

Horsell CofE Junior School

Fortnightly focus

Thursday 19th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

"May the divine light of Allah shine upon you and your family this Eid, guiding you toward a path of righteousness, peace, and eternal success."

I am sure that those celebrating Eid this weekend will have a great time with family and friends, and I send my best wishes to all of our Muslim families at this very special time. It is also wonderful that the end of Ramadan coincides with some better weather!

In school we have been very busy with the choir participating in a concert at GLive on Monday, a Year 4 trip to Butser farm on Tuesday, and a sleepover for year 5 at the Winchester Science Museum on this evening. Year 4 are starting to rehearse for the Easter service next week, and I hope to see many of our Year 4 parents at the service on Wednesday.

Members of School Council met this week to look at how we can reduce the amount of food waste at lunch times. At a time when we are thinking about our Global Neighbours, we are hoping to reduce the amount of food that children throw away, with an awareness that there are many places in the world where people do not have enough to eat. To support with this, please could you talk to your child about the different options when ordering, to check that the food that you are choosing is food that they will eat. This will help us to encourage them to eat their food at lunchtime.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Ms Wand

Key dates 23rd - 27th March 2026

Monday 23rd March:

- **Cross Country Relays**, Hoebridge School, leaving 15:20 (by invitation).
- No year 5 boys' or year 5&6 girls' football.

Tuesday 24th March:

- **Year 4 perform Easter Service to whole school**, 9:15 - 10:30, St Mary's Church.
- **Parent Consultations**, school hall*.

Wednesday 25th March:

- **Year 4 perform Easter Service to parents**, 9:30 - 10:30, St Mary's Church.
- **Parent Consultations**, school hall*.
- **Year 6 netball match v Pyrford** (by invitation).

Thursday 26th March:

- **Acer class parent consultations***

Friday 27th March:

- **Last day of term: early finish 13:15.**
- **PTA Doughnut sale** - to celebrate the end of term, the PTA will be selling doughnuts at pick up time at both Horsell Junior and The Horsell Village schools.

*Please check your scheduled appointment on Arbor. We recommend arriving 5-10 minutes in advance to view your children's work books before meeting their teacher.

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 and h.gordon@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk with a brief description and a photo if you are happy for this to be shared in the Horsell Heroes newsletter.

NEW Lunch Menu!

You can now order your lunches for next half term via Scopay. There are some changes to the menu, so please do look at the menu choices with your children before ordering.



If your child has an allergy/intolerance, please check their special menu [here](#). You should then chose either **red** or **green** options. Please do not select the yellow options, as these have not been approved for specific allergens.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Thank you to everyone who has already placed their order. If you wish to order a hoodie and have not yet done so, please make sure you order with [Valentino Schoolwear](#) no later than 31st March.

Should you have any queries, please contact your class representative.



PARENT WORKSHOP: ONLINE SAFETY or 26th March 2pm to 3pm (This is a repeat of the meeting on 13th March)

Keeping up with the fast-changing online world our children interact with can feel overwhelming, as new apps, games, and platforms appear so quickly. This practical and reassuring session, run by our IT provider, Eduthing, is designed to help parents and carers better understand the digital spaces children use every day.

They will explore the key online safety risks families should be aware of, offer guidance on setting up parental controls, and explain how artificial intelligence is increasingly built into the apps, games, and platforms children use. It will also focus on the importance of open communication, sharing simple strategies for starting positive conversations at home and supporting children to make safe, informed choices online.

Seats are limited so if you would like to attend, please book your place via Scopay.

YEAR 3 PLANT SCIENCE

In Science, year 3 have been looking at the conditions that plants need to survive and grow healthy. We have conducted our own experiments to see how seeds grow if they don't have water, light, air, warmth or soil. Here are some examples of our cress seeds after one week.



YEAR 3 DESIGN PNEUMATIC TOYS

In Design and Technology this term, Year 3 have been busy engineers and have explored how pneumatic systems work. The children designed and made their own pneumatic toys using egg boxes, balloons and clear tubing, learning how air can be used to create movement. They carefully investigated how the mechanism worked before assembling their final products, showing great problem-solving skills and resilience. The children thoughtfully considered the aesthetics of their toys, making creative design choices to ensure their finished products were both functional and visually appealing.





Year 4 have been learning about the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain.

Last week, we were fortunate to have some artefacts in school, on loan from Chertsey Museum, allowing children to predict and use inference skills to work out what items might be used for and what this tells us about how people lived in Anglo-Saxon times.

This week, Year 4 visited Butser Ancient Farm to go back in time and experience what it is like being in an Anglo-Saxon house and take part in activities such as jewellery making, archaeological excavation and writing with quills and pens. Johnny, Melody and Kai told us, *"It was the best trip so far! We went inside an Anglo-Saxon house and learnt about all the things they used to build it. It was extraordinary!"* .



Horsell Chess Champion, Tom (left) and runner up, Dexter (right)

HORSELL JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPION 2026

Our chess coach, Mr Weller had the great pleasure in announcing that Thomas B is the school chess champion for the second year in succession after beating Dexter D in the final.

Our chess club have been playing the school chess championships over the past few weeks and had many exciting chess battles, great fun and good sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Thomas and runner up Dexter as they have been putting a lot of effort into their chess in recent months and their dedication has paid off.

YOUNG CARERS ACTION DAY



Wednesday 11 March was Young Carers Action Day and we celebrated in school with an assembly prepared by **all** of our Young Carers, and led by some of our Young Carers.

Resilient

We were joined by some volunteers, who kindly come in to help with the Young Carers weekly sessions, as well as members from St Mary's Church, who kindly donate funds towards our activities.

Brave

We were treated to an interview with one of our Young Carers who shared some sign language that she has learnt in order to help with her brother. We had a short play, giving a little insight into what it can be like to live as a Young Carer. We also shared some of the characteristics that a Young Carer needs to show – such as caring and kindness; and, despite challenges, this can bring them much happiness.

Caring

We sang 'Brother, Sister, Let me serve you' with Mike Couper kindly accompanying us on the piano.

We are extremely proud of all of our Young Carers who, although their lives are challenging, are brave and resilient.

Kindness

If your child is caring for someone at home who has a long-term condition or illness, please do let the school know if we are not already aware, as we can then offer additional support, such as accessing our Young Carer Support group.

Happiness

We are very grateful to all the support we get to help our Young Carers from our volunteers and St Mary's Church.

**END OF TERM**
DOUGHNUT SALE
ON FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
at
The Horsell Village School
&
The Horsell Junior School
1:15pm - 1:45pm
£1/ doughnut
Cash & card accepted
nut free
(eggs, soya & milk free options available)
Sorry! Not available for After-School Club children

**HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA**
SUMMER FAIR
SAVE THE DATE - THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!
4TH JULY 2026
12:00 - 15:00
Horsell Junior School, Meadway Dr, Horsell,
GU21 4TA

Food

Games

Treasure Hunt



Sunday 22nd March
St Mary's Church, Horsell
4-5.30pm

Crafts and activities for all ages!
Picnic tea provided!



Saint Mary the Virgin

Bible Story

Craft

Biscuit decorating



Swimming Lessons with NSSwim at Horsell Junior School - Bookings Live <https://nsswim.soak.ly/#/online-booking>



Do you want your child to build water confidence, learn to swim or further improve their Swimming Technique?

NSSwim are launching a new Swim Program on Thursday evenings at Horsell Junior School & Intensive Swimming Lessons during the school holidays*

We hope your child can join us!

Sam Dunn, Swim Teacher @ NSSwim & NSSport

*Subject to minimum number of Swimmers being met

- When - Thursday Evenings from April 16th. Intensive Lessons over the school holidays - Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April.
- Location - Horsell Junior School, GU21 4TA.
- Timing's - Lessons Between 6pm - 8pm
- Who are the lessons for? - Children in School Years Rec - 6 (Age & Stage considered when in groups)
- What's included? 30 minute Swimming lesson. Lessons follow Swim England Learn to Swim Framework. Swim Cap included.
- How much does it cost? £7.75 Summer Term discounted lessons (Termly booking) Payment plan available

Next Steps.. spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. T&C's apply <https://nsswim.soak.ly/#/online-booking>



Have a question? Contact us at 07935 220924 / Sam@nsswim.co.uk

NO MORE LOST ITEMS

Please clearly label all school items

To order name labels,

- Visit mynametags.com
- Enter School ID 35538
- Children get the labels & the PTA raises money for the children

