



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 6th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers:

'Live as if you were to die tomorrow, Learn as if you were to live forever', Mahatma Gandhi

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of the first half term of the new year! Children across the school have been thinking about how to look after their mental health, and Year 3 were lucky to welcome one of our parents into school to help them learn about building resilience.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school on Friday at 14:45 to look at their children's work and celebrate all of the learning that has been taking place this half term. I am proud to say that the children at Horsell do benefit from a broad and rich curriculum. If you want to find out more about what children are learning, do visit the curriculum area of our website, as well as the year group pages, where we post knowledge organisers for many of the subjects pupils are studying.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR FRIDAY 7TH—14TH FEBRUARY

Friday 7th	Primary Latin Day , Winston Churchill School (by invitation) Open Classrooms , 14:45—15:15. Parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to see their work. Parents may collect their children home after seeing their work. Please note this is an opportunity to see your child's work; parents who wish to discuss their child's progress should book a separate appointment with their teacher.
Tuesday 11th	Safer Internet Day 2025.
Wednesday 12th	Year 5 visit to Shah Jahan Mosque , in school hours
Thursday 13th	Year 5 visit to Rhoda McGaw theatre to see Winston Churchill production of Legally Blonde, in school hours.
Friday 14th	Last day of school before half term. School reopens on Monday 24th February at 8:30am.

HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

On the last Friday of each half term, we celebrate achievements in our Horsell Heroes Newsletter. If your child has won an award, completed a challenge, moved up a grade on the musical instrument / other hobby or ended up in the local paper, then please e-mail their teacher with a brief description and a photo if you are happy for this to be shared in the Horsell Heroes newsletter.

Did you know you can find admission consultations and determined admission information for both Horsell Junior and other local schools on our website? These can all be found in the [admissions section](#) of our website. We have recently uploaded the [determined admission policies for 2026-27](#) for Woking High, SJB, Salesian School Chertsey, among others.

Please book any school lunches required for the weeks commencing 24th February and 3rd March by Sunday 23rd February!

CONTACTING TEACHERS

Email is a wonderful resource and enables parents to communicate important information to teachers and school. It is, however, important that this communication is manageable for teaching staff, who are unable to monitor their email for the majority of the school day. From 8 30 to 3 15, teachers are in front of their classes and need to be fully focussed on the teaching and learning of the children.

I would therefore ask parents to think carefully about when they are sending emails. From after half term, an automatic reply will start to appear on teacher emails to clarify when they are available to read and respond to electronic mail.

Our school policy is to try to respond to emails within 2 working days. Our 'working day' starts at 8 00am and ends at 5 00pm and emails are not responded to before or after this time. I am sure that you will join with me in wanting our teaching staff to be wholly focussed on their teaching when children are in school and will support us in trying to make responding to emails both manageable and effective.

The school office can be contacted on 01483 761531 or office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you need to contact the school urgently. The office should always be contacted about changes to pick up or drop off arrangements. Thank you.



TALK ON ISLAM WITH MRS RASHEED

In Year 3, our big question in RE this term has been 'How does worship (ibadah) show what is important to Muslims?'

Mrs Rasheed, one of our TAs, very kindly agreed to speak to Year 3 about Islam and answer lots of questions from the children. She showed us prayer mats, the Qur'an, traditional clothing and spoke about her own experiences, showing us lovely pictures and videos of her and her family. We learnt so much and it was a fantastic experience.

Thank you Mrs Rasheed!

YEAR 6 BUDDHISM WORKSHOP

Last week, year 6 were visited by a Monk and a member of the local Buddhist temple in Knaphill. The children hearing them talk about their beliefs, enjoyed a guided meditation and asked some great questions!

"The Buddhist visit was very educational, we even meditated. He brought in lots of artifacts, which was nice. Overall, I thought it was a successful visit," Lily

"When the Buddhist Monk came, he spoke about why the robes are orange, brown and yellow and why they shave their heads—to symbolise leading a simple life. He taught us how to mediate and the Eightfold Path. It was interesting," Eleanor.



WOKING PLANETARIUM TRIP

On Wednesday 29th January, year 5 walked to the Winston Churchill School to visit the Woking Planetarium. The visit helped consolidate their learning on space. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and had great fun learning new things in an interactive way.

"It was like a theatre," Isabella

"It was out of this world," Sophia

"I was literally astonished," Idris

"It was really interesting and I enjoyed it even though sometimes I felt a little dizzy going round space," Sara

"Every constellation was on the ceiling and I saw loads I didn't know about," William

"The woman was great at explaining stuff," Sam

"I liked it when they zoomed out and showed us all of the galaxy," Elodie

To find out about Woking Planetarium and buy tickets for their public shows, visit www.wokingplanetarium.co.uk.

PLANNED ROADWORKS FROM 17TH FEBRUARY FOR 2 WEEKS

Surrey Highways have informed us that roadworks will be taking place on Horsell High Street, which they anticipate may cause delays. Work will be carried out Monday to Friday from 8am—5pm, and Saturdays from 8am—1pm.

Works will be carried out from Cromar Court (near Buttercup beauty) to outside number 85 (near the turn off to Meadway drive). It is essential to keep the road free from parked vehicles to enable the work to proceed as planned.



HOCKEY CAMP



U8 - U16 10AM-3PM

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