

# Horsell C of E Junior School

## Fortnightly focus

Thursday 4th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome all of our children back to school, despite the slight chaos outside the school building!

Our new school value this half term is forgiveness. This value is very important to the Horsell family, as we learn that, even when we try our best, we can sometimes make mistakes. As the bible says, *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* Ephesians 4:32.

This week, year 4 have had an unforgettable experience as part of their Darwin's Kingdom topic. They welcomed a range of exotic animals into school, sparking curiosity and excitement while bringing their learning to life. They have also had a wonderful time making torches ready for their sleepover. Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils have been preparing for their next big step. They had the opportunity to meet teachers from Woking High School on Tuesday before our teachers had handover meetings with Year 7 staff.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited for the half term ahead and the many opportunities it will bring.

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### REMINDER! WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of children with severe tree and peanut nut allergies within our school.

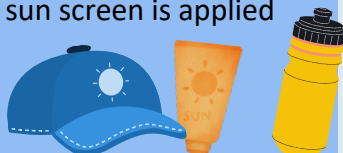
To help keep everyone safe, please ensure that no items containing nuts (including spreads, snack bars, or products labelled as containing nuts) are brought into school at any time.

We appreciate your support.

### WATER BOTTLES, HATS AND SUN SCREEN

Please remember to send children to school with a named water bottle each day. With the warmer weather, it is important children are able to stay hydrated.

Please ensure they have a sun hat with them, and that sun screen is applied before school.



Thank you.

## Key dates 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

- **Year 3 Egyptian Day.** Children in year 3 are invited to wear themed clothing and should bring a small teddy bear for the mummification activity.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June:

- **Informal service at St Mary's Church**, 10am, all welcome. St Mary's Church will be holding a special service, themed on "Service" (one of our school values) on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Some of our pupils will be singing and giving a reading. We warmly invite the whole school community to come along. The service will also be streamed online.

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:

- **Year 5 & 6 District Athletics**, Woking Sports Box, 12:30 - 15:30 (by invitation). There will be no girls' cricket club this day.

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June:

- **OPAL afternoon for parents/guardians**, 2pm. Details overleaf.

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June:

- **Girls' District Cricket Finals**, Byfleet Cricket Club (by invitation)

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June:

- **Oak class assembly**, 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into assembly. Photography is not permitted.

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June:

- **PTA Good As New Uniform Sale**, 10-11:30am, Horsell Junior School



## OPAL PLAY AFTERNOON

**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**14:00 - 14:55**

We are excited to inform you that we are going to host an OPAL play afternoon! Through OPAL, we are continuing to improve outdoor play at our school by offering more opportunities for creative, child-led play and learning. Please come along and see what OPAL is all about and have a play with your child.

### Timings:

- 14:05 Adults gather in hall
- 14:15 Adults collect their children and go to the playground to play
- 14:15 Enjoy OPAL!
- 14:50 (First whistle) Tidy up time, all to be involved in this – the children will show you what to do.
- 14:55 (Second whistle) Children return to class and parents wait in appropriate areas for collection.

*PLEASE NOTE: You will not be able to come and go from the school site until the end of the play session.*

### Your ticket to play is a “loose part”!

Every adult (1 per family) is asked to bring in 1 item for play to the OPAL afternoon to help build our collection of loose parts. These are some of loose parts that we currently need:

- Table tennis bats and balls
- Small construction vehicles
- Large empty spools (used for wire, chain, rope, etc), cable drums
- Large buckets, laundry baskets and containers
- Chunky chalks
- Children’s magnifying glasses and tweezers
- Empty oil drums, water butts
- Any type of dressing up or accessories including hats, gloves, bags, wallets, clothes etc
- Sensitive skin shaving foam
- Gluten free pasta
- Wool, string, pipe cleaners
- Large sheets of fabric or tarpaulin
- Loom bands
- Large foam or rubber balls (no leather balls please)
- Small sea animal and ‘bug’ type plastic toys
- Road signs and cones
- Pine cones, corks, shells and pebbles
- Bags of play sand
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Orbeez and play dough tools
- Paint brushes (all sizes), rollers and roller trays
- Kitchen utensils including plastic or tin crockery and cups (no glass or other breakable materials please).

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in items for OPAL since we started this initiative. The children love playing with everything that has been donated and we look forward to having you join us.



### EXCITING NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

We are delighted to introduce our new catering company, Clever Chefs. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the new menu, especially the delicious, freshly baked bread! It has been lovely to see such enthusiasm for mealtimes, and we are confident that this partnership will continue to encourage healthy and enjoyable eating habits. If your child does not currently have school dinners, why not give them a try?

Pupil reviews have been really positive and it is very easy to book a few meals to see if your child might enjoy something from the new menu. Please book via Scopay, bookings for the week close at 23:59 on Sunday evening. E.g. meals for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June must be booked by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

If your child has a food allergy, intolerance or other special dietary requirements, please complete the Clever Chef’s special diet form [online](#) here or download a copy of the form [here](#) and return to the office.



### SPORTS WEEK, 15<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AND SPORTS DAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We are already looking ahead to our upcoming Sports Week, which will include our much-anticipated Sports Day. This is always a highlight of the school year, bringing together teamwork, perseverance, and fun. More detailed information will be shared with you soon—we hope you can join us to support the children.



## 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](#).



## MUFTI DONATION DAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### YEAR 3- TOY TOMBOLA

Good quality boxed toys, puzzles, soft toys, board games, modelling kits, card games etc.

### YEAR 4- BOTTLES AND EDIBLE GIFTS

Please ensure items in date and do NOT contain nuts.

### YEAR 5- PARTY BAG FILLERS

Small toys, balls, small activities, stickers, perfect as prizes, as gender neutral as possible please.

No party bags needed.

### YEAR 6 SWEETS & CHOCOLATES

Sweet multi packs i.e. individually wrapped packs of sweets, chocolate bars, lollies that would be perfect as a prize. Must **NOT** contain nuts.

### ALL YEAR GROUPS

In addition to the above, any donations of good quality Soft Toys/Teddies, Games/Toys and in date Bottles/Edible gifts are much appreciated.

Thank you!

**HORSELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 3 2026**

Contact us to book a school tour "Pupils thrive in Horsell Church of England Junior School." **OFSTED 2025**

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- ✓ Sporting Success: District champions across Athletics, Cricket, Netball & Rugby
- ✓ Academic Success: SATS results consistently well above national averages
- ✓ Feeder school to Woking High School
- ✓ Onsite swimming pool
- ✓ Large choir and orchestra

**HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA**

**HORSELL PTA GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE**

At **Horsell Junior School**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
10am – 11.30am  
Cash and card payments accepted

Please donate good condition, clean uniform to Horsell Junior School (BLUE bin outside the office entrance) – no grey or white items please

*\*No old style Junior school uniform donations \**

New players welcome!

JOIN CHOBHAM RFC FOR ...

**SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY**

**FRIDAY'S**  
6.30pm - 8.00pm  
starts: 5<sup>th</sup> June

**BOYS**  
U7 - U11  
SCHOOL YRS 2-6

**GIRLS**  
U7 - U14  
SCHOOL YRS 2-9

**Chobham Recreation Ground**  
Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AL

CONTACT - [GIRLSCHAIR@CHOBHAM-RUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:GIRLSCHAIR@CHOBHAM-RUGBY.CO.UK)

**HORSELL MARTIANS FC**

**OPEN MORNING**

Free, fun and anyone interested in joining is welcome to come!

- ⚽ 09.00 - 10.00: Current Year 2 & 3
- ⚽ 10.00 - 11.00: Current Year 4 & 5
- ⚽ 11.00 - 12.00: Current Year 6

Each group will have a mini tournament. Please email if interested or simply turn up on the day!

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Goldsworth Primary School**  
Contact: [hello@martiansfootball.com](mailto:hello@martiansfootball.com)

**PLAY ⚽ CONNECT ⚽ GROW**