Horsell *CofE* Junior

Fortnightly focus

Friday 12th November 2026



Dear parents and carers,

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." Romans 15:13

As we move through November and spend time remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others, we have been reflecting in school on what it means to be peacemakers in our own community. Through our collective worship and classroom discussions, children have considered how small acts of kindness, forgiveness, understanding and respect can help bring peace to our friendships, classrooms and wider world.

It has been another busy and exciting week across the school. Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic music workshop, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their musical skills and enthusiasm through practical activities.

We were also pleased to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting this week, and would like to thank everyone who attended and continues to support the work of the PTA. We are already looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Fair.

There is plenty more to look forward to this week. On Friday, pupils will be taking part in their DT Pneumatic Toys project, putting their design and technology skills into practice through some creative and exciting learning. We are also looking forward to Willow Class Assembly on Friday and are excited to see the children share their learning.

Kind regards
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Key dates 13th - 20th November

Friday 13th November:

- **Willow class assembly,** 09:00 - 09:30, school hall. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall.
- **Year 3 DT project day - Pneumatic Toys**.

Tuesday 17th November:

- **Y5/6 Netball match Horsell v Pyrford,** 15:15 - 16:30 (by invitation)

Wednesday 18th November:

- **PTA Crazy Hair Day.** Children are invited to come into school with CRAZY hair in exchange for a donation to the PTA. Suggested donation £2 cash to be collected on the gate at drop off. No permanent dye.
- **Deadline to book disco tickets.**

Thursday 19th November:

- **Year 3&4 Disco,** 18:15 - 19:15. £5, book your tickets by 18/11!
- **Year 5&6 Disco**, 19:30 - 20:30. £5, book your tickets by 18/11!

Friday 20th November:

- **Cherry Class assembly**, 9:00 - 09:30. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the school hall.

You can sync our website calendar to your phone and other devices! Click here and press *subscribe*.





CUT YOUR CARBON IS BACK!

For the 4th year running, the Eco-Committee are inviting children and their families to save energy in your homes this month. Not only will it cut your energy costs but will help fight climate change.

Children will be bringing a form home with 9 challenges on to aim to complete this month. We will then collect forms in during the first week of December and calculate how much energy we have saved as a school!

It would be great if we could continue some of these energy saving challenges over the winter months! Good luck everyone and happy saving!



Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM on Tuesday, where Mrs Huddy officially stepped down as chair. A huge thanks to Mrs Huddy, who has run the PTA for a number of years, raising a tremendous amount for our schools! We welcomed in new chairs, Rosie and Cate, and look forward to working with them as they continue this fantastic work along side the rest of the committee.

Last year, the PTA raised an astonishing £26,246.90 to share between the two schools.

We look forward to sharing slides from this year's AGM with you soon along with all the exciting plans for the year ahead.



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.

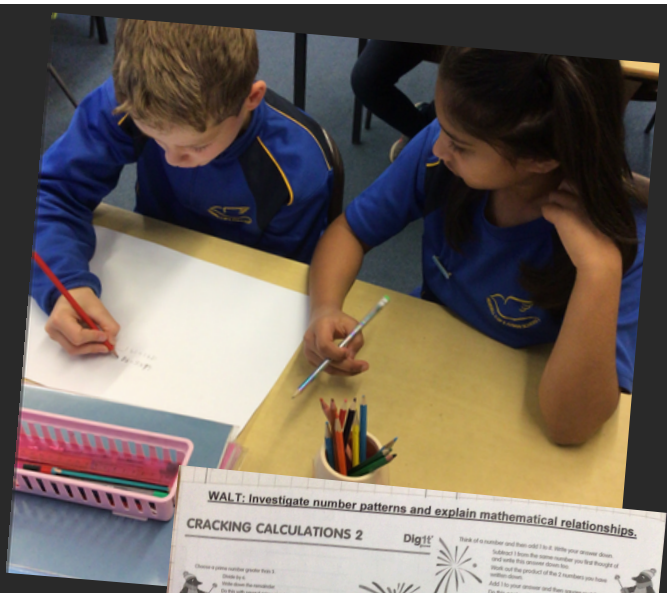


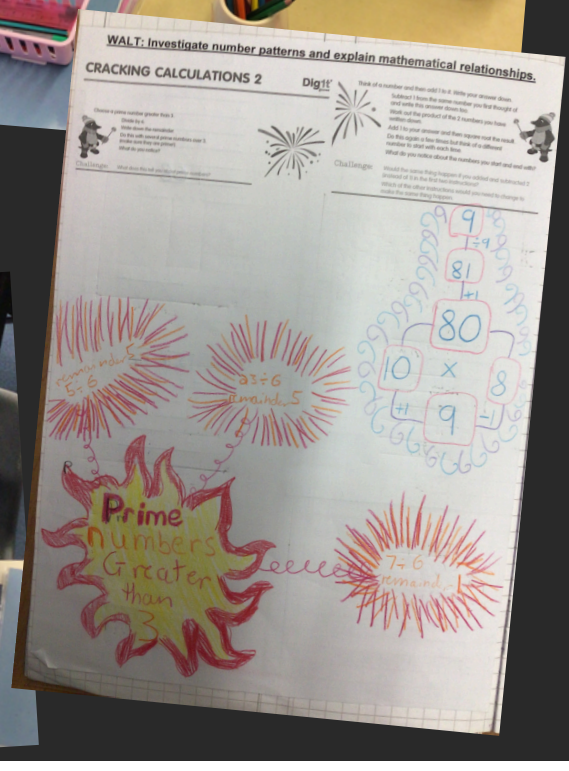
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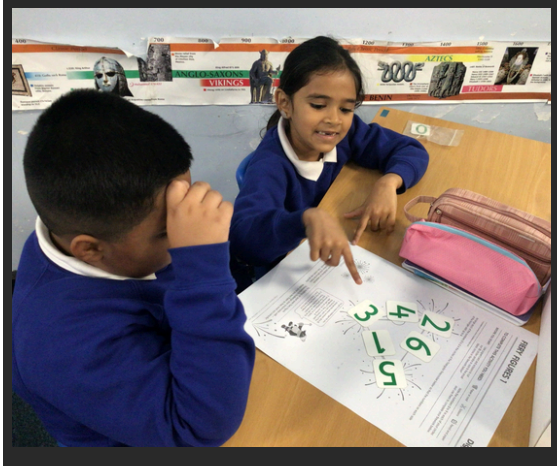
FIREWORK MATHS

With a spectacular fireworks theme, the children explored a range of number problems, lighting up the classroom with their enthusiasm and mathematical thinking. Working collaboratively, they shared ideas, tested different strategies, and used their reasoning skills to solve challenging problems.

Just like a fireworks display, their brilliant thinking sparkled as they explained their methods, learned from one another, and celebrated their successes. Through teamwork and perseverance, the children discovered that there are often many exciting ways to reach the correct solution.









YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY



If you walked through Year 4 this Monday, you might have thought you'd travelled back in time… to Ancient Rome!

It was Roman Day and our Year 4 children came to school in costume to learn about Rome; the buildings, the army and why the Romans invaded Britain. Year 4 learned to march like soldiers, use Roman numerals and create mosaic art. They even got to handle artefacts and investigate Roman objects such as games, coins, jewellery and pottery.

We are really proud of our Year 4 children who demonstrated their excellent history learning and teamwork throughout the day. A very successful Roman invasion of Horsell!





YEAR 3 MUSIC WORKSHOP



Year 3 were very lucky to welcome Mrs Lawrence, Nona and Sanna, who delivered an exciting and engaging music workshop inspired by the classic fairy tale Hansel and Gretel.

The children were taken on a musical journey through the story, bringing its different characters and events to life through rhythm, sound and movement. They had the opportunity to explore and practise using a range of musical instruments, developing their musical skills while working together to create a wonderful performance.



The workshop culminated in a fantastic show-stopping event, where the children proudly performed in front of the many parents who came along to support them. A particular highlight was their musical interpretation of the moment Hansel and Gretel discovered the witch's gingerbread house, using their instruments to capture the excitement and magic of this memorable part of the story. Well done, Year 3, for such a brilliant performance!



Thank you to Mrs Lawrence, Nona and Sanna who also performed to all the children in our school in a special music assembly.

APPLE CLASS TREE PLANTING



50 saplings were donated to the school by Surrey County Council. Thank you to everyone who donated plant pots!



Apple class enjoyed potting these today, and look forward to tending to the trees and watching them grow. After a rather chillly morning planting, they warmed up afterwards with a lovely hot chocolate!



The saplings that survive will then be planted in the school grounds in the spring.





HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA

FESTIVE HOEDOWN

DONATION MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Help us support our Christmas Fair!

Come in your own clothes and bring in donations for our Christmas Fair.

YEAR GROUP	DONATION ITEMS (with examples)
Reception & Year 1	**Jolly Jars** – Decorated jars (Christmas theme) filled with goodies, e.g. stickers, sweets, small toys, colouring items etc. ***Please feel free to make as many jars as you like.*** 
Year 2	**Toy Tombola** – Good quality, new or nearly new toys, puzzles, soft toys, board games, modelling kits, card games etc. 
Year 3 & 4	**Multipack Sweets/Lollies** – Multipacks of sweets, chocolate bars, lollies etc. (individually wrapped). NO items containing nuts. 
Year 5	**Festive Tombola** – Christmas-themed gifts, e.g. candles, crackers, Christmas food items, decorations, adult's/children's gifts, bottles etc. 
Year 6	**Individually Wrapped Chocolate Bars** – Packs of individually wrapped chocolate bars which would be good as a gift. NO items containing nuts. 
All Welcome	**Christmas Jumpers** – All children/adults sizes, in good condition. 
All Welcome	**Toy Tombola / Festive Tombola / Jolly Jars** – We are also in need of spare toys for the toy tombola and extra gifts for the festive tombola. 
All Welcome	**Wrapping Paper for our secret shop.** 

Thank you for your generosity!

Together we can make our Christmas Fair extra special!

WOODWIND TASTER LESSON OFFER



Our woodwind teacher, Ian Haystead, is offering children in years 4, 5 and 6 a free 15 minute consultation lesson to assess student's suitability and to provide them with the opportunity to try either the clarinet, saxophone or flute.

If they decide that they would like to have lessons, then this will be done on a trial basis (paying for a minimum of 5 lessons). If they wish to discontinue after this period, no notice will be required.

There is a limited supply of clarinets and flutes available (on a first come, first served basis) for free over this period. Hopefully, this will allow students the opportunity to try instruments with less of a financial commitment for parents/guardians.



Unfortunately, Ian does not have any spare saxophones. However, learning the clarinet is a great step to transferring to the saxophone with ease at a later time. Alternatively, hiring a saxophone (£25 per month for a minimum 3 months) is an easy process and Ian can offer advice on this.

For further information or to arrange a tasteer/consultation lesson, please contact Ian Haysted on ianhaysted@icloud.com.

For information on other music lessons available at Horsell Junior, please visit our website.





Watch the drone footage of our PTA Pop and Glow event here!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Engage, a Christian charity that works closely with our school, are recruiting for two positions. Please find below details should this be of interest to you.

Engage Woking Schools is recruiting a **Part-Time Team Lead** (20 hours per week, term time only) to lead and develop its Christian ministry in local schools and colleges. We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith, a heart for young people and a passion for sharing Jesus. Salary £12,000, starting April 2027. For more information and an application pack, visit www.engagewoking.org. Closing date: Monday 23rd November.

Engage Woking Schools is recruiting a **Part-Time Schools Worker** (15 hours per week, term time only) to help share the Christian faith in local primary and secondary schools and Woking College. We are looking for someone with a passion for Jesus, a heart for children and young people, and experience of working with them. Salary £7,900, starting January 2027. For more information and an application pack, visit www.engagewoking.org. Closing date: Monday 23rd November.