



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival next week, followed by our Open Afternoon. Thank you in advance for your generosity — this year, all Harvest donations will go to the Woking Food Bank, which supports local people in need.

A quick reminder that Friday 24th October is an INSET day, and school will therefore be closed to pupils.

As you know, we joined the Learning Partners Church Academy Trust in September. Across the trust, teachers have been working collaboratively to share expertise and develop best practice. Mr Dunsford has recently attended training for music leads, and Mrs Brincombe has been working with colleagues from other schools to further refine our assessment processes. The Director of Education has been in school already and we are working together to continue our drive to deliver the very best education for the children in Horsell.

I am delighted to let you know that I am the Lead for Christian Distinctiveness across the trust. This means I work with schools across the trust to strengthen our inclusive and spiritual life, and to share good practice. We now have a school-based working party trialling different approaches in the classroom. As part of this trial, I know that Spruce Class have particularly enjoyed reflecting in their spirituality journals and taking time at the end of each day to pause and think quietly — a lovely, positive routine that is supporting their wellbeing. At a time when modern life can feel so rushed, and children are exposed to so much, time like this is really valuable.

As you know, we are also working towards becoming a Global Neighbours School, putting into action the biblical teaching of “Love thy neighbour” through our learning, community links, and outreach. Mrs Peacock is leading this, and has been leading several sessions of Collective Worship to introduce some more global themes to our children. If you want to find out more about our Collective Worship, please visit our school [website](#).

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Harvest Festival and Open Afternoon next week.

With best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Key dates 17th - 23rd October:

Friday 17th October

- Cedar Design & Technology Day
- Ash class Stone Age Art day
- Deadline to return Cauliflower Card artwork & forms. Please see details overleaf.

Monday 20th October

- Open Morning for prospective parents, 9:15am
- Harvest collection starts, please see information overleaf.

Wednesday 22nd October

- Year 4 Pizza Workshop with Squisito Pizza, in school.

Thursday 23rd October

- Last day for Harvest donations, please see details overleaf.
- Year 5 Harvest Festival, performance to parents, 9:30 - 11:00, St Mary's Church. There will be a cash collection at the end; all donations going to Woking Food Bank
- Open Classrooms, 14:45 - 15:10. Parents visiting the classroom may take children home early, once they have visited the classroom. This is an opportunity to view your child's work. If you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please book a separate appointment.

Friday 24th October

- INSET day. School is closed to pupils.

HALF TERM 27th - 31st OCTOBER. SCHOOL RETURNS MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER.
Please note the deadline for children in year 6 to apply for secondary school places is
Friday 31st October.



PTA CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS

The deadline for ordering and returning your Christmas card artwork is Friday 17th October.

Should you wish to place an order, please:

- Go online to order any cards, gift labels, wrapping paper, or other items you would like with your child's design. Please note each form has a unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to the order form for further instructions.
- Once you have completed the online order, complete and return the paper form to your class teacher, with the artwork securely attached. These will then be collected by Cauliflower cards the following week.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Some families will receive letters in the coming week which relate to attendance. These include important information regarding your child's attendance this half term.

We appreciate that unforeseen events and illness take their toll on attendance. It is part of our safeguarding duty to support every child to attend school as much as possible.



New lunch menu!

We have a new lunch menu starting after half term. This is now available to book on Scopay.

Please look at the menu with your children to select any lunches they would like. Lunches must be booked a week in advance; they can also be cancelled and changed up to a week in advance directly on Scopay.

Children who require a gluten, dairy, soya or egg free diet should check details of the special diet menus on the [Twelve15 website](#) and select either the red (meat) or green (vegetarian) option only.

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 the 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.

Harvest Donations 20th - 23rd October

This harvest, we will be supporting our local food bank, and kindly ask that children bring in one or more of the following items between the 20th and 23rd October:

- Long Life Fruit Juice ***
- Adult Toothbrushes ***
- Hot Chocolate Powder ***
- Shaving Gel & Foam ***
- Disposable Razors ***
- Cooking Oil ***
- Deodorant Roll On & Spray Types M&F
- Cleaning Sprays
- Corned Beef
- Coffee
- Chocolate Spread
- Honey
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Carrots
- Toilet Gel & Cleaner
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Long Life Sponge Puddings
- Tomato Ketchup
- Peanut Butter
- Jam

*** these are the most urgently needed items.

POPPY APPEAL



We will be selling a range of Poppy Appeal items in the lead up to Remembrance Day. These will be brought round to classrooms daily from Monday. If children would like to purchase an item, we suggest a donation of 50p or more for the paper poppies and stickers, and minimum £1 for the festival bands, slap-bands and reflectors. All donations go to the Royal British Legion.



UNIFORM DONATIONS FOR THE PTA

If you wish to donate any uniform to the PTA for the "Good as New" sale, this can now be placed in the blue wheely bin outside the school office.

Please note that, in addition to Horsell Village School uniform, the PTA are currently accepting good quality:

- new style uniform
- sweatshirts with the old logo on
- rucksacks with the new or old logo
- winter coats with the old logo
- old style PE kit

The PTA are not currently accepting any plain grey or white items, v-neck jumpers or ties, however you can take these to **Valentino's** in Knaphill who will accept old uniform items for their charity collection, including the v-neck jumpers. These items are sent to schools abroad.



On Saturday 18th October, Oak Class teacher, Miss Freund will be taking part in the Maverick Jurassic Coast Ultra Marathon where she will run 54k along the South coast. It is a technical terrain with long, steep climbs and descents and Miss Freund has been training hard with her labrador keeping her company along the way!

She is raising money for Alzheimer's Research UK. If you would like to donate her page is [justgiving.com/page/lisa-freund-7](https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisa-freund-7)

Safeguarding Notice regarding Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

The school has removed any copies in school with the website. If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site. It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link. We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first. We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Is your child in year 6?



If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2025**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2025



4.00pm to 5.30pm

26th October

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 —

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Catalyst Support offer English Classes for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at Trinity Methodist Church on Brewery Road, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 to 12 o'clock.

The classes are suitable for beginners and include a range of activities. They do ask that someone calls ahead before signing up to a class, to have a chat and help find them the best class to suit. There is also a buddy support system, helping to interpret student letters from school and so on.

If you or someone you know might benefit from this, please call for a chat on 07897 316978 or 07516778038.

Further information can also be found here:

<https://catalystsupport.org.uk/services/shifa/classes/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages/>



NEW CLUB FOR YEAR 3

Wednesdays until 16:15 from 3rd November.

This is an exciting and adventurous club, for Year 3, which will take your child on a journey through one awesome book - the BIBLE. Together we will meet new people, learn new things and discover new places. This EPIC true story of all time has everything in it, hope, fun, battles, ultimate victory, good and evil, love and so much more. The adventure will include craft, snacks, stories and exploring the Kingdom of God together. There is no cost for attending this club.

This term we will be exploring the Diary of a Disciple called Luke. This story is a retelling of Lukes gospel in a quirky, contemporary accessible way. Luke wrote down everything that happened because he wanted everyone, everywhere in the whole world to hear what he had to say.

Come and find out what was written in the diary. Sign up via **Arbor!**

LIGHT PARTY



31st October 4.30-5.45pm

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St Mary's Church, Horsell



For children in school years Reception-Year 6

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Come dressed as your favourite superhero or wear something colourful, neon or sparkly



GAMES CRAFT DISCO TALK

To sign up for this event please email Rebecca, our Children and Families' Worker, childrenandfamiliesstmarys@gmail.com



Saint Mary the Virgin
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HORSELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

20th October 8th November 26th November

"Pupils thrive in Horsell Church of England Junior School." **OFSTED 2025**



REGISTER NOW

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horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

- ✓ Sporting Success: District champions across Athletics, Cricket, Netball & Rugby
- ✓ Academic Success: SATS results consistently above national averages

- Feeder school to Woking High School ✓
- Onsite swimming pool ✓
- Large choir and orchestra ✓