

Horsell C of E junior

Fortnightly focus

Friday 2nd October 2026



The Horsell Junior School Vision Statement:

At Horsell C of E Junior School we believe that we are all 'made in the image of God'. Through a commitment to Christian values and high academic aspirations, we strive to provide a rich and inclusive education for every member of our school family.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Horsell C of E Junior School, one of the values we aim to nurture in our children is dignity. This means recognising that every person is precious, worthy of respect, and created in God's image. When we show kindness, listen to one another, celebrate differences, and treat each other with compassion, we demonstrate dignity in action.

This week has provided many wonderful examples of our children living out this value. Our Year 4 pupils enjoyed an amazing pizza-making morning with Squistos, working together brilliantly and taking great pride in their creations. It was wonderful to see their cooperation, enthusiasm, and growing independence on display. It was also wonderful to have so many parent helpers!

We are also proud of our Year 6 and Year 5 children, who have recently been appointed to their various roles and responsibilities for the term. Whether serving as librarians, sports captains, House captains, office monitors or other important positions, they have embraced these opportunities with a sense of service to our school.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Year 5 Harvest Festival, where we will come together to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy and reflect on how we can support others in our local community. Thank you in advance for your support with this important event.

A reminder, too, of our church service this Sunday, where our choir will be participating. We are always incredibly proud of the children who represent the school in the wider community, and we look forward to sharing this special act of worship together. All of our children and families are welcome.

With best wishes,
Ms Celia Wand
Headteacher

HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 4th October, 10am
St Mary's Church, Horsell

St. Mary's Church and Horsell Junior School are delighted to invite all of our families to a special Harvest Service.

Our choir and several children from our school will be participating in the service, and it would be lovely to celebrate Harvest with our wider school community.

Key dates 4th - 9th October

Sunday 4th October:

- **Harvest service at St Mary's Church**, school choir members participating. All welcome.

Tuesday 6th October:

- Year 5 Harvest Service to school and parents, 9:30am, St Mary's.

Wednesday 7th October:

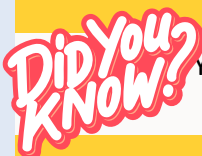
- Year 4 Music Workshop

Thursday 8th October:

- Year 4 Music Workshop; performance to parents at 14:30

Friday 9th October:

- Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
- PTA Pop and Glow Fireworks Evening, 16:00 - 20:00, Horsell and Woking Cricket Club. Book your tickets [here](#)!



You can synch our website calendar to your phone and other devices! Click [here](#) and press *subscribe*.



Year 5 Harvest Festival

Tuesday 6th October

09:30 - 11:00

St Mary's Church



Year 5 parents are invited to join us.

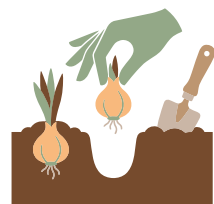
HOMEWORK SURVEY

We would be very grateful if parents / carers with children in years 4 - 6 could complete a short [online survey](#) about our current homework provision.

If you have more than one child, please complete a separate survey for each one. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and will really help us to get important information about the homework that we set at Horsell Junior school.

To complete the survey, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your support.



Do you have spare plant bulbs?
Mrs Tuson is planning a little gardening project in the school and would be very grateful for any donations. Thank you!

We are still also welcoming donations of the following items for wet play:

- Board games (complete with all pieces)
- UNO, Top Trumps or similar card games
- Lego, Geomags and other construction toys



Harvest Donations



This harvest, we will be supporting York Road Project.

The York Road Project would be pleased to receive the following non-perishable goods, which the children will take to St Mary's on 6th October:

- Pot noodles/ instant pasta or rice meals
- Breakfast cereals
- Sandwich spreads eg. fishpaste
- Tinned rice pudding, custard, fruit, instant desserts
- Tinned basic vegetables: potatoes, carrots, peas, corn
- Meal sauces, such as passata
- Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, brown sauce, etc).
- Multi pack crisps, biscuits, chocolate, cakes
- Canned ready meals: hot dogs, pies, meatballs, stews, curry, spaghetti bolognese, corned beef
- Tinned ham/tuna
- Spices and spice meal packets
- Coffee and Hot Chocolate
- UHT milk
- Sugar
- Small juice cartons
- Shampoo, Shower gel, Hand soap, Deodorant, Razors
- "Treat" foods, e.g. biscuits, chocolate, crisps, cakes

Please do not include:

- anything out of date or nearing expiry date,
- any homemade items (pickles/jams etc)
- currently we are not accepting pastas, tea bags or mixed pulses (lentils, chickpeas etc).

Thank you for your generosity.



Please remember to order lunches for next week by Sunday evening!
Lunches must be booked in advance or a packed lunch brought to school.

We are a nut free school - no products containing nuts can be brought into school.



YEAR 3 VISIT TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

Year 3 visited St Mary's Church as part of their RE curriculum. During their visit, the children explored the Christian calendar and learned about some of the key events and celebrations throughout the Christian year.

The children discovered that the church is "dressed" in different colours to reflect the special events taking place:

- **Purple** – a time to say sorry, reflect and prepare for what is to come.
- **Gold** – represents a time to celebrate and rejoice, such as Christmas, Easter Sunday and the Ascension.
- **Red** – represents God's love, the colour of the heart, as well as blood and fire. It is used for important occasions including Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost.
- **Green** – represents ordinary time, covering the period after Pentecost through the rest of the year until Advent. Green reminds Christians of growth and learning.

The children enjoyed 'spotting' the colours around the church and thinking about what each one tells. Now, St Mary's Church (and our worship table at school) is dressed in green, as we are in the season of ordinary time.

Thank you to vicar Dimitri for inviting us and for delivering an engaging session for us all.



YEAR 4 HUMANISM TALK

Year 4 children had the wonderful opportunity to learn more about their new RE topic, Humanism, from a visiting Humanist called Bjoern. Bjoern explained what Humanism is and how it differs from faith-based religions. He also shared his personal journey of becoming a Humanist, including some of his own experiences, traditions and beliefs. The children enjoyed listening to Bjoern and asked a range of inquisitive and thoughtful questions, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of Humanism and the different ways people find meaning and live their lives.



Friday 9th October 2026

16:00 - 20:00

Woking & Horsell Cricket Club

Join the PTA on Friday 9th October at Horsell and Woking Cricket Club for our first multimedia laser and firework display.

Roman History Gets a Pizza Makeover!

There was flour on the tables, dough in the air and plenty of budding young Pizzaioli when Squisito returned for Year 4's Roman Week. After the success of previous years' workshops, Michele and Aldo from Horsell's Squisito Italian Takeaway Kitchen were back to educate and inspire 2026 Year 4 pupils on pizza making.

The morning began with a little food history. The children discovered that the Romans enjoyed simple flatbreads using ingredients they could produce, olive oil, herbs and cheese, but would have had to wait many centuries for the tomato-topped pizza we know today. Then Michele demonstrated a Pizzaiolo's secret. Taking their house dough, he skilfully stretched pizza dough by hand, then made a Roman-style flatbread and a classic Margherita.

Then it was Year 4's turn. Working together in small groups, the children had a go at stretching their dough and realised how difficult it is! Adding toppings to complete their own pizzas was much easier, but equally exciting.

The Squisito workshop has become something the children look forward to as part of our Roman topic. It is such an engaging way of bringing their learning to life. They get to watch and learn, then put into practice and, of course, taste their crafted pizza.

Judging by the smiles, the speed at which the finished pizzas were eaten, the Year 4 Pizzaioli were more than satisfied with their pizza creations. A huge thank you to Michele and Aldo from Squisito, our teachers and parent helpers for another brilliant morning of history, teamwork and pizza-making.

Squisitos have asked us to share a special discount code with our families, which can be found below.





New School Term Offer to Staff & Families
Let Squisito Feed You!
EXCLUSIVE SCHOOLS' OFFER
15% off
Apply code SCHOOL15


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Scan QR to www.squisitotakeaway.co.uk
Apply code SCHOOL15 at checkout.
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Valid main menu Tues to Sunday, Collection & Delivery
Contact admin@squisitotakeaway for any help & raffle vouchers

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL & INDEPENDENT
Squisito Italian Takeaway Kitchen 109A High Street, Horsell, GU21 4SY

International Day of Peace Competition

In the summer term, many of our pupils took part in the annual International Day of Peace Competition in Woking, organised by Woking People of Faith. They entered posters and poems on the question "What can I do to help world peace?". We are delighted to see our children sharing their thoughts on peace, kindness and harmony through this wonderful initiative.

On Saturday, a number of them proudly received certificates from the Mayor for their excellent participation. Congratulations to all our children who won prizes, including:

Year 3 Posters (now Year 4):

1st Prize - Sophie D; 2nd prize - Olivia S

Year 4 Posters (now Year 5):

1st Prize - Charlotte L; 2nd prize - Ethan V;
3rd prize - Ishani K; Runners Up - Rhys O; Shifa B

Year 4 Poems (now Year 5):

2nd prize - Aria W-I; 3rd prize - Megan C; Runner up Stephanie L



Class Assembly Dates:

13th November, 9am - Willow
20th November, 9am - Cherry
27th November, 9am - Spruce
4th December, 9am - Acer
11th December, 9am - Palm
15th January, 9am - Pine
29th January, 9am - Cedar
5th February, 9am - Beech
26th February, 9am - Rowan
23rd April, 9am, Oak
30th April, 9am - Elm
21st May, 9am - Ash

Please also note the following dates:

Year 5 Harvest Service,
6th October, 9:30am

Year 3 Nativity
10th December (evening)

Year 4 Easter Service
23rd March, 9:30am

Year 6 Production
15th July (evening)

Further details will follow nearer the time including exact timings.

INSET DAY ACTIVITIES

at Horsell Junior School on
16th Oct / 25th Mar & 28th June

Standard Day 9.30am - 3.30pm - £24
Extended Day-8.30am - 5pm - £30
Ext AM/PM 8.30-3.30pm / 9.30-5pm-£27

Entry via school playground gates,
please call the site phone 07542
031623 for entry if gates are closed.
Limited to 12 children per program



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SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The closing date for children in year 6 to apply for a place at secondary school is 31st October 2026. For further information, please click [here](#). Applications for primary school places (reception or year 3, starting September 2027, open 2nd November.

Horsell C of E Junior School

Open Mornings

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
Our Year 6 SATs results consistently exceed national outcomes
**98% GPS | 92% Maths | 89% Reading
88% Writing**

SPORTING SUCCESS
🏆 District Athletics Champions
Girls' County Cricket Champions
Boys' County Cricket Finalists 🏏
3rd Place London & South East Football
🏆 District Rugby Champions

OPEN MORNING DATES
Monday 21st September 2026
Wednesday 14th October 2026
Saturday 7th November 2026
Monday 11th January 2027

BOOK YOUR PLACE



Please share the link to our [open days](#) with anyone you know who may be looking for a place in Year 3 September '27. We also currently have a few spaces in Year 3 this year.

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
2 November 2026
and 15 January 2027





Woking High School
Inspire, Challenge, Achieve



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

EXCELLENCE

RESILIENCE

KINDNESS

INCLUSION

ENGAGEMENT

YEAR 6

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 6th October 2026
Thursday 8th October 2026
Monday 12th October 2026
8.45am - 9.45am

You are warmly invited to join us at Woking High School for a small group tour escorted by our students.

Please reserve your place through this [booking link](#) or visit our website under **Join Us – Student Admissions** for details.

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To book one of Woking High School's Open Mornings, please click [here](#).

If your child is booked into an Open Morning at Woking High School, please register their absence by completing our online form [here](#). For any other school visits, please complete a [leave of absence form](#).

Is your child in year 6?

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