



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 22nd February 2024



Dear Parent and Carers

*“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone” Galatians 6:9-10 ESV*

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this half term. We have got a busy six weeks ahead in the run up to Easter, and lots of exciting things to look forward to, such as Year 5’s visit to the Planetarium, cross country running, more class assemblies, the Easter Service, and World Book Day!

We are also in the period of Lent. Our worship table is now purple for this period of reflection and our vicar came into school on Tuesday to speak to the children about this special time in the Christian calendar. This is a time when we look to what we can do to help others as part of our value of service. The children have been given the challenge of doing 40 acts of kindness – one for every day of Lent – to help make our school a place of real togetherness. We have also set up our prayer space for the children to ask God to help them with this, as well as giving them the opportunity to thank Him for all that He has done for us.

We are currently conducting some surveys about play. Your child will be asked to complete one at school and we would be very grateful if you could complete our OPAL Play survey by clicking [here](#) . It will take you less than 5 minutes to complete and will really help us further develop play at Horsell Junior School. Please complete this survey by 1st March.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

## KEY DATES FOR 26TH FEBRUARY—1ST MARCH

ALL WEEK



**Year 4 Bikeability.**

If you have signed your child up to take part, please check your emails to confirm which day their session will take place.

Wednesday 28th February

**Year 5 visit Woking Planetarium, The Winston Churchill School.**

Children in Beech and Cedar must bring a packed lunch.

**Horsell Junior v St Augustine Chess Club match, St. Augustine’s Primary School.**

Friday 1st March

**National Offer Day for secondary schools**

**Pine Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt.** Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into school. Photography is not permitted.


Deadline to complete [OPAL Play survey](#).

## TERM DATES 2024 / 2025

We have now finalised our inset days for the next academic year (2024/25). Please find below our term dates:

	First day of term
	<b>INSET</b> day

	Last day of term
	Bank holiday

 School Holiday

September 2024							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
38	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
39	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
40	30						

October 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40		1	2	3	4	5	6
41	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
42	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
43	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
44	28	29	30	31			

November 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44					1	2	3
45	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
47	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
48	25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

January 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1			1	2	3	4	5
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4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5	27	28	29	30	31		

February 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5						1	2
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7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9	24	25	26	27	28		

March 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9						1	2
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12	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
13	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
14	31						

April 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14		1	2	3	4	5	6
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17	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
18	28	29	30				

May 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18				1	2	3	4
19	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22							1
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25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
27	30						

July 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27		1	2	3	4	5	6
28	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
29	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
31	28	29	30	31			

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Term	Start date	End date	Inset days
Autumn 2024	2 September 2024	20 December 2024	2 September 3 September
	Half term 28 October—1 November 2024		4th November 5th November
Spring 2025	6 January 2025	5 April 2025	None
	Half term 17—21 February 2025		
Summer 2025	22 April 2025	22 July 2025	23rd May
	Half Term 26—30 May 2025		

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## School Calendar

February 2024

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Acer class ...	Year 6 Bud ... Year 5 and ...	Cedar class ...			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Year 6 SATS Practice Week						

**Keep up-to-date with school dates and important events by synchronising your online calendar with the school calendar. Simply visit the calendar section of our website [here](#) and click on the subscribe button!**



# WORLD BOOK DAY

## VOCABULARY DRESS UP, THURSDAY 7TH MARCH

We are trying to develop our vocabulary through reading quality books.

Instead of dressing up as a book character, your mission this year is to dress up as an adventurous word. Each class will nominate the most ambitious vocabulary choice for the whole school parade on the Friday morning.



## ADDITIONAL BOOK WEEK CHALLENGES!

### Book Diorama

Create a book diorama at home and bring it in by Wednesday 6th March.



### Potato Book Character

Create a book character from a potato and bring it to school by Wednesday 6th March.



### Read every day for 7 days

Fill in your HSO with your daily reading. The challenge starts on Wednesday 28th February.

### Create a 100 Word Story

Pick any genre. You need to entertain your reader in only 100 words. Enter by Monday 4th March.

Please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with your first name, surname and class.

In partnership with

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

**Celebrate...**

**World Book Day!**

Thursday 7th March

**Menu**

**Bookworm Burger** or **Storybook Stacker**

Chicken Burger or Veggie Burger ✓

served with

**Wonderland Waffle Fries & Bookmark Beans**

**Scrumptious Salad Bar**

Bouncy Butterscotch Biscuit

**Please book on Scopay!**

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Don't forget to use your £1 book token to get a £1 World Book Day book for FREE!

£1 BOOK TOKEN

### YEAR 3 RE ISLAM TALK WITH MRS RASHEED

Last half term, year 3's big question in RE was 'How does worship (ibadah) show what is important to Muslims?'. Mrs Rasheed, one of our TAs, very kindly agreed to speak to Year 3 about Islam and answer lots of questions from the children. She showed us prayer mats, the Qur'an, traditional clothing and spoke about her own experiences, showing us lovely pictures. We learnt so much and it was a fantastic experience. Thank you Mrs Rasheed!



### ABSENCE POLICY: PENALTIES

We would like to draw your attention to the section regarding penalty notices, which is detailed below.

**Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more, which do not have to be consecutive, may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice.**

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the parent/carer being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice for poor attendance may also be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Inclusion Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to affect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence. Where a formal warning letter has been issued to parents, the Local Authority will monitor the attendance for a maximum of 15 school days and issue a Penalty Notice by first class post if the Local Authority determine that an acceptable level of attendance has not been achieved.

A copy of our full policy can be found by clicking [here](#).

### SURREY CC CHILDCARE PROVISION SURVEY

Surrey County Council are asking parents/carers to take part a survey to gather their views regarding early education and childcare for 0-4 year olds and also for out of school childcare provision for 5-11 year olds during school term time. This will help us to make sure we have enough high-quality education and childcare and wraparound places for everyone that needs them. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey.

**HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA**

# BINGO & BIRYANI

At Horsell Junior School

**14.03.24**

Come join us for the PTA bingo night, socialise with fellow parents or other friends, BYO & enjoy Biryani, have fun and win prizes.

**GAMES | FOOD | FUN**

Door Opens At 7:30pm

For more info contact Dee 07789550834

[Click here to book](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK SCHOOL LUNCHES  
A WEEK IN ADVANCE. AFTER THIS, A PACKED  
LUNCH SHOULD BE PROVIDED.