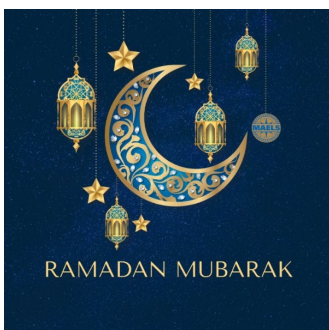




WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 27th February 2025



As we enter this season of reflection and renewal, many across the world are observing two significant spiritual journeys: Ramadan and Lent.

For Muslims, Ramadan is a time of fasting, prayer, and devotion, deepening their connection with God and fostering a sense of unity and empathy for those in need. In assembly this week, Mrs Rashid told the children about Ramadan, how the Quran was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed and therefore Muslims will spend time reading, thinking about and memorising what is written in the Holy Book. We wish all of our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak!

Similarly, Christians observing Lent embark on a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance, preparing their hearts for the joy of Easter. I am sure many of our children are looking forward to Shrove Tuesday, and our catering team are looking forward to offering pancakes for pudding with school lunches on this day, before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday next week.



Both of these observances offer moments to pause, reflect, and grow in faith. As we embrace this time of spiritual discipline, may we find strength, compassion, and a renewed sense of purpose in our shared commitment to self-reflection and personal growth. This is also a time where both Christians and Muslims think deeply about others and the act of service. This is also our school value this half term, and our school council are busy planning a fundraiser for their chosen charity this year. Details of the charity can be found overleaf!

We hope the weather will continue to be sunny and dry for year 3's trip to Wisley Gardens and the cross country competition. Year 6 will be sitting their mock SATs, and I am sure they will be looking forward to finishing these in time for our World Book Day celebrations!

Wishing you all a good and restful weekend!

KEY DATES FOR FRIDAY 28TH— FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

Friday 28th February	Beech class assembly , school hall, 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into assembly. Photography is not permitted. PTA Quiz Night sold out , Horsell Junior School, 19:30.
Monday 3rd March	Year 6 Mock SATs: SPAG and Spelling. Year 5&6 Cross Country Competition , Hoebridge School, 15:20—17:00 (by invitation)
Tuesday 4th March	Year 6 Mock SATs: Reading and Maths Reasoning (part 1) Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley Gardens
Wednesday 5th March	Year 6 Mock SATs: Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning (part 2)
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—theme: silent letters! Further details overleaf.
Friday 7th March	Cedar Class Assembly , 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into assembly. Photography is not permitted

PUPILS CHOOSE TO SUPPORT YORK ROAD PROJECT

Each year the school council consult with the peers in their class, and together they select a charity to support. This year, they have chosen to support the York Road Project. They will be arranging a fundraiser, which is a great way for them to put into practice our school value this half term, which is service. Details of our fundraisers will be shared in due course, but in the meantime please find below a little more about this charity.



York Road Project
Defeating Homelessness Together

York Road Project provides anyone experiencing homelessness, in Woking and the surrounding area, with:

A Bed

Our York Road Shelter provides a bed to anyone who needs it immediately, for a short period.

Our Move-On properties provide longer-term, supported accommodation while we help clients get back on their feet.

A Base

Our Resource Centre in the heart of town offers critical resources to people sleeping rough: including hot showers, food and support from our expert team.

Our Backing

Our expert staff support our clients at every stage of their journey, including:

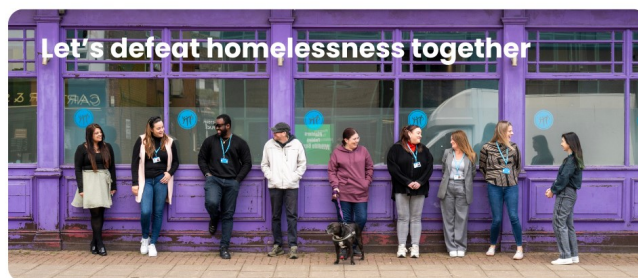
- outreach support for rough sleepers,
- 24 hour support in our York Road Shelter,
- coaching, wellbeing and social groups,
- ongoing Tenancy Sustainment support for the future.

Last year we supported 1 person out of every 250 people who live in Woking.

That's a lot of people at risk of homelessness, rebuilding their lives after experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough.

We can only do this with the support of our community.

Why not visit
www.yorkroadproject.org.uk
to find out how you can help

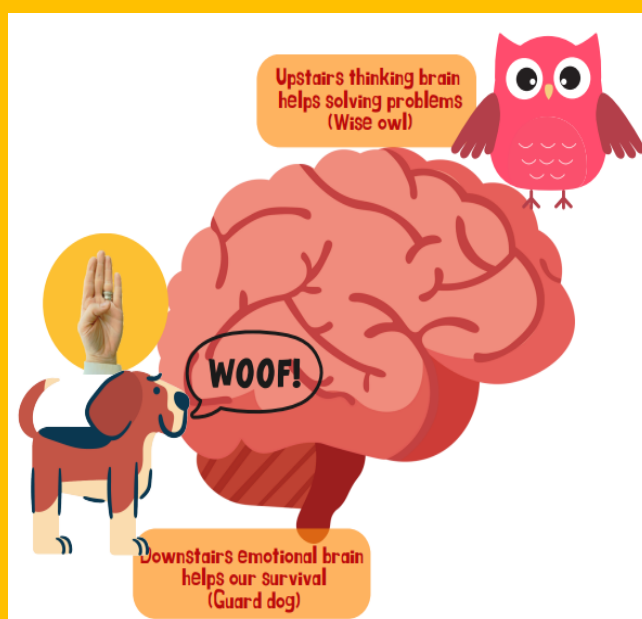


CHILD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: 3RD - 9TH FEBRUARY

To celebrate Child Mental Health week last term, Year 3 joined the live, online Learn2Bounce workshop with Dr Sarah and Dr Kate, Clinical Psychologists from Raising Resilience.

Over 1,000 primary school children from around the country joined to learn vital facts about emotions, what happens in their brains when they have big feelings and to be introduced to their four Learn2BOUNCE friends (skills) to help them calm big feelings when facing every challenges, and cope!

Click [here](#) for a short video from Dr Kate and Dr Sarah, where you can learn all about the workshop and help the children practice their new skills, whilst hopefully picking up a few skills to support your own mental health too!



Please book any school lunches required for week commencing 10th March by Sunday 2nd March!

WORLD BOOK DAY

6 MARCH 2025

This year's theme is silent letters!

We know these words can be tricky to read and spell, and wish to raise their profile through a whole school celebration. Children are welcome to wear a costume which brings their silent letter words to life. For children who prefer not to dress up, they can still take part using words such as school (wearing uniform) or subtle (own clothes) or simply wear some florescent accessories or carry a sign with the word brought to life! We aim for the event to be as sustainable—you do not need to purchase anything to take part.



We also have a range of competitions children can take part in. Please bring your submissions into school by Monday 3rd March. This includes:



- Designing a new book cover for your favourite book
- Using a section of an egg box to create a book character portrait
- Design and make a book mark
- Enter for a Blue Peter book badge

For more details and inspiration, read our full World Book Day newsletter [here](#).

OPAL BINGO



This week and next, each class is collecting items for our OPAL bingo game. Each class member will be encouraged to bring in at least 1 item from the bingo board to support new play and replenish OPAL areas. Each class will be rewarded with additional OPAL play time depending on how many items they bring in, from 5 minutes for 4 in a row up to 15 minutes for a full house!

In addition to the Bingo items, if you have any following larger items that you can get hold of, or donate to the OPAL sessions, please do contact the school: cable reels, bread trays, crates, barrels or water.

Additionally, if you have any carpentry or DIY skills to support with making and creating new areas for our pupils, please do let us know.

 large balls	 cones	 wigs	 hats
 Any props	 Standard bucket	 Tarpaulin sheets	 Brooms and brushes
 Dressing up clothes	 Tennis balls	 Loom bands	 Table tennis bats
 Chalks	 Toy metal pots and pans	 Plastic hockey stick	 Sturdy, plastic laundry basket





Additional Needs Service showcase

**Tuesday 29th
April 2025
10am - 3pm**

Easter Centre
St John's Church
Manor Farm Lane
Egham, TW20 9HR

Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs
- ✦ For Families and Practitioners

If you would further details please scan the QR code or email localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk

