



Dear Parents and Carers

"The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it."

— Sir David Attenborough

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school last week. With the warmer and drier weather, they have been enjoying the run of the field at break times, which is a hive of activity from den building and cartwheels, to football and games of catch!

The children really enjoyed the Earth Day activities on Tuesday, coming in a wonderful array of Earth and Animal inspired clothing. They made wonderful, nature inspired art and recycled bottles into plant pots. It was a wonderful way to think about our planet and how we can do our part to conserve it. We have some photos on page 3 of some of their creations.

The children looked lovely and smart on Wednesday for their class photos - do check their school bags for the order codes if you wish to purchase a copy.

Kind regards
Ms Wand

KEEP YOUR DATA UP-TO-DATE

We would kindly ask that you ensure your personal details are kept up to date on Arbor. You can check your details on the Arbor parent portal or app. If there have been any changes such as your address, e-mail, phone number, and emergency contacts*, please notify the school office by e-mail or update your details directly on Arbor.

This is to ensure we have all the necessary up-to-date details on our system.

*Please note that you will be able to see names but not contact details for any other contacts than yourself. Please contact the office if you need to check we have up-to-date information.

Key dates 27th April - 1st May 2026

Monday 27th April:

- Year 3 visit from Rabbi (RE)
- Rowan class parent consultations*.

Tuesday 28th April:

- Rowan class parent consultations*.

Wednesday 29th April:

- Book Fair, Apple Class, 15:10 - 15:40.

Thursday 30th April:

- Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft
- Book Fair, Apple Class, 15:10 - 15:40

Friday 1st May:

- Book Fair, Apple Class, 15:10 - 15:40

* 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.

** Book fair: Card payments preferred, cash also accepted (please bring change).

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](#).

MICRO:BIT WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in an exciting hands-on workshop with Roke. Ross O'Driscoll, Anthony Cooke and Kieran Blowes worked alongside the children, guiding them through the process of creating their very own Micro:bit controllers.

The pupils were able to programme and operate robots, bringing their learning to life in a fun and engaging way. The workshop sparked great enthusiasm, with children demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving skills and creativity throughout. It was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to explore real-world applications of computing, and we are very grateful to the Roke team for providing such an inspiring experience.

COMPUTING, CODING & COLLECTING



Year 4 have been exploring the exciting world of data logging as part of their computing curriculum using Micro:bit devices.

Pupils have used Micro:bit devices to record the sound, light and temperature levels around the school and have used the devices investigate their own questions.

We have also begun our new programming unit using scratch. They have developed problem-solving skills through the debugging of their code and have a strong understanding of how software works. It's been fantastic to see their creativity and confidence grow as they bring their ideas to life through coding!

REFRACTION ACTION IN YEAR 3

Year 3 have been real scientists in their recent lessons, investigating the concept of reflection using torches and mirrors. They explored how light travels and discovered how it can bounce off different surfaces, making careful observations along the way. Through hands-on experiments, pupils developed their enquiry skills and worked collaboratively to test their ideas. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity shine as they explored the science of light!



Please remember to order lunches for 5th - 8th May by Sunday 26th April. 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.





EARTH DAY



This week the school celebrated 'Earth Day' and took part in activities linked to helping our natural world. Year 3 and 5 focused on recycling old plastic bottles to make hanging planters, Year 4 reflected on the little actions we can all do and wrote pledges inspired by the 'Lorax' film. They also enjoyed creating artwork with natural materials. Year 6 looked at wildlife conservation and created posters to send to the Wildlife/Wildfire team who came and gave a talk last half term.

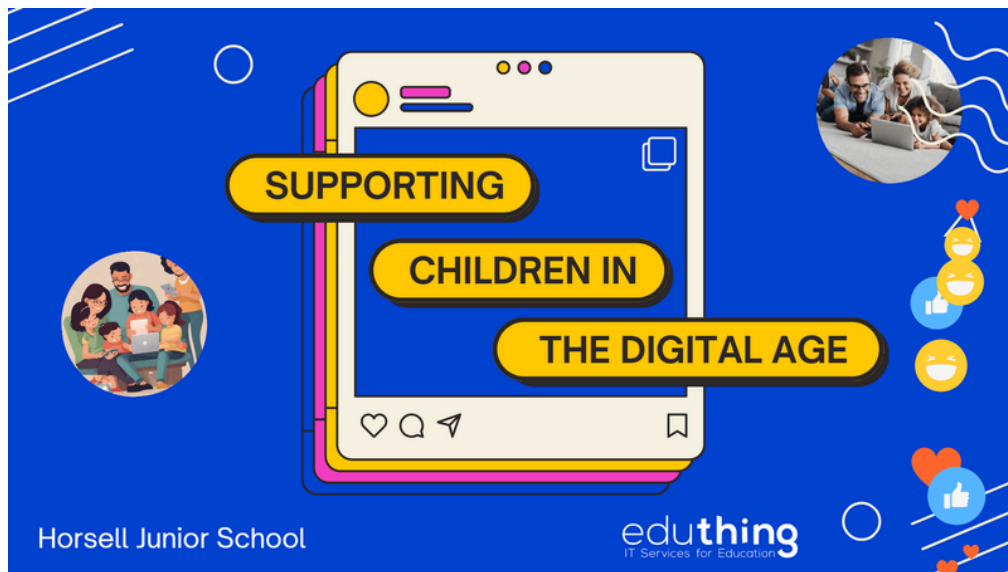
On Friday, the Eco-Committee will lead an assembly about endangered species and the little actions we can all do to help our wildlife such as: saving paper to reduce deforestation, reducing plastics in our oceans and choosing not to buy products containing palm oil. The children will also get share their creations from the day.

The children all enjoyed dressing up in mufti (Earth & animal inspired!) and some of the money raised is going towards adopting an animal at Marwell Zoo. The children voted which animal they would like to adopt and the tiger had the most votes! Thank you to Mrs Huddy and the PTA for organising this, what a special thing for our community to do!



YEAR 6 SATS AND RESIDENTIAL TRIP SLIDES

Slides from Tuesday's online meeting are now available in the [Year 6 area of our school website](#).



SUPPORTING
CHILDREN IN
THE DIGITAL AGE

Horsell Junior School

eduthing
IT Services for Education

The slides from our Online Safety meetings, run by our IT provider Eduthing, are now available online [here](#).



HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA
In Partnership With
DAYDAWN NURSERIES

Horsell Pop-UP Plant Sale

Sat 16th May 2026 9am - 12pm

At The Horsell Village School
Church Hill GU21 4QQ

Cash & card accepted

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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



Summer Term PTA Events



Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.
Dr Seuss

APRIL

Little Recyclers Collections

Thu 16th
At Both schools

Earth Day Celebration & Animal Adoption *


Tue 21st
At Both schools

** 2 Volunteers needed in each school from 8:10am to 9am*

MAY

Pop-up Plant Sale

Sat 16th
At Horsell Village School



JUNE

Uniform Sale & Play & Meet New Friends *

Sat 13th, 10:00-11:30
At Horsell Junior School

Mufti Day

Fri 19th
At Both Schools

** Volunteers needed*

JULY

Circus Show & Summer Fair *

Sat 4th, 12:00-15:00
At Horsell Junior School

Summer Disco *

Tue 14th (HJS ONLY).

Leavers' Disco *

Wed 15th (HJS ONLY).

End of Term Treat *

Thu 16th, 15:10-15:30
At Both Schools

** Volunteers needed*

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

