



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 28th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers:

Psalm 119:114, *"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word"*

Thank you to all of those parents who attended parents' evening over the past two days. I hope that you found the sessions useful and informative. If you did not get the chance to do so, please complete our [parent questionnaire](#). This will give us useful feedback and will help us as we plan into next year.

Friday is an important day in the Horsell school calendar as the whole school goes to the polls for our school election. The four parties have been working hard with their campaigning, and we have had speeches, campaign videos and hustings this week. The results will be announced tomorrow afternoon so watch this space!

We are looking forward to the Christmas fair on 7th December. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help. The fair is a great Horsell event – and it is always nice to pop into St Mary's Church next door to see the Christmas trees on display.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER — SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Thu 28th November **Parent consultations**, 15:30—18:00. Please check your appointment time on Arbor.
Please note there will be NO choir practice due to the parent consultations.

Sun 1st December **Informal service for all the family**, with a music group. St Mary's Church, 10am

Wed 4th December Year 4 Music Workshop (in School)

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Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall and photography is not permitted.
PTA Christmas Fair Deadline for pre-booking food, shows and tokens!

Fri 6th December **Palm Class Assembly**, 8:55 prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall and photography is not permitted.

Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church 15:00—19:00

- Choir performance 15:30
- Handbell performance 16:30

Sat 7th December **Choir members sing at Seymours Christmas Carol Concert**, 11am—12:30, Christ Church, Woking [Tickets £10pp](#). (Choir members by invitation; please arrive at 10:30)

PTA Christmas Fair, 12noon—15:00, The Horsell Village School

- Horsell Junior School choir sing at 12:45. Choir members can just turn up and sing!

Horsell Christmas Market, 13:00 — 17:00, Horsell High Street

St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival 12:00—17:00

CHOIR PERFORM AT SWITCHING ON OF WOKING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On Thursday 21st November, our choir kicked off their concert season by singing Jubilee Square in Woking as part of the Christmas Light Switch on. The children sang beautifully and their performance was appreciated by the hundreds of people who came to watch, including celebrity Christopher Biggins, local councillors and the Mayor of Woking who came to turn on the lights.

The choir are looking forward to three more concerts before the end of term, including St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival, the Seymours charity concert and our PTA Christmas Fair this Saturday. Great practice for VIAM next term!



SUPER SIX CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Friday, children from our school participated in Paul Welling's Super Six Chess Tournament, where 8 schools competed for the trophy.

The tournament was held at St Dunstan's Primary School, Woking, and all 48 children who played represented their school admirably. They played in a friendly, though competitive environment.

Well played team!



Our team for the event—Leo P, Asa B, William W, Edward H, Thomas B and Connor



CUT YOUR CARBON CHALLENGE

Children were challenged to complete 6 small carbon-cutting activities in November. This included going plant-based for a day, buying nothing new and turning off non-essential electrical devices for an hour.

Has your child completed these? Please complete and return the challenge sheets to their teacher!



Arbor

ABSENCE REPORTING

Arbor is now the preferred method of reporting same-day absences to the school.

To report absences via the Arbor Parent Portal and App, please go to the menu / quick actions and click on Attendance Summary, then "Log Absence". A guide to logging absences on Arbor can be found [here](#).

SURVEY ON SURREY MOVING TO A 2-WEEK AUTUMN HALF TERM BREAK



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

In response to the national conversation that has emerged over the last few months, about school holidays and term times, the council is currently seeking the views of our community, including schools, families, and partner agencies.

Nationally, approximately 10% of state funded schools have made a change to the length of the autumn half term holiday.

Surrey County Council are seeking to understand the views of all stakeholders in determining our future approach to term dates and if there is any appetite for change. They would like the input of local parents and carers. To give your views, please click [here](#) to complete a short survey.

A full letter with further information from Surrey County Council is attached separately.



FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are still looking for a volunteer to support Miss Donvito in running forest school sessions on Wednesday afternoons.

The sessions will be for selected children as part of the pastoral support we offer at Horsell Juniors.

You do not require any previous experience or a DBS, as you will always be with Miss Donvito, who is a qualified forest school teacher. If you would be able to help, please contact the school office.



Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



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 annual “Reverse Advent Calendar”, where we ask children to bring in a donation. This year, donations will be in aid of Woking Food Bank. Children can bring in one of the suggested donation on any day between 2nd and 20th December. Donations should be brought to the school reception area.

1 Long Life Sponge Pudding	2 Tinned Peas	3 Savoury Snack	4 Toilet Paper	5 Tinned Chicken Casserole	6 Washing Detergent
7 Tinned Fruit	8 Peanut Butter	9 Instant Mashed Potato	10 Tinned Beef Casserole	11 Chocolate	12 Marmite
13 Tinned Chicken Breast	14 Long Life Lunchbox Snack	15 Tinned Ham	16 Biscuits	17 Crisps	18 Tinned Carrots
19 Tomato Ketchup	20 Instant Coffee Granules	21 Long Life Fruit Juice	22 Full Fat UHT Milk	23 Shower Gel	24 Washing up Liquid

woking.foodbank.org.uk

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday
6th December
3pm - 7pm

Saturday
7th December
12noon-
5pm



Tree Entry
Forms from
the Parish
Office

Run in
Conjunction with
the Village
Christmas Fair

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Children wishing to send friends cards can do so via the school Christmas Post. A letterbox will be available in reception from Monday 2nd December. **Please ensure the envelopes are clearly labelled with the NAME and CLASS of the recipient.** They will be delivered to each class by our office monitors.

Have you kept last year's Christmas cards? Why not celebrate the season sustainably by getting crafty and upcycling these into new cards!

The last posting date will be **Tuesday 17th December.**

Please book your Christmas Lunch and meals for 9th—13th December by Sunday 1st November!

HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 12 NOON—3PM

THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL



HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

EVERYONE WELCOME!
SAT 7TH DEC 12PM-3PM
THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL, GU21 4QQ

Pre Book Shows, Games & Raffle

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK:
(few spaces remaining)

MR TIM'S MAGIC SHOW
STORIES & LEGO GIFTS WITH MRS CLAUS
ELF WINTER OLYMPICS WITH SPORXYKIDZ
GAME TOKENS
ONLINE RAFFLE TICKETS

Book your
Food by Thurs 5th & Shows & Tokens by Fri 6th

Visit the link below to book shows & enter raffle draw
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell/>

Or scan the QR code:

Children's Choir times
The Horsell Village School: 12:30
The Horsell Junior School: 12:45

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VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINKS:

[SET UP \(ALL\)](#)

[PACK UP \(ALL\)](#)

[Ash with Snowy Owls: Cakes & Bakes](#)

[Elm with Willow: Entrance & Online Raffle](#)

[Oak: Mulled Wine & Mince Pies](#)

[Acer: Elf Off the Shelf Game](#)

[Palm: Game: Pick a Snowman's Nose Game](#)

[Pine with Badgers: Prosecco, Hot chocolate & Gingerbread cookies](#)

[Beech: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Ceder: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Rowan: Token Sales](#)

[Cherry: Stories with Mrs Claus](#)

[Spruce: Mr Tim's Magic Show](#)

[Willow with Elm: Entrance & Raffle](#)

Food, game tokens, show and raffle tickets now on sale [here!](#)



HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA


CHRISTMAS FAIR

ONLINE RAFFLE PRIZE LIST

Sponsored by  Seymours

4 tickets for Sleeping Beauty at New Victoria Theatre. Sponsored by Seymours
£100 Judo Experience Birthday Party Voucher
1 month free VIP Judo Pass
2 x £50 worth of vouchers at Barons Pub Company
£100 Gordon Ramsay Academy voucher towards any cooking class
1 ticket to Shynefest Festival for 2 adults & 2 children

And many more prizes from local businesses.

Visit [Christmas Prize Draw 2024](#) 
or scan the QR code to buy tickets

Draw will take place at The Horsell Village School at 2.30pm on the 7th Dec 2024





Children and Family Health Surrey

Our Immunisation team is responsible for the planning and delivery of the school-age immunisation programmes in Surrey. The vaccination programmes are primarily carried out in schools, although they also offer clinics in other community settings for home-educated children and other children depending on their individual needs.

The team is made up of registered nurses and administrators. We cover all schools in Surrey, as well as any children who are home educated.

Routine vaccinations are offered free of charge on the NHS to all eligible children and young people in the UK. The national immunisation programme has meant that dangerous diseases have disappeared but these diseases could come back – they are still around in many countries throughout the world.

In the UK, such diseases are kept at bay by the high immunisation rates and this is why it's so important for us to protect young people against a range of diseases such as polio, cancers, tetanus and diphtheria and meningitis.

Please click [here](#) to find out more.

This year Keeper's Theatre Group are proud to bring you a completely free pantomime for all. MAJOR MANGER MAYHEM.

This is a brand-new retelling with a humorous twist and lots of panto fun, for all ages! Mr and Mrs Bumble are preparing their inn for what turns out to be the busiest night of their lives, as they unknowingly open up their home to welcome the King of Kings.....& all the visitors just keep coming!

Entry is free but please register at <https://www.guildfordbaptist.org/panto/> so they know how many ice creams to purchase for the interval!



Measles cases are rising - is your child protected?

Our community nurses can check your vaccination status, provide advice and offer the MMR vaccine to eligible patients.

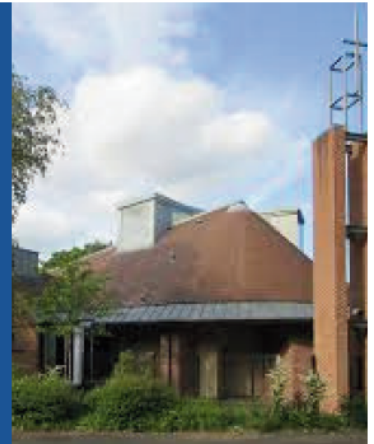


For patients aged 3 years 6 months - 19 years old

Visit the NHS mobile unit at St Dunstan's Church, Woking GU22 7DT

21 September | 30 November
10am - 2pm

Locations and dates/timings may change. Please scan the QR code for up to date information before your visit.



Millmead
Guildford Baptist Church

KEEPER'S THEATRE GROUP
Presents

Major Manger MAYHEM!

7PM - THU 19TH DEC
7PM - FRI 20TH DEC - WITH BSL SIGNING
2:30PM & 7PM - SAT 21ST DEC

TICKETS FROM:
WWW.GUILDFORDBAPTIST.ORG/PANTO
(LINK IN BIO)

FREE ENTRY

GUILDFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, MILLMEAD, GU2 4BE
REFRESHMENTS SERVED