



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 6th June 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

*“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it,” [Psalm 118:24](#)*

We have had a very busy week in school this week. Some of our Year 4 children visited a local OAP home today, and our Year 3 children have been participating in a music workshop led by Jo Lawrence, our violin teacher, and her colleague Martin. We were also very fortunate to listen to Martin perform on his French Horn during Collective Worship – and he even played us a tune with a shell! Lots of our children were also treated to a science workshop on Wednesday.

Our Year 6 pupils are currently away on their residential and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to school on Friday. Mr Stevenson tells me that they are having a great time and I’m sure that they will have lots of tales to tell on their return!

Miss Withers has sent out a letter to parents today letting you know about the arrangements for our forthcoming Sports Days. Please check the information so that you know when your child will be competing.

Thank you very much to those parents who attend the academisation consultation event on Tuesday evening. The school will now begin the formal process of academisation, following on from this consultation. This can take considerable time and I will continue to update parents as and when I can.

Mrs Wand

## KEY DATES FOR 7TH—14TH JUNE

Friday 7th June	Year 6 return from residential trip, 3:10pm. We will update you about any delays via Scopay.
Saturday 8th June	PTA Plant Sale, 9:30—12:30, The Horsell Village School
Wednesday 12th June	<b>Year 3 visit to Haslemere Museum.</b> <b>Year 5 &amp; 6 District Athletics, Hoe Valley School, 12:00—15:00 (by invitation)</b>
Thursday 13th June	<b>Pine class: Together with Music, Inter Generational Music Making, Kettlewell House</b>
Friday 14th June	<b>Oak class assembly, 8:55am prompt, school hall. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the school hall. Photography is not permitted.</b>



**Year 6 have enjoyed water park fun, hiking, rock climbing and much more. Follow us for updates on X (formerly Twitter) @HorsellJunior**



## OPAL BINGO

We are asking children to bring the following items to school by Friday 14th June. Please hand them in to their teacher to win extra play time for the class!

The teacher will cross off items as they are donated by the class. If the class collects:

4 in a row—they get 5 extra minutes OPAL

2 lines—10 minutes extra OPAL

Full House—15 minutes extra OPAL

 small bucket and spade	 sieve	 sand moulds	 paint brushes
 watering can	 10+ pine cones	 Small paint rollers	 roller trays
 10+ corks	 tennis balls	 10 + pebbles	 Table tennis bats and balls
 10+ shells	 plastic jug	 Small plastic rakes	 Safety goggles

### PARENT PRAYER GROUP

A group of parents meet monthly at St Mary's Church to pray for the children and staff at Horsell Junior School.

If you would like to join us, our next meeting will be Friday 14th June in the main church building any time from 8:50-9:20am. We would love to see you there!

### TA VACANCY

We are currently recruiting for a teaching assistant to start in September, working term time from 8:30—15:15. For more information about this role and how to apply, please click [here](#).

### HOW IS POPULATION IMPACTING OUR ENVIRONMENT?

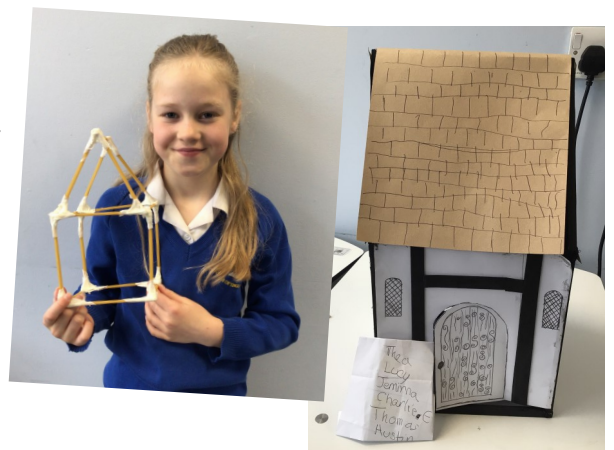


Before half term, year 5 went and observed the traffic in Horsell village. They compared data collections between a quiet area with a busy area. The children had to compare vehicles that travelled through these areas at five-minute intervals and then record the information using a tally chart before converting the information into a graph. We then analysed the data back in class and discussed what could be done to help our environment more. Some children were able to identify the differences in noise pollution as well as traffic.

### YEAR 5 BUILD TUDOR HOUSES

Year 5 spent the end of last half term consolidating their Tudor topic by making Tudor houses. They learnt to measure, saw and glue accurately to create a sturdy structure.

They first made a prototype out of spaghetti to learn how to make a secure structure and plan their Tudor design. To finish off the experience, they created a Tudor village out on the playground where Mr. Burns, Mrs Wand and our Chair of Governors came out to inspect the houses.



## GOVERNOR UPDATE

*from Matt Brooks*

I have been a governor since 2017, and my main role is on the Quality of Education Committee, where governors support the school leadership's strategic curriculum planning - and track execution.

But governors can't fulfil their role by just looking at spreadsheets and presentations. Our most important role is understanding how the strategy translates to the classroom and, like other governors, I monitor two subjects. For example, each term I do a Maths learning walk - typically into every class - and I follow that up with an in depth discussion with the Subject Lead (Miss Freed). This term, we focused on teaching across abilities - how teachers stretch the most able and also those who need additional support, either in the classroom or Apple.

It's always a pleasure to see learning in action, and a privilege to witness the dedication of our teachers.



## Music Festival 2024

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the school hosted its annual Music Festival at Halstead/St Andrews School. Nearly a hundred children took part in the concert.

There were performances in the first half from the Handbells Club, the school violinists and the Chamber Choir. The second half of the performance included the school orchestra, piano and guitar players, our woodwind ensemble and the evening finished with the Junior School Choir.

All the children performed exceptionally in front of a packed theatre. The children clearly relished playing in front of an audience and the lighting and curtains in the theatre made for a special event. Thanks to all the music teachers who helped support our children on the evening and to Halstead/St Andrews for letting us use their facilities. We have been delighted with the positive feedback we have received from parents following the event.

## CHESS QUARTER FINALS: PART 2



The second part of the chess quarter finals concluded with impressive displays of strategic brilliance and tactical precision. Over 30 intense matches, we witnessed ten checkmates, highlighting the exceptional skill levels of the competitors. Out of the fierce competition, ten contenders have emerged victorious, securing their spots in the semi-finals scheduled for next week. This stage of the tournament has been a testament to the players' deep understanding of the game, showcasing masterful maneuvers and innovative strategies. The upcoming semi-finals promise to be even more thrilling as these top players vie for a place in the finals. Stay tuned for more updates and prepare for an exciting week of high-stakes chess!

## DIGITAL CAMERAS WANTED!

Do you have an old digital camera you no longer use lurking in the back of a cupboard?



We would be grateful for donations of any digital cameras which are still in working condition, with charging leads, for a photography unit the children will be working on in school.

Please drop into the office.

**Please ensure any photos are deleted from the camera or any memory card.**

*Thank you!*

## YEAR 3 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May, Year 3 took part in a Geography fieldwork trip and walked to our local woodland / heathland around Horsell Common. The children took clipboards and collected data about the different types of trees and plants that grow there using a tally chart. When we got back to class, we collated our results and presented them in a bar chart. It was a great opportunity to go to visit our local area and see which plants are more/ less common and in what conditions they grow best.



## HORSELL SCHOOLS' SINGING AFTERNOON



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Horsell Junior choir went to Woking High School for a singing afternoon. We were joined by children in the year 2 from the Village School and the Woking High School Choir.

Each choir took it in turns to sing in front of the others. It was a great way to practice performing in front of an audience for all the children. Each choir sang beautifully and it was especially great for the younger children to see more senior students performing too.

# Pop-up Plant Sale

Horsell Schools' PTA in partnership with Daydawn Nurseries

8TH JUNE 2024 | 9:30 - 12:30  
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CHURCH HILL GU21 4QQ

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## YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS, WOKING HIGH

Woking High have advised us that their open morning on 8th July is now fully booked. If your child is attending, and you have not already done so, please let us know they will be late to school by completing our form [here](#).

Woking High will also have the following open events next term:

Thu 3rd October—open evening

Tuesday 8th October—open morning

Thursday 10th October —open morning

Monday 14th October—open morning

The Open Evening does not need to be booked. The Open Mornings will need to be booked, and links will be sent in September.



## DRAGON BOAT RACES & FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10AM TO 4PM

Goldsworth Park Lake will once again become the setting for our vibrant Dragon Boat Races and Family Fun Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. It will be a day of laughter and team spirit as experienced and novice rowers alike compete to become the champions of the lake. Alongside the races will be a free family fun day, with stalls, games and refreshments for all to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the day!

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