



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 3rd October 2024

*“Though the righteous one may fall seven times, he will arise” – King Solomon ([Proverbs 24:16](#)).*

Today is Rosh Hashanah, and we wish all our Jewish families “Shana Tova” - Happy New Year. In many ways, Rosh Hashanah mirrors the concept of harvest. It’s a time to reflect on the work we’ve put in—whether in our studies, relationships, or personal growth—and gather the results of our efforts. As students, educators, and parents, we are all part of this process. The “fruit” of our labour is not only our academic achievements but also the lessons we’ve learned, the challenges we’ve faced, and the resilience we’ve shown in overcoming them.

Year 5 have been busy rehearsing for next week’s harvest service, perfecting their lines and practicing their singing. This service is an opportunity for them to reflect on the themes of harvest, gratitude, and community. We will be collecting for the Lighthouse charity; please donate if you can.

Willow gave their last class assembly this morning, and shared with us some of their learning so far this year. Looking to the future, they told us about their future ambitions. Their ambitions for the future are a reminder that each of us has unique gifts and talents, and it’s our responsibility to nurture those gifts in the year ahead.



## KEY DATES FOR 7TH —11TH OCTOBER 2024

Monday 7th October	<b>Harvest Service</b> —year 5 perform to whole school (staff and pupils only)
Tuesday 8th October	Harvest Service - Year 5 perform to parents, 9:30—10:30, St Mary’s Church Woking High Open Morning, 8:50am—9:45am. Please book directly with <a href="#">Woking High</a> .
Thursday 10th October	Woking High Open Morning, 8:50am—9:45am. Please book directly with <a href="#">Woking High</a>
Friday 11th October	<b>Cherry Class Assembly</b> , 8:55am prompt. Please note photography is not permitted and hot drinks cannot be brought into the school.

### COATS AND WATERBOTTLES



With the weather becoming colder and more changeable, we ask that all children bring a waterproof coat to school each day.

Children should also bring a water bottle to school each day. These can be refilled in school.



As part of our commitment to keeping all students safe, we want to remind everyone that our school is **nut-free**. This includes peanuts, tree nuts, and any products that may contain traces of nuts.

This policy is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of students who have severe nut allergies. We ask that all snacks, lunches, and treats brought to school by students and visitors be free from nuts and nut products.

Thank you.



OPAL Play has started up really well again since our return to school and the new year 3 children have quickly adapted to the rules and routines.

In order for our children to have the best possible experiences we rely on donations. We are currently in need of any dressing up costumes or items such as hats, blazers, wigs, old glasses, bags, masks etc, or other items that can be used in role play. We would also love any unused instruments or microphones, real or inflatable ones to help inspire the stage action!



If you are able to help with this, please donate items to the office on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please also let me know if you have any DIY skills that we may be able to use to extend current and new areas.

To find out more about OPAL play, click [here](#).

Thank you.



## HARVEST DONATIONS

*'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me'*

*Matthew 25: 31 - 34*

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations for the Woking Foodbank this year. The donations form part of our Dove activities/challenges, and is a tangible way in which the children can live our school values. Please can children bring one or more of the following items with them on Monday 7th October, when they will be attending the Harvest service:

Cooking Oil	Tinned chickpeas
Formula Baby Milk Type 2&3	Small size laundry detergent (non bio)
Baby Toiletries	Hot chocolate
Bars of Soap	Small size washing up liquid
Toothbrushes for children	Tinned peas
Adult toothbrushes	Tinned carrots
Tinned Sweetcorn	Long life milk (full / blue top)
Bars of chocolate or chocolate snack bars	Long life fruit juice
Deodorant (M&F)	

At the end of the Harvest Service to parents, on Tuesday 8th October, year 5 will take a collection. If you are able to, please bring a cash donation, which will be passed on to the Lighthouse, who house several charities including Woking Foodbank.



## PTA AGM

Mrs Wand was delighted to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting last Wednesday.

Thank you to everyone who braved the pouring rain to attend the meeting, where Mrs Huddy (chair), Mrs Machin (treasurer) and Mrs Dutfield (secretary) reflected on the last year and took us through plans for the current academic year.

We would like to congratulate the PTA and thank everyone who has helped the PTA reach their ambitious target of raising £25,000 last year. As attendees heard from Mrs Wand and Mrs Reeve, with such tight school budgets and increasing costs, this money has a huge impact.

The slides from the AGM can be found on our website [here](#).



## SPARE UNIFORM

The office would be grateful of donations of any outgrown trousers (grey uniform trousers or PE trousers), shirts, PE shirts and socks.

These will be used as spares for children to change into if they have had a spill or have got their clothes wet, so they do not need to be in perfect condition.

If your child is provided with spare clothes in school, please return these once washed. Thank you!



## UPDATING TTRS

When using TTRS at home, please make sure you're using the up to date version. To update please visit [play.ttrockstars.com/reset](http://play.ttrockstars.com/reset) to load the latest version on your device's browser. Otherwise please update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.



**HORSELL C OF E (AIDED) JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Open Mornings 2024**

- Monday 14th October
- Wednesday 23rd October
- Saturday 9th November

To book | <https://www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk/admissions>  
 Horsell C of E Junior School, Meadway Drive, Woking GU21 4TA



If you know anyone looking for a junior school place from September 2025, please let them know about our open days. To register for a place on one of our open days, please click [here](#).



**CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

**ASDA**  
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

ASDA is donating money to schools. For each person who signs up, they will donate £1 and then a further percentage of your spend to your chosen school.

If you ever shop at ASDA, even occasionally, please consider choosing Horsell Junior School for your Cashpot for Schools rewards!

1. Download and sign up to the ASDA rewards app (download from the AppStore or get it on GooglePlay)
2. Shop in store or across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
3. The money raised will be donated to schools to spend on what they need the most.

**40 spaces available**

**LIGHT PARTY**

31ST OCTOBER 4.30-5.45PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HORSELL

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 2-6

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE



Saint Mary the Virgin  
Horsell



**Messy Church**

4.00pm to 5.30pm

Sunday 20th October

St Mary's Church, Horsell

Explore a Bible theme through craft, food, games or nature. There will be a short celebration with a story, songs and prayers.

For all ages!  
Picnic tea provided!

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity.  
brf.org.uk

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