



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 10th October 2024



Dear Parents:

Psalm 111:2 *“Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”*

It was lovely to welcome our Year 5 parents to St Mary’s on Tuesday to celebrate Harvest Festival. Our Year 5 children reminded us of the history of harvest, how lucky we are to enjoy food from all over the world, and how there are many who do not enjoy the foods that we do. Many of you have donated food for the local food bank and we are very grateful for all of your generous donations.

During Collective Worship we have been learning about British values. We have been thinking about tolerance and respect, and how these values are reflected in all that we do at Horsell Junior. Looking ahead, we will be participating in a national campaign for Climate Justice, to learn that our voice matters, and School Council will be meeting for the first time next week – a practical example of democracy in action at our school.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand



Some photos from our Harvest service.

KEY DATES FOR 11TH — 18TH OCTOBER 2024

Friday 11th October	Cherry Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note photography is not permitted and hot drinks cannot be brought into the school.
Saturday 12th October	PTA installing shelving into PTA shed. Please e--mail horsellschoolspta@gmail.com if you are to help move stock between 8-9am or 4-5pm.
Monday 14th October	Deadline to give consent for flu vaccinations. Please see emails for how to sign up. Horsell Junior School open morning for prospective parents, 10—11am. Book here . Woking High Open Morning, 8:50am—9:45am. Book directly with Woking High .
Weds 16th October	Round robin netball tournament, Bisley CofE Primary School, 15:10—16:15.
Friday 18th October	Flu vaccinations given in school. Spruce Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note photography is not permitted and hot drinks cannot be brought into the school.



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 15th and Wednesday 16th 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.

COMPOSITION OF THE MONTH



As part of the Horsell Junior School music enrichment programme, children are introduced to a composition of the month. Over the course of the year, children learn about some of the greatest music ever written – from the Baroque period to the present day. Children learn about this music during collective worship and listen to it every day as they enter and leave the hall. To find out about the music that we cover as part of this programme, please visit the [curriculum area of the website](#).

The composition of the month for October is Winter from the Four Seasons by Vivaldi. To listen and find out more about this piece and the composer, click [here](#).

OPEN CLASSROOMS

**Friday 25th September
14:45—15:15**

On the last Friday of half term, we will have Open Classrooms. This is an opportunity for you to come in and look at your child's work with them. Should you wish to discuss your child with your teacher, we kindly ask that you e-mail them to arrange a meeting at a separate time.

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging pupils to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities at home. These actions will reduce your emissions and benefit our planet.

To find out how you can get involved, speak to a member of the school's Eco-Committee or scan the QR code below.

IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!

Scan to find out more!

Eco-Schools | KEEP BRITAIN TIDY | Bupa Foundation

Children will come home with their "Cut Your Carbon" challenge sheets the week before half term



COLLECTION:
Friday 8th November
8:30—9am

The change in season provides a great opportunity to clear out the wardrobes and help the PTA fundraise for our children. We can donate the following "good quality" items for RE-USE.



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

Donation bags will be coming home before half term via school bags; spares are available from the school reception or you can use any bag from home.

Thank you in advance for your support, your PTA



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](#).



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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