

# Horsell CofE Junior School

## Fortnightly focus

Thursday 7th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

*"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Corinthians 16:14*

We were delighted to see our recent Earth Day event featured in the Woking News & Mail this week. The event was a great celebration of environmental awareness, teamwork and creativity, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm shown by the children. You can read the online article [here](#).

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Harding Jones for installing our new hall sound system. It has already made such a positive difference to assemblies, performances and collective worship, and we are very grateful for his time, expertise and generosity. We are very lucky to have such a supportive team of parents who are willing to share their expertise and give up their time for us.

In today's collective worship, we reflected on how every one of us can be an "agent of change" in the world around us. Using some different types of bread as a stimulus, we then explored the Parable of the Yeast from Matthew 13:33, where Jesus teaches that even something very small can have a powerful impact: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Together, we thought about how small acts of kindness, courage and compassion can spread and influence others in positive ways. Just like yeast changes the dough, our words and actions can help shape a happier, kinder and more hopeful community.

With very best wishes  
Mrs Wand



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS  
FOR OUR PLAY TIME:**

- Gluten free pasta
- Large bubble wands
- Bags of play sand
- Bubble solution
- Extra large pavement chalks
- Water beads (also called ORBEEZ)
- Ping pong bats
- Sensitive skin shaving foam cans
- Wools/ string pipe /cleaners
- Kitchen utensils including plastic or tin crockery and cups

A donation bin is located outside the school entrance (by the school office). Thank you for your support!

### Key dates 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Ash class assembly, 8:55am prompt.** Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the assembly hall; photography is not permitted.

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Year 6 SATS: SPAG** (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), **Spelling Test.**

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Year 6 SATS: Reading.**
- **Ash class: Heathlands visit (Horsell common)\*.**

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Year 6 SATS: Maths papers 1 and 2.**

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Year 6 SATS: Maths paper 3.**
- **Oak class Heathland visit (Horsell common)\*.**

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:

- **Elm class Heathland visit (Horsell common)\*.**

\* Children should bring a change of clothes (mufti) on the day in a named carrier bag. Please ensure this includes clothing that covers both arms and legs (e.g. a long-sleeved top and long trousers or leggings), along with trainers.

## VISIT FROM WILL FORSTER

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May we were visited by our MP, Will Forster. He led an assembly for the whole school and explained to the children what he does and what it is like to be the MP for Woking. The children asked him some fantastic questions that showed their knowledge of current affairs and their confidence to engage with decision makers.



Next, our school council gave a presentation to ask Mr Forster what more he can do about global issues such as climate change and poverty. He saw Global Neighbours work from across our whole school and answered questions from every class. Our school council made sure he understood how strongly our pupils feel about the impact of climate change.



Last Friday, Elm Class proudly presented their class assembly to parents, carers, Mrs Wand, their year group peers, and their Year 6 buddy class. The children sang beautifully, spoke with clarity, danced with confidence, and shared highlights of the exciting learning they have enjoyed so far this year.



## PLEASE NOMINATE US FOR THE NATIONAL VEGETARIAN COOK-ALONG!



Last year, we were fortunate enough to be selected to take part in the Cook School vegetarian cook-along, with free ingredients provided to the school so that all children in years 3 and 5 could learn to make empanadas!

Cook School have partnered again with Linda McCartney Foods to teach over 5,000 school children how to cook a delicious tasting, healthy vegetarian meal for themselves and their families. The chosen schools will follow along to video-led classes as the children learn how to make a new recipe from scratch. Recipe cards are also provided to encourage the children to cook the recipe again for their families at home.

Nominations are now open online for 2026 so please do take a moment to nominate us (School contact: Mrs Parker, Horsell CofE Junior School, Meadway Drive, Horsell, Woking, Surrey, GU21 4TA, 01483 761531 )!

## RABBI BRINGS RE LEARNING TO LIFE

Year 3 were delighted to welcome Rabbi Zvi into school for an engaging workshop on Jewish festivals, including Passover and Sukkot. He brought the story of Passover to life through actions and gave the children the opportunity to taste matzos and grape juice. The children also learned about the Seder plate and the meaning behind each of the symbolic foods.



Please remember to order lunches for 18th - 22nd May by Sunday 10th May. 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.





**Parenting  
Anxious Children**

Parent Coach & Consultant

## PARENT WORKSHOPS: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY

In person: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026, 09:30 - 10:30,  
Horsell Junior School. Book your place [here](#).

Zoom session: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 20:00.  
Sign up to the online event [here](#).

We are proud to invite you to parenting workshops with Katrina Batey, a trained SPACE (Supportive Parenting for Anxious Childhood Emotions) Treatment Provider. Katrina has a Masters in Psychology and Neuroscience of Mental Health, is a certified Mental Health Coach and former Primary School teacher as well as a parent! You can find out more about Katrina [here](#).

This workshop is for anyone who has a child who is prone to anxiety, worries or fears. This could be that your child frequently seeks lots of reassurance, seems to be painfully shy, finds it distressing to separate from parents/caregivers, has trouble sleeping, has significant fears, has repeated routines they need to do to reduce their anxiety, or any other behaviours that are driven by anxiety or worry.

This session will look at what anxiety is, how it presents, how it develops, and important principles for parents to understand about how parents can support their child when they are anxious and help them overcome anxiety.

Your child does not need to have any kind of diagnosis for you to attend or benefit from the workshops. This workshop is also suitable for parents of neurodivergent children. Your child does not need to have severe anxiety for you to attend or benefit from the workshops.

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to RHS Garden Wisley, where we enjoyed a fantastic day exploring the beautiful gardens and discovering a wide variety of plants in the impressive glasshouse. The children were fascinated by the different colours, shapes, and scents of the plants and loved learning more about the natural world. We also enjoyed eating our lunch in the sunshine while overlooking the lake, which made the day even more special. A huge thank you to the 11 parent helpers who volunteered their time to join us and support the children throughout this exciting and memorable day out.



## YEAR 4 VISIT TO SAYERS CROFT

Last week, Year 4 had an exciting outdoor adventure at Sayers Croft where they explored the wonders of pond life and carried out a stream study linked to our “Rivers” and “Living things in their habitats” topics.

The children were brimming with curiosity as they dipped their nets into the water, discovering the hidden life beneath the surface. They observed tiny creatures like water beetles, pond snails, pond skaters and even some wriggly water larvae. Everyone was amazed to see how much life thrives in just a small body of water!

They carried out a river study by sketching and naming different parts of a stream, looking at how erosion and deposition created bends in rivers (meanders). They loved getting into the water with their wellies on to measure the depth of the river on the outside and inside of the stream to see where it was the deepest to see if their predictions were correct. By examining the water carefully, the children discovered different insects and learned how to tell if the water is clean and healthy by what lived there. Everyone worked together to record their findings, practicing their measuring, observation and teamwork skills. The trip was a fantastic way to connect classroom learning with the natural world. Year 4 left inspired, with a deeper appreciation for wildlife and the environment around them.

A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who helped and supported us.



## Year 4 French Cafe

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday 19th May, Year 4 are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue as part of an exciting French café experience.

During the day, the children will take on the roles of both customers and waiters, giving them a fun and practical opportunity to put the French they have been learning this half term into practice.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day of language, role-play, and cultural learning.

Kind regards, Mrs Parker and the Year 4 team

## YEAR 4 TORCH MAKING DT PROJECT

YEAR 4 WILL BE MAKING TORCHES ON THE WEEK COMMENCING 1ST OF JUNE, IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING SLEEPOVER (26TH JUNE) PLEASE SEND IN BY 22<sup>ND</sup> OF MAY:

1. AN EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLE
2. 2 NEW AA BATTERIES (OPTIONAL)



We will also like parent volunteers to help us with this project on the following days :



Acer: Wednesday 1pm - 3pm



Palm: Thursday 1pm - 3:pm



Pine: Thursday 1pm - 3:pm

Please email your child's class teacher directly if you are able to help.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT,**  
MRS PARKER AND THE YEAR 4 TEAM

**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**

**YELLOW DAYS**

Book your favourite holiday clubs in one place

**5% discount using SCHOOL5 code**

Find us in the app store or visit [yellowdays.com](https://yellowdays.com)



## Free Drop-In Mental Health Support

The Matthew Hackney Foundation

**Need someone to talk to? We're here to listen**  
 Advice, guidance and support to help you access the right support  
 These are not counselling sessions, but a chance to talk things through  
 You don't have to be in crisis to come along

*Come & have a chat*

### Byfleet Library

18th April, 10 am-12 pm  
 16th May, 10 am-12 pm

Confidential & non-judgemental

More to follow in June, July, September and November

No appointment needed

Friendly, qualified counsellors

Just drop in - no referral needed



Everyone is welcome

We have partnered with Yellow Days to offer all our parents a 5% discount on all holiday camps listed, including favourites such as Camp Beaumont, Barracudas and NS.

Visit [yellowdays.com](https://yellowdays.com) and use the promo code **SCHOOL5** for your school discount.  
 If you enter the reference code **HORSELLJUNIOR** at checkout too, Yellow Days will donate £1 for each booking back to our school.

Friends of Woking High School will be running a pre-loved uniform sale on

**Saturday 9th May**  
**10:30 - 11:30**  
 in the school hall.

Entrance is via the Meadway Drive Gate, which will open at 10:30.

There will be an additional sale for year 6 pupils at the parent information meeting in June.

08:30 EXTENDED DAY DROP OFF  
 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  
 14:15-15:45 ACTIVITY 4  
 15:45-16:55 CERTIFICATES  
 16:00 COLLECTION  
 17:00 EXTENDED COLLECTION

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# TIME TRAVELLER

INCLUDES SWIM SESSIONS  
 26-28 MAY



FROM £30pp  
 EXTENDED DAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

YEAR 1-6  
 HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL  
 HEADWAY DRIVE  
 WOKING  
 GU21 4TA

26-28 MAY 2026  
 08:30-17:00



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## INFORMATION EVENT



### Considering a career in teaching?

Would you like to train in a school in your local community?  
 Come and chat with a member of our friendly South Farnham SCITT team and find out if teacher training is the career for you.

  
  


No need to book. Ask us about:

- Do I need experience?
- Which programme is right for me?
- What finance options are available?



FOR MORE INFO

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