



Dear Parents and Carers,

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed,” Isaiah 1:17

It has been a real joy to welcome the children back to school. The building is once again filled with energy, laughter and enthusiasm. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping the children settle back into school so well.

This week, Year 4 have enjoyed a thoughtful and informative talk about **Sikhism**. The children showed great curiosity and respect as they learned about the key beliefs and values of the Sikh faith, linking well to our Year 4 RE topic on Sikhism. Year 5 also had an enjoyable - if wet- trip to the **Shah Jahan Mosque** earlier in the week, where they had a very warm welcome.

Mrs Brincombe enjoyed taking several of our Year 3 pupils to the Winston Churchill primary choir day. They were some of the youngest children at the event, and did well to sing in harmony with other local children.

Year 6 are beginning to think ahead to our forthcoming **“Headteacher for the Day” elections**. This exciting opportunity encourages pupils to reflect on leadership, responsibility and fairness, while giving them a practical understanding of democracy and the importance of having a voice.

Looking ahead, we will soon be learning about our **global neighbours** as part of the **“Restore” campaign run by Christian Aid**. Through this work, the children will explore issues of justice, compassion and hope, and how we can all play a part in making a positive difference in the wider world. In Collective Worship, we will also be thinking about the story of Daniel, and how we can all 'shine like stars' to make a positive difference to our community.

With best wishes,
Mrs Wand



KEEP YOUR DATA UP TO DATE

Please ensure your personal details are kept up to date with the school and notify the office if there have been any changes to contact details, such as your email address, postal address, and phone number. This is to ensure we have all the necessary up-to-date details on our system.

You can check your details on Arbor, including who is listed as an emergency contact. You can also request changes through the Arbor parent app or portal.

Alternatively, please e-mail
office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Key dates 17th - 23th January:

Saturday 17th January:

- PTA **“Good as New” Uniform Sale**, 10:00 - 11:30, Horsell Junior School, on the year 3 playground / Redwood.

Monday 19th January:

- Beech class cookery

Tuesday 20th January:

- Year 3 trip to Milestones museum
- Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics, 09:00 - 12:30, Guildford Spectrum (by invitation)
- Cedar class cookery

Thursday 22nd January:

- Year 6 Music Workshop, in school
- Rowan Class cookery
- New Age Curling for years 3 and 4, Woking Leisure Centre (by invitation)

Friday 23rd January:

- Year 6 Music workshop. Performance to parents at 14:30.

YEAR 3: WHO HAS THE BIGGEST SKULLS?

In Year 3, as part of our science topic 'Animals including Humans', we carried out an experiment to find out whether boys' or girls' skulls are bigger. We made sure it was a fair test by changing only one part of the experiment and keeping everything else the same.

From the data we collected, we found that the female skulls we measured were, on average, slightly bigger.



This helped us practise making predictions, measuring carefully and drawing conclusions from our results.



YEAR 4: GURDWARA VISIT



On Wednesday afternoon, year 4 were given a talk by Raghbir Singh and Dr. Satwinder, members of Ramgarhia Sabha Reading as part of their Sikhism topic.

They found out a lot about the origins of the religion, the 10 Gurus and the 10 virtues as well as finding out about what it is like at a gurdwara and how to tie a turban. The visitors also gifted some books about Sikhism to the school library; the children are looking forward to finding out even more. The visitors praised the children for their fantastic questions. This talk will help further the children's learning in RE, so we are very grateful for the time and expertise shared with us.



YEAR 3 INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Year 3 have begun whole-class instrumental lessons inspired by the theme of South Africa. They have listened to a range of South African music and have been using glockenspiels to recognise and play minims, both by ear and from staff notation, moving up and down in steps.

Next we are going to include semibreves, crotchets and rests. Watch out for us composing rhythmic patterns for our Gumboot Dance.



Your Impact

Thank you for completing Cut Your Carbon! Below, you can see the amazing carbon savings that you and your community have created through the campaign.



Overall Combined Carbon Savings of 360 participants =
2391.63 kgCO₂e

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign by completing the 6 challenges last term. You can see, our school community saved a combined 2,391.63 kg CO₂e, which is a great step towards helping our planet!

A big well done to Cherry Class who returned the most forms and has been rewarded with extra break time.

Your Eco-Reps

Please remember to order lunches for 26th - 31st January by Sunday 18th January. Lunches must be booked 1 week in advance or a packed lunch brought to school.

Please remember: we are a nut free school - products containing nuts **cannot** be brought onto school premises.



“What I wish my parents or carers knew...” - A guide on managing children’s digital lives



Dame Rachel de Souza, Children’s Commissioner, has recently published a new guide, “What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children’s digital lives. She says:

“Supporting children’s safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children’s lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The last time I published a guide like this, *The things I wish my parents had known: Young people’s advice on talking to your child about online sexual harassment*, in December 2021, it was to help parents and carers navigate difficult conversations about sexual harassment online. This guide is different in scope, in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children’s everyday online habits.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn’t work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children’s care and safety. It’s what they expect and what they want from you. As one young person told me: “Don’t be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don’t know what they’re watching and it’s affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don’t.”

The guide can be found online [here](#); we hope you will find this a useful resource.

ABSENCE POLICY: PENALTIES

We would like to draw your attention in to the section regarding penalty notices, which is detailed below.

Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more, which do not have to be consecutive, may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice.

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council’s Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the parent/carer being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice for poor attendance may also be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Inclusion Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to affect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence. Where a formal warning letter has been issued to parents, the Local Authority will monitor the attendance for a maximum of 15 school days and issue a Penalty Notice by first class post if the Local Authority determine that an acceptable level of attendance has not been achieved.

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



4.00pm to 5.30pm

18th January

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

Woking Symphony Orchestra

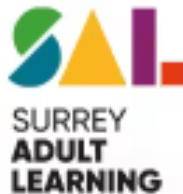
family concert

music by Bernstein, Ravel, Gregson and more...
Nona Lawrence tuba | conductor Roy Stratford

Saturday 17 January 2026, 3:30pm
Cobham Free School, Portsmouth Road, Cobham KT11 1TF

All tickets £7 - Under 2s free
www.wokingso.org.uk & wso2011@hotmail.co.uk

Presented by WokingSO Productions Ltd - Woking Symphony Orchestra registered charity no. 295247



FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Surrey

Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run courses that are available for families to enrol on with a few simple clicks on the website.

There are a wide range of courses, from building your child's self-esteem, to empowering them to build positive friendships, and understanding EBSNA, and many more.



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online 10 week course
Starting 19th January 2026
7.00pm - 8.45pm

The Nurturing Programme (formerly The Parenting Puzzle)

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419



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



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INSET DAY ACTIVITIES

at Horsell Junior School on
Weds 28th January & Mon 29th June
2026

9am - 3.30pm
£27.00

Bookings open at www.nssport2.co.uk

What to bring:

- Appropriate Clothing for the weather & outdoor play.
- A healthy packed lunch with snacks
- A refillable water bottle (No Fizzy)



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CALLING ALL RECRUITS...

MISSION X

HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL
MEADWAY DRIVE | GU21 4TA 16-20 FEB 26

SPY CAMP

09:30-10 WELCOME
10-11 ACTIVITY 1
11-11:30 SNACK
11:30-12:30 ACTIVITY 2
12:30-13:30 LUNCH
13:30-14:15 ACTIVITY 3
14:15-15:00 ACTIVITY 4
15:00-15:15 CERTIFICATES
15:30 HOME TIME

YOUR MISSION STARTS HERE!

ENTER MISSION X: SPY CAMP, BECOME AN UNDERCOVER AGENT, CRACK SECRET CODES, AND COMPLETE TOP-SECRET MISSIONS. TRAIN, TEAM UP, AND PROVE YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES!

SPORT

ART

CHALLENGE

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MISSION COST: £30 PER AGENT | ELIGIBLE AGENTS: YEAR 3-8 | MISSION HOURS: 09:30-15:30

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