



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 27th March 2025



"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." – Matthew 20:26

Dear Parents and Carers,

You should have received information today regarding our new school uniform which will launch in September. We are introducing this change to align with our commitment to keeping children fit and active. As an OPAL school we believe children should be free and creative at playtimes, and not be restricted by their clothing. The updated school PE kit is also more modern and practical. The letter sets out the new requirements, and our expectations over the next academic year, which ensures that there are no additional costs for parents with this change.

Last week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the privilege of attending the church for Easter Experience Days. The church volunteers were incredibly impressed with their excellent behaviour and engagement in the activities, demonstrating the values we hold dear as a school community. Well done to all involved!

Next week will be a busy and exciting one at school. Some key events include:

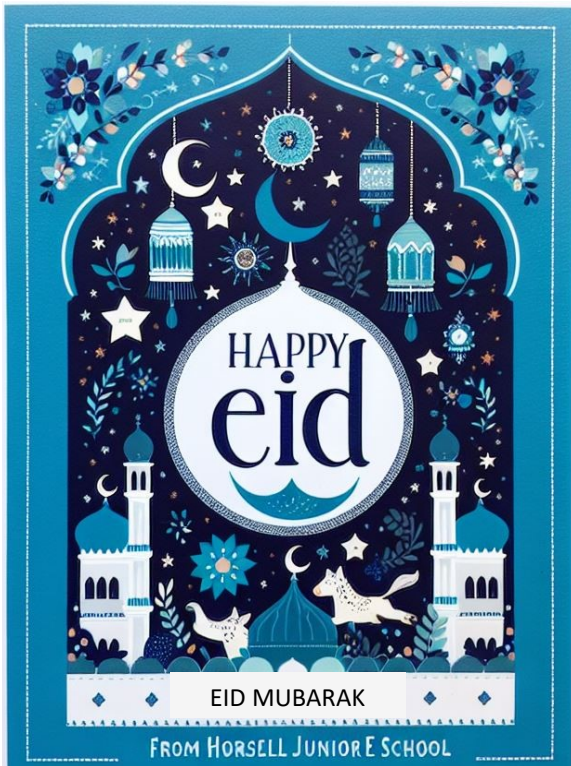
- **Easter Pause Day** – A reflective day for pupils to engage with the meaning of Easter.
- **Wintershall Assembly** – A special assembly bringing the Easter story to life in a meaningful way.
- **Easter Service** – Led by our Year 4 pupils, this will take place at the church on **Tuesday**. We warmly invite parents to join us in celebrating this special occasion.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Easter season.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR FRIDAY 28TH MARCH — 4TH APRIL

Fri 28th March	Mufti Day for York Road Project. Children are asked to wear shades of Yellow, Orange, Red or Khaki (YORK) mufti in exchange for a minimum £1 donation towards the children's fundraiser. Our school council will be at the gates in the morning to collect donations—thank you in advance for your generosity and participation!
Mon 31st March	Easter Service to school (staff and children only), 09:30—10:30, St Mary's Church Cherry & Rowan parent consultations , 15:30—18:00 (please check your bookings on Arbor)
Tues 1st April	Year 4 Easter Service to parents , 09:30—10:30, St Mary's Church Cherry & Rowan parent consultations , 15:30—18:00 (please check your bookings on Arbor)
Weds 2nd April	Cherry & Rowan parent consultations , 15:30—18:00 (please check your bookings on Arbor)
Thurs 3rd April	Easter Pause Day.
Fri 4th April	Last day of term, children finish at the earlier time of 13:30. The PTA will be selling doughnuts (end of term treats) from 13:15—13:45, £1 each.



We would like to wish all our Muslim families a Happy Eid. If your family may be celebrating Eid on Monday, and your child may not be in school, please let the school office know by completing a leave of absence form in advance. These can be downloaded [here](#), or a paper copy collected from the school office.

NEW LUNCH MENU!



We have a new lunch menu starting after the Easter Holidays.

This is now available to book on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required after the holidays at least 8 days in advance.

Due to deliveries, please note we are not able to offer the third (yellow) option on our first day back, Tuesday 22nd April.

Thank you!

HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

On the last Thursday 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 their 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.

HANDBELL GROUP VISIT TO HORSELL LODGE

It was a dry Friday afternoon when we set off from school with ten children from the handbell club to walk up to Horsell Lodge, which is about 20 minutes from school. When we arrived we were warmly welcomed with squash and biscuits for everyone, which we enjoyed whilst setting up.

The elderly residents then started to arrive and take their seats and some of the children were amazed at how many of them were able to fit into quite a small space. Our tables with our bells and music on them already took up quite a lot of space!

We played a variety of tunes – many well-known ones – including “All things Bright and Beautiful”, “Morning has broken”, “Ode to Joy” and an extract from the “Surprise Symphony”. The children played superbly and they were impeccably behaved throughout. The residents seemed to enjoy it and many were humming and singing along.

At the end, we received lots of applause and we have been invited to return! We then walked back to school, but some of our little legs were quite tired, so apologies to those waiting to collect as we were a little late at pick-up.

Our children and handbell team all enjoyed it—here is what they said:

“A good connection to music,” Abigail.

“It was really fun and the people were clapping and singing along to the songs they knew,” Annabel.

“A good opportunity to spend time with other people,” Izzy.

“I knew the audience would join in and they enjoyed it as well. The children were superb. Great fun!” Mike, handbell team

CLUBS

Many of our clubs have published their new sign up details, and you can find their flyers in the [club section](#) of our website. A full list of clubs and sign up details for Mr Coles’ clubs and choir will be shared next week.

We would like to remind you that most clubs finish for the term **this week**, including choir, handbells and all of Mr Coles’ clubs. If you are not certain about the finish dates for any other clubs, please contact the provider directly.



Thank you to everyone who signed up to the ASDA Cashpot for Schools Schemes. As a result, Horsell Junior School has received a donation of £157.52! We look forward to discussing how best to spend this on our children.

REQUEST FOR DIGITAL CAMERAS

Do you have an old, working, digital camera which is no longer used? If you do, we would love to have it for a year 6 art unit. The more basic the better. Please note we would need the cables to transfer the photos.



Year 6 are also still looking for magazines, such as gardening and free magazines, with colour photos which they will also be using for an art project. These can be sent with year 6 children or dropped into the office.

Thank you!

HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA

DOUGHNUT SALE

Friday 4th April

The Horsell Village School
1:00pm - 1:30pm

The Horsell Junior School
1:15pm - 1:45pm

£1/ doughnut
nut free
(eggs, soya & milk free options available)
Cash & card accepted

After school club children can carry correct change at parents' discretion. Please check with ASC

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES



Year 6 can now order their leavers' hoodies from Valentino's, ready to be delivered before their residential trip.

Please visit the [Valentino's website](#) to place your order before **Friday 4th April!**

HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA

Hop on over for our

Easter Trail

Follow the map to find all the eggs & the pictures that are hiding around the village. Reveal the answer & claim your prize

Maps are available at

APPLES & PEARS
29TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL
MON-FRI 9:15 - 5:00
SAT 9:00 - 5:00

Bring your pencil
£2 per trail

Cash only please

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Experience Easter[®]



Saturday 29th March 10-4pm

St Mary's Church, Horsell

Come and explore the Easter Story with children.
Six interactive stations around the Church
covering the events of Holy Week.

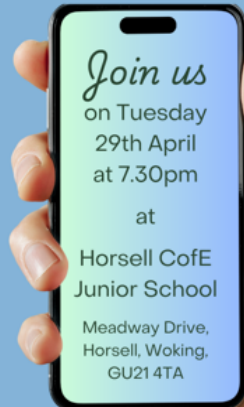
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Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell



CHILDREN, SMARTPHONES AND APPS

A talk from
Jennifer Powers
from PAPA YA



Join us
on Tuesday
29th April
at 7.30pm
at
Horsell CofE
Junior School
Meadway Drive,
Horsell, Woking,
GU21 4TA

Whether your child has a smartphone or not, join us to find out some tips to manage smartphones and other devices in your family.

Learn more about the impact of smartphones and social media on children, and what we can do to delay or limit their exposure.

Get your ticket here

<https://tinyurl.com/HJSPAPAYA>



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6TH APRIL

22ND JUNE



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