



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 15th May 2025



Dear parents and carers,

At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to nurturing a kind and caring community. I'm reminded of the words from 1 Corinthians 16:14: ***"Let all that you do be done in love."***

Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or in discussion about playground improvements, this is a message that we see our children live out every day.

A huge *well done* to our Year 6 children, who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs. We are proud of the focus, determination, and resilience they have shown throughout the assessment period. Regardless of the outcomes, their commitment to doing their best is something that they should be really proud of.

We'd also like to extend our congratulations to Elodie T, Hannah E, Hannah H and Matilda H, who represented us brilliantly at the regional swimming finals and secured an impressive 8th place. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were a credit to the school, and we are very proud of their achievement.

In other news, our School Council has been busy gathering ideas and feedback from their classmates as part of a consultation on possible new playground designs for the back of the school. It's been wonderful to see such enthusiastic engagement, and we look forward to seeing the children's voice reflected in the final plans.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

### KEY DATES FOR THURSDAY 15TH — 23RD MAY

<b>Thu 15th</b>	<b>Deadline for ordering class photos and Year 6 photo for free delivery.</b> Order online at <a href="#">Simon&amp;Cardwells</a> ; photo codes were sent home with children and e-mailed to parents last week.
<b>Sat 17th</b>	<b>PTA Plant Sale</b> , The Horsell Village School, 9am—12noon
<b>Tue 20th</b>	<b>Year 6 depart for residential trip</b> , please arrive at the usual time, buses depart approx. 9:30am. <b>Year 4 "French Café" immersion day.</b> Children in year 4 are invited to wear red, white and blue. Please note no football shirts; clothes must be suitable for school and shoes fully enclosed (no open toes/back). <b>Year 4 Cross Country event</b> , Hoebridge School, 15:30—16:30 (by invitation).
<b>Thu 22nd</b>	<b>Year 5 Boys' Cricket Tournament</b> , 12:30—17:30, Old Woking Cricket Club (by invitation) <b>Open Classrooms</b> for years 3—5, 14:45—15:15. Parents are invited to visit classrooms to view their children's work. Parents may collect their children 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. <b>Year 6 return from residential trip</b> , estimated arrival time 15:30.
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>INSET DAY.</b> School is closed to pupils.

**26th—30th May: school closed for half term.**  
School re-opens at 8:30am on Monday 2nd June.

## HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating children's 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.

## SOUTH EAST REGIONAL SWIMMING GALA

In February, 2,783 schools were invited to take part in county wide swimming competitions across the South East, with teams from 54 schools going through to the regional finals. Following a fantastic performance at the Surrey County swimming gala, this included a team of 4 girls from Horsell Junior School.

The team made it into the finals for the 100m medley, finishing in 8th place. In the front crawl, we came 13th.

Although we didn't make it through to the national finals - only the three best teams did from each region — it was an incredible achievement to finish in 8th and 13th place.

*By Hannah, Willow*



## CHOBHAM RUGBY FESTIVAL

At the end of April, two mixed teams of year 5 and 6 pupils—team Sun and team Star—went to Chobham Rugby Club to take part in a tournament.

Team Sun won all four games, winning 3-0 against Brookwood (forfeit), 7-0 against St Lawrence, 6-2 against West Byfleet and finally 5-0 against St Mary's.

In total, our two teams scored 32 tries and only conceded 6, winning us the overall tournament.

We were proud not only to come in first place, but also to be complimented on our good sportsmanship, respectful behaviour to the referees and excellent standard of play.

*By Juliette, Willow*



**Please book any school lunches required for the first two weeks of next term by Sunday 1st June. After this, all meals must be booked a week in advance.**

On Wednesday 25th June, Sports Day, we will have a special "Summer Fair" menu:

Banging BBQ Beef Burger OR BBQ Falafel Burger with melted cheese, fresh tomato relish, baked jacket potato and sunny sweetcorn

*Plus Diced Melon with fresh strawberry sauce.*





4.00pm to 5.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> May  
22<sup>nd</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> July

**Explore a Bible theme through craft, food, games or nature. There will be a short celebration with a story, songs and prayers.**

**For all ages!  
Picnic tea provided!**

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity.  
[brf.org.uk](http://brf.org.uk)

Saint Mary the Virgin  
Horsell

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

The guidance to schools from the Department for Education and Surrey County Council on low attendance and unauthorised leave of absence changed on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Low Attendance:

Instances of low attendance are expected to be investigated, and supportive measures agreed to improve attendance. If this does not happen, and a child has 10 unauthorised absences (sessions, morning or afternoon) in a rolling 10-week period, the school will issue a 'Notice to Improve'. This then formalises the monitoring period, which will be 15 school days, whereby the child's attendance must improve to avoid being issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.

### Unauthorised Leave of Absence:

If a child takes 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised leave of absence, a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued. Leave of absence can only be applied for in exceptional circumstances. The Education Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where parents/carers have been notified that the leave of absence request is unauthorised, there is no warning period ahead of the penalty notice.

### Penalty Notices:

- The amount payable for the first penalty notices is £80 per notice if paid within 21 days. If paid between 21 and 28 days, the amount payable has risen to £160 per notice.
- If a parent/carer incurs a penalty notice for the same child, the rolling three-year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160, per notice. There will be no reduction for paying within 21 days.
- Where a parent/carer has incurred 2 penalty notices for the same child within that rolling three-year period, the parent/carer CANNOT receive a further penalty notice and Surrey County Council will consider a prosecution under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

**A full copy of our attendance policy can be found [here](#).**



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation  
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Between 8.30 and 9am at HVS and HJS

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

**PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!**

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



## HORSELL PTA GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE

At  
Horsell Junior School

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
10am - 11.30am

Cash and card payments accepted

Please donate good condition, clean uniform to Horsell Junior School office - no grey or white items please

**Volunteers still needed for 11.30am - 12noon: Pack Up**  
Please contact your class rep.

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At *Valentino Schoolwear* we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now,

so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2025 is *available online* and *in store* for our customers.



**15% OFF** All school uniform purchases: 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Use discount code **SUMMER15** when you click 'View Cart'

**10% OFF** All school uniform purchases: 26<sup>th</sup> May - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Use discount code **SUMMER10** when you click 'View Cart'

**Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until schools open in September!**

Please note that we are unable to accept returns and exchanges during our promotional dates above 19<sup>th</sup> May - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Returns & exchanges are all subject to our normal returns policy. These offers are available online and in store. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.

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