



Dear Parents and Carers,

*Children need the freedom and time to play.
Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity - Kay Redfield Jamison*

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) afternoon—and for your generous donations! We hope the event gave you a great insight into the value of play and how our OPAL programme is helping to embed it meaningfully into the school day. To learn more about OPAL and how it supports our children's development, please visit our [website](#).

If you would like to support OPAL, there is an opportunity for a parent to sit on our OPAL working group, where you can contribute your ideas to make play times even better. Alternatively, if you enjoyed OPAL play and would like to volunteer, we are always looking for parents to support in running gardening or craft activities at lunchtime. Please contact Mrs Webb for more information.

We're also excited to share that, over the October half-term, we will be upgrading our playground. The trim trail behind the swimming pool will be replaced, thanks to funding from our amazing PTA.

Speaking of the PTA—it was a pleasure to attend the Annual General Meeting last night. We're thrilled to share that the PTA raised an incredible £28,396 during the last academic year! These funds will be split equally between Horsell Village and Horsell Junior schools. As school budgets remain tight, this support makes a real difference to the children's school experience. In addition to the playground upgrade, we will be bringing back the much loved live panto before Christmas.

We are very grateful for the continued support of the PTA. If you would like to find out more about what the PTA do and how to get involved, the presentation is now available online [here](#) as well as a "who's who" with details of some roles we are trying to fill.

The Scholastic Book Fair has been well attended this week; it is wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading. We hope the children enjoy their new books!

Yours faithfully,
Ms C Wand BMus QTS NPQH
Headteacher

Key dates over the next week:

Sunday 28th September

- **Messy Church**, St Mary's Church, 4pm. Picnic tea provided.

Monday 29th September

- **Scholastic Book Fair**, 15:10 - 15:40, Apple class. Please enter via Year 6 corridor, near swimming pool. Cash and card payments accepted; if paying cash please bring change.

Tuesday 30th September:

- **Flu vaccinations** in school
- **Year 6 Height and Weight check** in school

 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.





Mrs Brincombe recently spoke in assembly about news, looking at some recent stories from around the world. Children regularly watch CBBC's Newsround in school, which helps understand the world around us and develop us as global citizens.

During the assembly, she also looked at how something becomes news, who decides what is news and how we can decide if a source is reliable.

We know that it can be increasingly difficult to spot fake news. Childline have put together some helpful information [online](#) which you might like to look at with your children.



Kingdom Explorer Club

Wed 3.15pm - 4.15pm Cherry Classroom

Engage

Kingdom Explorers is a new club open to all year 6 children to explore living in faith, the bible and prayer. It provides a link between year 6 and the Christian Union at Woking High School, providing some additional transition support. The club is run by Engage, with youth workers from local churches.

Please sign up on Scopay in the trips and events section.



What does Woking need in the future?

More homes? Better jobs?
Stronger climate action?
Thriving communities?

Woking Borough Council is developing a new Local Plan - a blueprint for how the borough will grow and change up to 2044. It will guide where homes, jobs and infrastructure go, whilst protecting the things we value most.

This is your chance to have a say. Share your views on the big issues shaping Woking's future.

Visit wokingsays.woking.gov.uk/localplan

Consultation closes Wednesday 15 October 2025.



Find out about events happening at Haslemere Educational Museum, including half term activities, by visiting <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/d977aa09ad.html>



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 —



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
Inspire, Challenge, Achieve



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)

YELLOW DAYS

Yellow Days is a new marketplace for parents to book holiday camps for their children. Yellow Days are offering a 10% discount on any of the camps listed below when booked through Yellow Days using the discount code HELLOAUTUMN - valid until 26th October.

- [NS Sports](#)
- [Big Hat Bushcamp](#)
- [Cardinals Netball](#)
- [Camp Beaumont](#)

For more information visit <https://yellowdays.com>



AUTUMN Event

31 OCTOBER
10:00 - 11:30

CHILDREN'S AUTUMNAL CRAFTS

FREE EVENT

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS
SMALL COMMUNITY HALL
ADJACENT 150 CONNAUGHT ROAD
BROOKWOOD GU24 0AL

PTA EVENTS

Autumn Term 2025-26

Join the PTA team for admin & operations support

September '25	October '25
UNIFORM SALE Sat 20th 10:00 - 11:30 AT HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS CARDS Fri 17th (return by) BOTH SCHOOLS
AGM WED 24th 19:30 - 20:30 AT HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL	CRAZY HAIR DAY Fri 10th BOTH SCHOOLS
November '25	December '25
LITTLE RECYCLERS TBC	CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 6th AT HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL
JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO TBC	CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT TBC (LEAD REQUIRED)
XMAS MUFTI DAY Fri 21st BOTH SCHOOLS	

All our events rely on volunteers' participation.
Please contact your class reps or email horsellschoolspta@gmail.com to volunteer or to get involved