



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 28th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

'For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders,' Isaiah 9:6

We are very much looking forward to our change of timetable for tomorrow, as Miss Geaney and the Platinum Party work hard to make their vision for the school a reality. They have been learning the reality of running a school and I would like to thank the girls for the hard work that they have put into trying to organise such a big event. I'm sure that you will all give the girls a cheery "hello" as they start their day with gate duty! School Council will be feeding back to the team at the end of the day.

Thank you for all of your support with this event, as we show the children democracy in action!

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR FRIDAY 13TH—20TH DECEMBER

Friday 13th

Pupil Headteacher for the Day:

- Children should wear mufti to school, on this occasion football kits are permitted. This will be an active day, so we recommend children wear suitable clothing. Swimming will go ahead as normal. Children are welcome to bring in popcorn (plain, sweet, salted or mixed). This must be nut and dairy free.

Pine Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt.

Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall and photography is not permitted.

Community Carol Singing, all welcome, meet at 17:30 in the Queen Elizabeth Gardens.

Tuesday 17th

Acer Class Assembly, 9am prompt.

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Year 3 Nativity Performance to whole school and some parents/carers, 13:00—14:00.

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Wednesday 18th

Year 3 Nativity Performance to parents, 18:00—19:00. Tickets must be pre-ordered [here](#).

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Thursday 19th

Christmas Lunch Day.

To add some extra cheer to our Christmas lunch, children are invited to wear a festive jumper with their school uniform. This does not need to be a Christmas jumper, but can be a jumper in festive colours or with a festive ornament attached such as tinsel or a bow. We ask that in return, children bring a £1 donation, which will go to Engage (please see overleaf).

Friday 20th

Early finish, 13:30.

HORSELL JUNIOR PARENT SURVEY!

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our [Parent / Carer questionnaire](#). If you have not done so already, please a few minutes to give us your views.

Your opinions are important to us, and the management team will be going through your responses which will help inform our strategy and planning for the future.

MP VISITS SCHOOL!

Today, Will Forster, MP for Woking, visited our school and gave a whole school assembly.

Mr Forster was due to visit last week for our student Headteacher elections, but had to reschedule due to an important vote in parliament. He spoke about his experiences so far as a candidate in the local elections, his work in Woking and in Parliament and what it was like doing his maiden speech to the House of Commons.

A former student of Horsell Junior School, Mr Forster invited Year 5 children were invited to take part in a

competition to design a his official Christmas card this year. The winner of the competition was Emily S, who was presented with a framed copy of her artwork and the final Christmas card.

Congratulations Emily!



SWIMMING LESSONS NEXT WEEK

Please note that swimming lessons will take place as normal on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December. There will be no swimming lessons on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th December.

The classes taking swimming lessons will change after the holidays, and an email will be sent to parents to advise them who this will be.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On our Christmas Lunch day children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper along with their uniform.

This year, we are raising funds for Engage on our Christmas Jumper Day. We kindly ask that children bring a £1

donation.

Engage is a local charity that comes into school to offer mentoring on a weekly basis to support children with their mental health, as well as delivering assemblies, creating relaxing reflection spaces as and working with Year 6 children supporting them in their transition to secondary school.

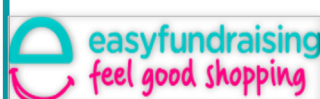
All the funds raised will be put back into supporting young children in schools.

Please note that jumpers do not need to be "Christmas jumpers" but may be in festive colours or perhaps adorned with some tinsel, a bauble or similar.

YEAR 4 MUSIC WORKSHOP

Year 4 took part in a two-day music workshop, inspired by the Sambas of Brazil. They enjoyed exploring rhythms and finding creative ways to produce sounds to bring the sounds of the beach and the excitement of carnival to life. As part of the workshop, the children composed music and lyrics which they performed in a concert on Thursday afternoon.

The workshop was run by our orchestra lead and violin teacher, Jo Lawrence, alongside percussionist Beibei Wang who also treated the whole school to a fantastic performance during assembly.



Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our

school.

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



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out," John 1:4

"Light and Darkness", our year 5 entry for the Guildford Cathedral Christmas Art Exhibition will be on display until 3rd February 2025.



Throwball and Elf OFF the Shelf, and old favourites like jolly jars and our Secret Christmas Shop for children, not to mention an array of delicious food and drink, magic shows and the charming stories with Mrs Claus, we are sure you will agree it was a great success!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Gomm, Mrs Sidwell and the Christmas fair team for their innovation and tireless work to make it all happen! Final figures are still to be confirmed, but the fair has raised a lot of money which will benefit both schools!

Thank you also to all our sponsors, we are very fortunate to be so well supported by our local businesses.



OPAL PLAY DONATIONS

As you prepare for the holiday period, for new things coming in and old going, please remember that OPAL can often make use of things you don't want. If you are not sure if we can use it, please do get in touch to check before you throw it away.

We particularly needing the following:

- Larger empty boxes, or any unusual packaging. All we ask is that they are **not flattened** but kept whole. They make incredible camps, rockets, dens and walls!
- Dressing up clothes, bags, briefcases, (not suitcases), hats, masks and props.
- Real or toy instruments and microphones.
- Mud kitchen implements such as, spoons, pots, saucepans, baking and cake tins (no china or glass)



Please send any donations via the school office in the first week back in January.



PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who braved the stormy weather to attend the Christmas fair on Saturday. With a range of new games, from splat the turkey to Snowball



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025

HORSELL SCHOOL'S PTA
CHRISTMAS FAIR

12.00 - 3.00pm

Horsell Infant School

NO: 012345



NO: 012345



NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Thank you for all your donations to date . We continue to collect for the Woking Foodbank.
Please bring along any suggested donation on any day before Friday 20th December.

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

MAMA MIA!

CHOIR PERFORM ALONGSIDE WEST END STARS

On Saturday 7th December, the senior members of the choir sang at the Sam Beare Hospice charity Christmas Concert. It was a great event where the children sang their favourite carol 'Ding Dong Merrily' in front a sold out audience of around 200 people. The show also included stage performers from the West End show Mamma Mia which the children enjoyed from the front row seats. The concert ended with the children dancing in the aisles to a live band. As always it was a special day and raised money for a vital community cause.



PALM CLASS ASSEMBLY

Palm class enjoyed sharing their learning from the Autumn term in their class assembly.

The children chose which aspects of school they would like to talk about and wrote their own assembly script.

In the assembly, they included learning from geography, maths, science, English and art, among other subjects. They performed one of the songs they had been learning in music, ably conducted by Toby. Thank you to everyone who came and shared the assembly with them.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

1200 people visited St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival to see the 27 decorated trees. The festival was kicked off by the Horsell Junior School choir singing, followed by a handbell recital. Visitors also enjoyed a performance from a big brass band. Villagers cast 682 votes to select visitor's favourite tree.

Our Young Carers tree, which was called Huge Hearts and Helping Hands, came 3rd in the school category. The school also submitted a Tree of Values and a Handbell Tree. Well done to all the entrants!



JOIN US FOR
Horsell
Community

CAROL SINGING
Spread the joy of the season
 WITH THE POWER OF SONG!

13TH DECEMBER
5.30-7.30PM

MEETING AT QUEEN ELIZABETH GARDENS BY THE PLAY AREA
ALL AGES WELCOME

If you know of anyone who would like a doorstep visit please do get in touch via the email below.

Bring your family and friends to join our community sing-along of cherished Christmas carols.

Email your interest to horsellchristmascarol@hotmail.com



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

On Sunday 8th December, Mr Dunsford and Eliza in Year 5 went on Radio Woking to discuss the upcoming Horsell community carol singing planned for this Friday, 13th December.

Anyone who wishes to attend and join in singing carols around the village are invited to meet at the Queen Elizabeth Gardens play area at 17:30. The carollers will then sing at various places in the village.

Local residents can also request a visit from the carol singers by emailing

horsellchristmascarol@hotmail.com

You can listen to part of the radio interview [here!](#)

Saint Mary the Virgin
 — Horsell —

Food Fun

Bible Story

Nativity Crafts

Messy Church
Christmas

This Months Theme
God enters the world

Saturday 21st December
4pm-5.30pm

4pm Doors open

4pm-4.05pm Welcome

4.05-4.50pm Nativity themed crafts

4.50pm Bible Story, music and songs

5.05pm Picnic tea provided

5.30pm Finishes





NATIVITY SERVICES

Christmas Eve
St Mary's Church

4pm Nativity Service
especially for the younger members of the family.

Come dressed as a Nativity character!

6pm Nativity Service
for slightly older children, teenagers and all the young at heart!

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