

Horsell CofE junior

Weekly focus

Friday 18th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

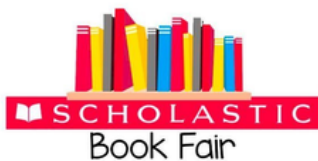
'...in Christ we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us,' Romans 12:5-6.

It has been lovely to see the children settling down to the rhythm of Horsell Junior School life and participating in their learning with gusto at the start of the school year.

One of our school priorities this year is to stretch and challenge all of our children, as we have very high expectations of what they can achieve in all aspects of school life. We are, for example, spending time talking to pupils about presentation and handwriting, and are incorporating more problem-solving lessons in Maths, so that they learn to apply their knowledge in different ways. If you are interested in the school's development priorities, please visit the school [website](#).

I know that many of the Year 6 children are looking forward to their day at Winston Churchill tomorrow and I know how fortunate we are to work with several excellent secondary schools in Woking. This day is an important part of our school's transition programme and gives our pupils a valuable experience of learning in a secondary school environment.

Yours faithfully,
Ms C Wand BMus QTS NPQH
Headteacher



We are looking forward to hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

Children will have an opportunity to visit the book fair during the day, and parents can also join them after school to browse and purchase books.

Please visit Apple class, entering via the Year 6 corridor (near the pool).

Cash and card payments are accepted. Card payments are preferred. If paying by cash, please bring change.

Key dates over the next week:

Friday 19th September

- **Year 6 High School Experience Day**, Winston Churchill School

Saturday 20th September:

- **PTA "Good As New" Uniform Sale**, 10:00 - 11:30, Horsell Junior School playground / Redwood.

Monday 22nd September:

- **OPAL Play Afternoon** for parents, 14:00 - 14:55. Further details overleaf.

Wednesday 24th September:

- Scholastic Book Fair, 15:10 - 15:40, Apple class.
- PTA Annual General Meeting, 29:30 - 21:00, The Horsell Village School

Thursday 25th September:

- Scholastic Book Fair, 15:10 - 15:40, Apple class.

Friday 26th September:

- Scholastic Book Fair, 15:10 - 15:40, Apple class.



OPAL PLAY AFTERNOON

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
14:00 - 14:55

We are excited to inform you that we are going to host an OPAL play afternoon! Through OPAL, we are continuing to improve outdoor play at our school by offering more opportunities for creative, child-led play and learning. Please come along and see what OPAL is all about and have a play with your child.

Date: Monday 22nd September

Timings:

- 14:05-2:15 Adults gather in hall
- 14:15 Adults collect their children and go to the playground to play
- 14:15 onwards – Enjoy OPAL!
- 14:50 (First whistle) Tidy up time, all to be involved in this – the children will show you what to do.
- 14:55 (Second whistle) Children return to class and parents wait in appropriate areas for collection.

PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to come and go from the school site until the end of the play session.

Your ticket to play is a “loose part”!

Every adult (1 per family) is asked to bring in 1 item for play to the OPAL afternoon to help build our collection of loose parts. These are some of loose parts that we currently need:

- Table tennis bats and balls
- Small construction vehicles
- Large empty spools (used for wire, chain, rope, etc), cable drums
- Large buckets and containers
- Chunky chalks
- Children’s magnifying glasses and tweezers
- Empty oil drums, water butts
- Any type of dressing up- hats, gloves, bags, wallets, clothes etc
- Bubble blowing tool sets
- Large sheets of fabric or tarpaulin
- Loom bands
- Large foam balls
- Small sea animal and ‘bug’ type plastic toys
- Road signs and cones
- Pine cones, corks, shells and pebbles
- Bags of play sand
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Orbeez and play dough tools
- Paint brushes (all sizes), rollers and roller trays

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You should all have received a letter this week regarding Pupil Premium and Free School Meals. Please take the time to read this carefully, and if you feel your child/children may be eligible, please contact the Office for support in applying. This funding stream is really important to support your child in having access to the most opportunities and resources in school, to enable them to thrive.



Final call to sign up for Spanish lessons! Open to all years, Spanish is taught using songs, games, storytelling, role play and activity sheets. If you are interested in a fun introduction the Spanish language and culture, please sign up by Saturday using the sign up for me [here](#).

A number of our other external clubs also still have spaces. Further details of the clubs and costs can all be found on the club section of our website.



We are looking for a small (children’s) outdoor table and chairs for the “café” section of our mud kitchen.

Please contact the school office if you have a suitable table you would like to donate.
Thank you.



PARENT HELPERS

Do you enjoy gardening, art and crafts, or sports, and have a little time to spare at lunchtime? We would love to welcome volunteers to join us in supporting OPAL play, helping our children to explore, create and have fun. If you can offer your time regularly each week between 11:50am and 12:50pm throughout the school year, your skills, energy and enthusiasm would make a real difference. You will be supported by our fantastic Play Team, led by Mrs Webb. Please get in touch with the school office if you’d like to be part of this exciting play adventure.



Please remember to order lunches for 29th September to 3rd October by Sunday 21st September. Lunches must be booked 1 week in advance or a packed lunch brought to school.

We are a nut free school - no products containing nuts can be brought onto school premises.



SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS

Applications for secondary school places, for children starting September 2025, are now open. The closing date for children in year 6 to apply for a place is 31st October 2025. For further information about applying for a place, please click [here](#).

If you book an open morning tour at Woking High School, please let us know you will be attending by completing our online form [here](#). For all other open mornings, please complete a leave of absence form, which can be found [here](#).



Woking High School
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YEAR 6

OPEN MORNING

You are warmly invited to join us at Woking High School for a small group tour escorted by our students.

Monday 6th October 2025

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Tuesday 14th October 2025

8.50am - 9.45am

Booking will open on 15th September 2025 on our school website.

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SAVE
THE DATE

OPENING EVENING
Thursday 2nd October 2025
5.30pm – 7.30pm
(No booking is required)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025



Wednesday, 24 September 2025



19:15 - 19:30 (Optional networking)
19:30-20:30 (AGM)



The Horsell Village School Hall,
Church Hill GU21 4QQ

MENU CHANGE THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Twelve15 have created a special Harvest Menu, which will be served on Thursday 2nd October. You can book this on Scopay up to one week in advance, as usual.

If you have already booked a meal and do not wish to have the harvest menu, you can also cancel your meal on Scopay by selecting "no lunch this day".

Harvest Festival

Yorkshire Pudding filled with Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs
or
Yorkshire Pudding filled with Vegetable Meatballs
roasted potatoes and super healthy fresh seasonal harvest vegetables

plus Harvest Apple Oat Crumble with vanilla custard

Twelve15

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



4.00pm to 5.30pm

28th September

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

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

PTA EVENTS

Autumn Term 2025-26

Join the PTA team for admin & operations support

September '25

UNIFORM SALE

Sat 20th 10:00 - 11:30
AT HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

AGM

WED 24th 19:30 - 20:30
AT HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

October '25

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Fri 17th (return by)
BOTH SCHOOLS

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Fri 10th
BOTH SCHOOLS

November '25

LITTLE RECYCLERS

TBC

JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO

TBC

XMAS MUFTI DAY

Fri 21st
BOTH SCHOOLS

December '25

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sat 6th

AT HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

TBC (LEAD REQUIRED)

All our events rely on volunteers' participation.

Please contact your class reps or email horsellschoolspta@gmail.com to volunteer or to get involved



September Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm

HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

THE CLUBHOUSE

Everyone's Welcome

9:15am - 12:30pm

Come on in!

For children in school years Reception to year 6

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th October

£5 per day or £12 for all three days

Siblings £4 per day or £10 for all three days

wokingurc.org.uk



A URC Holiday club resource Booking open 23rd September - 5th October



Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks

7pm - 8pm

4th November - 25th November 2025

Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

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