting with Family").



# CHRISTMAS FAIR SUCCESS



A huge thank you and well done to the PTA on a very successful Christmas Fair.

Despite the cold weather, there was a lovely community atmosphere, with an estimated 1,600 people turning up along to enjoy the shows, stalls, food and drink.

Children were entertained by Mr Tim's Magic Show, Stories with Mrs Claus and Elf Olympics with Sporty Kidz. They loved picking gifts for their special adults in the "Secret Room" and trying their luck at the ever popular Jolly Jar stand, the Toy Tombola and various other games.



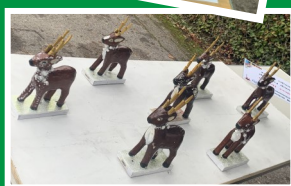
Horsell Schools bakers impressed with an array of delicious and beautiful bakes. The hot dogs, teas, coffees and mulled wine really helped warm visitors up!

The Horsell Village School and Horsell Junior School choirs gave wonderful performances.

The day ended with the raffle draw. We would like to thank all the sponsors for their generosity. All winners have been notified.



In addition to raising a lot of money for our school, and the Horsell Village School, the PTA events are a lovely way to come together as a school community. With ever tightening school budgets, this money goes a long way to provide playground equipment, IT equipment and much more to enhance our children's time at school.



A special thank you to the must to the organising committee, led by Mrs Dutfield, to all the parents and staff who volunteered in the run up to the fair and on the day, as well as all the local businesses who supported the event.

**You can now book school lunches for next term on Scopay.**  
Please book for the first two weeks of term by Monday 1st January.

## CLUBS

Please note that booster clubs, choir, handbells and Mr Coles' sports clubs have now finished for the term.

Most external clubs have also finished, but please do check with your club if you are uncertain about the finish dates.

## NEW CLUB SIGN UPS!

We expect to be able to share details of next term's clubs with you tomorrow around 5pm.



We are delighted to be able to resume forest school sessions next term.

Mrs Bourne, who some children will know from the Horsell Village School, is a trained forest school leader. She will be leading sessions for years 3—5 on Friday afternoons over the next two terms, starting with Beech and Cedar classes.

Full details of the dates and equipment needed will be sent by e-mail shortly.

## MOBILE PHONES

Are you giving your child a mobile phone for Christmas? If they are bringing a phone to school, please ensure you have returned a permission form to the school office in advance.

A useful parent guide to iPhones and to new electronic devices is attached separately.



The deadline for children to complete the [national survey for the Children's Commissioner](#) is Friday 15th December.





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

Refreshments available (cash only)

**Woking High School, Wednesday 13th December, 7pm**

The film classic on the big screen accompanied by our Orchestra along with some seasonal favourites.

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

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](#).



Woking Symphony Orchestra

# Magical Music family concert

Music by Dukas, Mozart, Haydn and more

Clare Loosley - soprano  
William Wilde - trumpet  
Roy Stratford - conductor

**Saturday 20 January 2024, 3:30pm**  
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# Christmas HALF TERM Holiday Camp

Mon 18th to Thurs 21st Dec 2023

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Girls and Boys Reception to Yr 6

Starting from Less than £3.60 per hour

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Mrs Wand will be taking part in a Family Concert with the WSO in January. Click [here](#) to find out more and book tickets.