



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER



Welcome to July's edition of The Horsell Village School's newsletter.
In this edition you will find:

- Summer Term diary dates
- September staffing news and class allocations
- Information & celebration of school events
- Curriculum updates
- Year group pages

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YOU

Can you believe we only have a few weeks left of the school year?
With the excitement that July brings we have lots to share,
celebrate and be thankful for.

- A big thank you to everyone that joined us for our annual sports day. Thank you for being so understanding with the date and venue change. It worked out brilliantly in the end. The sun shone brightly for us and the children had a lovely time sharing the skills they have learnt over the year in their PE lessons. A big thank you to Miss Burtenshaw- our PE lead - for co-ordinating the event and the fantastic team here at Horsell for coming together to get everything ready. Each year we look for children displaying fantastic team work and our school values and points are awarded by the staff. This year the 'Red Team' won. Well done to all the children, not only in red team but across the whole school.
- An even bigger thank you to the PTA and every one of you that supported the Summer Fair this year. Wow- what a spectacular event it was. There was a real buzz in the air with everyone enjoying the stalls, dancing, singing, food and circus- what a super community we have. With your support, donations and attendance the current figure raised is standing at a staggering amount of £10,900 - this is amazing!!

Thank you doesn't seem a big enough word. Your support at the Fair and indeed throughout the year goes a long way to providing our children with resources and equipment to support and enhance their learning experiences- so thank you and thank you again.



Diary Dates July 2026

08.07.2026	Annual Reports
08.07.2026	Move up day
13.07.2026	Celebration of learning 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm
17.07.2026	Thank you, Parent Helpers celebration 9.00 am
17.07.2026	Year 2 Leavers Ball 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
20.07.2026	Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.00 am
22.07.2026	Last day of term 1.15 pm finish

Term Dates Autumn 2026

Tuesday 1st Sept- Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd Sept- school opens

Monday 19th October to Friday 30th
October- Half Term

Monday 2nd Nov- school opens

Friday 18th Dec- last day of term

A little plea

Next week the children will start
bringing their fantastic books and
learning home.

Please make sure they come to
school with a strong plastic bag on
Thursday 16th July

Thank you

Staffing Updates

As we begin to approach the end of the academic year we can update you on some staff changes that will be happening here at The Horsell Village School



Sadly, Mrs Morrow will be leaving us. She is off to a local primary school to gain new experiences. Mrs Morrow has been at The Horsell Village School for 10 years, starting with us as a teaching assistant before training as a teacher. Her dedication and commitment to achieve the best for every child will be greatly missed.



Mrs Kaine will be retiring at the end of this year. Mrs Kaine has been part of The Horsell Village School family for over 25 years. What an achievement. She has helped shape countless minds, inspired dreams and will leave an incredible legacy on our school community. I am sure you join me in wishing her a restful but fun filled retirement.

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Baby News

- You may have noticed that very soon we will have a new little member of The Horsell Village team. Miss Burtenshaw is expecting her first child. She will be joining us for a few weeks in September before heading off on maternity leave.
- Huge congratulations to Mr Pratt (our caretaker) and his lovely wife Kate, who welcomed their daughter, Nova, a few weeks ago. A very proud dad indeed.
- We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jarvis back to school in the next few weeks after her maternity leave. Mrs Jarvis will be returning to school three days a week from September.

Welcome to the HVS Team



We have a new member of staff joining us in September. Miss Adris will be joining us as a class teacher. I am sure you will join me in passing on a warm welcome and congratulations.

Move up morning 2026

This morning the children had an amazing time visiting their classes and meeting new teachers and teaching assistants for next year. This year the children have moved up in class groups. The class groups in green indicate which classes from this year have moved into the new class shown for next year. Please see below staffing for 2026 to 2027 and class allocations.

		Class Teachers	Classroom Assistants
Yr R	Otters	Mrs Emslie (M, Fri am) Mrs Shaw (T, W, Th, Fri pm)	Mrs Huntley-Robertson
Yr R	Foxcubs	Mrs Blackwell	Mrs Greenway
Yr R	Rabbits	Mrs Knight	Mrs Ferraro
Yr 1	Hedgehogs Otters	Mrs Sharkey (M, T) Mrs Wright (W, Th, Fri)	Ms Powell
Yr 1	Squirrels Foxcubs	Miss Bashir	Mrs Draisey
Yr 1	Badgers Rabbits	Miss O'Sullivan	Mrs Razey
Yr 2	Barn Owls Badgers	Mrs Jarvis (M, T, W) Miss Richardson (Th, Fri)	Ms King
Yr 2	Snowy Owls Squirrels	Miss Noyes	Mrs Algar (M, T, Th, Fri) Mrs Birch (W)
Yr 2	Tawny Owls Hedgehogs	Miss Adris	Mrs Barnes (M, Fri) Mrs Francis (T, W, Th)

Mr Badger, Mr Longley and Mrs Botterill will be working across all classes.

Records of Achievement

The children have been working so hard this year and should be feeling very proud of all that they have achieved.

We will be sending our end of year reports home today- Wednesday 8th July
Inside your child's / children's envelope will be a copy of their report and a feedback form for yourself and your child.

Please could you send all feedback forms back to school by Monday 20th July.
Thank you

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The Horsell Village School **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**



Come and join us on
Monday 13th July 2026
4.00 pm to 6.30 pm
for our annual

'Celebration of Learning'

This is a fantastic opportunity for all the family, friends and community to come and share in all the excellent learning the children have been doing throughout the year.

There will be displays in all the classrooms and corridors celebrating what our wonderful children have achieved.

We look forward to see you there.



Kindness to yourself

Kindness to others

Kindness to the World

TIME TO Celebrate

HVS is an amazing place to be.

Over the last few months we have had some fantastic enrichment events – Proms in the Playground, Sports Day and the Summer Fair to name a few.

The children do themselves proud every time.

Thank you for all your support.



Learning over the holidays

The summer holidays are a well-deserved break for students and their families. It's a time to relax, enjoy fun activities and take a step back from the daily grind of schoolwork. However, it's essential to ensure that students continue with some form of consistent learning during these six weeks to avoid the negative effects of the summer slide.

Strategies to Prevent the Summer Slide

The good news is that research indicates even a small amount of consistent learning over the summer can mitigate the effects of the summer slide. Studies show that just 2-3 hours of learning per week can be effective in preventing learning loss.

Encourage reading: Role model and encourage regular reading. Find books that interest your child and visit the local library. For reluctant readers, consider comic books, graphic novels, or audiobooks. All forms of reading help improve spelling, writing, and comprehension skills across various subjects, not just English.

Stay active and engaged: Keep your child active by visiting places where they can learn and explore, such as museums, galleries, and outdoor experiences. Participate in local community activities that stimulate curiosity and learning.

Challenge with brain teasers: Encourage your child to engage in brain teasers and puzzles to enhance problem-solving skills and memory. These activities can be both fun and educational.

DOUGHNUT SALE

Thurs 16th July

**The Horsell Village
School**

3:00pm - 3:30pm

**The Horsell Junior
School**

3:15pm - 3:45pm

**£1/ doughnut
nut free**

(eggs, soya & milk free options available)

Cash & card accepted

***2 Volunteers needed for each school
please contact Sima on 07850 058869***

Sorry! Not available for After-School Club children

What's happening in Reception...

We can't believe this is the last month of Reception. We are so proud of the progress every child has made this year – well done!

We thoroughly enjoyed Little City visiting us last week. Even though it was the beginning of the heatwave, the children played beautifully with each other and showed such respect to the toys Maddie brought with her.

Our new topic has sparked such enjoyment and interest from the children. We have already visited Europe, Asia and Australia. Next we are off to Africa, South America and Antarctica. We have been singing "The Walking Song" about different ways of moving – see if your child can remember some of it!

We will be refining our scissor skills this term, ensuring we can keep our scissors on a line and our gross motor skills will be developed with ball skills.

We continue our writing focus with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

In Maths we will consolidate all our learning by comparing numbers and developing our reasoning skills.

During our PSHE time, we are discussing the move to Year 1, identifying things we are looking forward to and any worries we might have. We will also go over all the best bits of our year together in Reception.

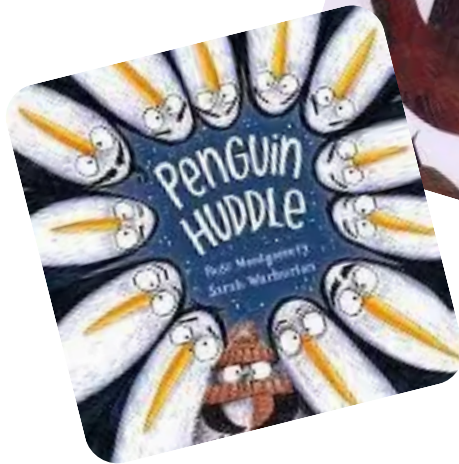
Thank you for all your support this year. We wish you all a wonderful summer break.

The Reception Team x



plain rainforest

north south



Phonics

The children will be working through Phases 3-5 in their Phonics groups. Please spend time reflecting on the sounds in your child's Phonics reading book they take home on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Tricky words:

Please use the tricky word cards handed out at Parents Evening to guide your child's learning. These are words that cannot be sounded out so will need to be read on sight.

We appreciate your support in guiding your child's reading development.

What's happening in Year 1...

In Science, we have been learning about the parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. We have beautifully decorated our plant pots, ready to grow our cress which will go home with your child for you to eat. 😊

We have really enjoyed learning about the different gardens in our key texts and have created some beautiful descriptive writing.

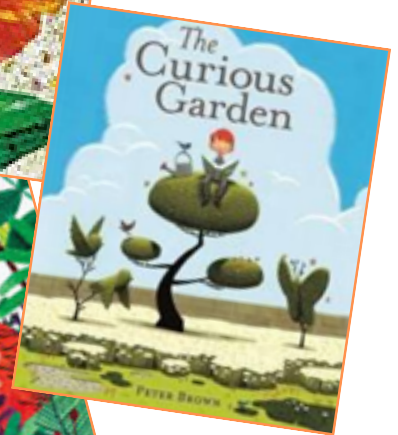
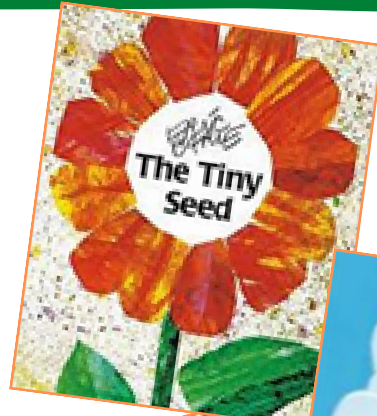
The children have been revisiting the four countries in the UK and their capital cities and have been learning some interesting facts about each country.

In Maths, the children have been continuing to explore place value. We have also been thinking about money and recognising, comparing and making amounts, as well as solving problems relating to money. We will also be telling the time. Please continue to practise these skills over the holidays.

Our Art and DT learning has been inspired by flowers. The children have been studying the work of Claude Monet and have been developing their paper crafting skills to create paper flowers.

In our PSHE lessons, we will be celebrating all of the children's achievements this year and the children will be preparing for their move to Year 2.

We wish you all a very happy summer break!



Phonics



Over the next few weeks, the children will be working through the Phase 5 alternative sounds e.g. st (castle) and sc (scissors) making a 's' sound in words.

Spelling

There is a list of High Frequency Words and Common Exception Words in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home. Your child needs to be able to spell these words by the end of the year.

annual
exhilarated
frame
foliage
shrub
seedling
natural
delicate

What's happening in Year 2...

Congratulations to all our Year 2 as we get ready for the last couple of weeks in school.

There are just a few more preparations before we set sail on our new adventures, including getting ready for our Leavers' Concert on Monday 20th July. We will also be having a final walk through the school on the 22nd July.

In English, we will be learning about The Hermit Crab and sharing the story by Eric Carle. We will be using the story to inspire our own art work and stories and learning about how the hermit crab changes as it gets older.

In Maths, we will be solving problems involving the four operations so that we can be sure that all treasure is shared equally and that we know if we have enough money to pay for everything that we need for our travels.

In PSHE and Good to be Me, we will be talking about changes and making sure we have all the tools that we need to help us understand and regulate all the emotions that we might experience as we get ready to move on.



change

home

adventure

remember

memories

joy

Phonics

The children will be working through the Phases in their Phonics groups:

Phase 5

Phase 5 alternatives and spelling rules

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