



# The Horsell Village School

# NEWSLETTER



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

- Summer Term diary dates
- Information on school events
- Curriculum updates
- Year Group pages

I hope you all had a lovely Half Term and enjoyed the sunshine. The children have returned today excited to see their friends. Over Half Term Mr Pratt has been busy sprucing up the outside environment. I am sure you agree the newly painted benches and fences give a pop of colour and fun.

Thank you all that attended our annual 'Proms in the Playground' event. The sun shone for us and the children performed amazingly. Seeing how proud the children were of themselves and their school is something that makes our community so special.

The final part of the Summer Term brings so much excitement and we look forward to celebrating with you all that the children have achieved over the course of the year. We have lots planned so please keep an additional eye on correspondence over the next few weeks. You can find out more information about the events coming up as you read on or by visiting the school website. This week the children have begun to explore their new topics for the half term.



In Reception the children will be finding out about different countries and habitats from around the world through their topic 'World Explorers'



In Year 1 they will be thinking scientifically, exploring the world around them through their topic 'Secret Garden'



In Year 2 the children will be finding out about famous explorers in history- exploring the challenges they faced and how they overcame them.



## Diary Dates

### June & July 2026

08.06.2026	School re-opens
16.06.2026	National Geographic Fieldwork day sponsored event
17.06.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am Hive
18.06.2026	Class Photographs
19.06.2026	PTA Summer Fair Donation Day- <b>Mufti</b>
19.06.2026	Art & History Day
23.06.2026	Year R Little City Workshop
25.06.2026	Sports day <b>Children to come to school in PE Kits</b>
26.06.2026	PTA Tea & Coffee Recruitment Event
29.06.2026	Year 2 visit to Walton Firs
30.06.2026	Reserve Sports Day
01.07.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am Hive
04.07.2026	PTA Summer Fair 12.00 to 3.00 pm
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

Don't forget you can find out next year's term dates on the school website

# RSE Curriculum



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We previously shared with you our Relationships and Sex Education information. This provided you with detail around how we teach this part of the curriculum, which emphasized the link between RSE and the Science National Curriculum. You can find more information on our school website under our PSHE tab <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/learning/pshe/>

The Jigsaw unit that explores the RSE aspect of the curriculum is called 'Changing me'. During this unit of work we will be exploring

- Naming and identifying body parts
- Exploring the natural process of growing from young to old.
- Reviewing the NSPCC pants approach in regards to understanding which parts of the body are private.
- Discussing and identifying changes that are coming up and emotions associated with these.

## Sports Day



We are really excited to be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 on the Horsell Junior School field. Each year group has a specific slot for the day. A program of events will be available on the day and spectators are invited to follow their child's class group round all the different activities. Please remember to give the children and staff plenty of space to carry out their activities.

Year Group	Time
Year 2 Barn Owls Tawny Owls Snowy Owls	9am walk from school Sports day activities 9.15am – 10.30am
Year 1 Hedgehogs Squirrels Badgers	10.15 walk from school Sports day activities 10.30am – 11.45am
Reception Otters Foxcubs Rabbits	1.30 walk from school Sports day activities 1.45pm– 3.00pm

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and has sun cream on, a sun hat and a water bottle. We will have gazebos up to provide some shelter for the children.

If you are able to help walk with the classes to and from Horsell Junior School please sign up via the Scopay link <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>  
Please note in this instance you do NOT require a school DBS.

Parents will be able to access the Junior School field after the Year 1 children have arrived in the morning and after the Reception children have arrived in the afternoon.  
No parents or children will be at the Junior School between 11.45 am and 1.30 pm. We ask that you refrain from taking photographs or videos on the day in line with our safeguarding policy. There will be no toilet facilities for parents or siblings at the school.

## SQUIRES

GARDEN CENTRES

The school council have been busy tending to their potato crop ready to head back to Squires to have them turned into so yummy chips.

A big thank you to Mrs Aughterson and Squires for organising this annual event. The children love to see the outcome of all their hard work- maybe encourage some future gardeners.



A little reminder for the rest of Term. Daily the children will need:

- Sunhats / caps
- Water bottles daily
- Sun cream- applied at home
- Rain Jackets

# Art & History Day

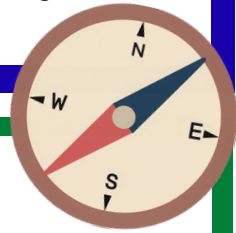
This year our Art and History day will focus on the remarkable work of Sir David Attenborough as we celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The day will begin with a special reflections based on the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book about David Attenborough, introducing pupils to his inspiring life and achievements.

In History the children will explore David Attenborough's journey around the world, learning about his dedication to wildlife conservation and animal protection. This will link closely to our value of kindness, encouraging children to consider how they can show kindness to the natural world and help protect our planet.

In Art the children will take inspiration from the animals David Attenborough has helped us to discover and appreciate. Using aquarelle pencils and pastels, the children will develop their sketching skills to create their own vibrant animal work.

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# National Geographic Fieldwork day

As you know we are very passionate and proud of our curriculum approach and how it fosters a love for enquiry and investigation.

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a special Geography Day. This event will align with National Geographic's National Festival of Fieldwork Day.

The National Festival of Fieldwork is an annual event organised by the Geographical Association, designed to encourage schools to take learning beyond the classroom and into the outdoors. It provides valuable opportunities for children to develop subject knowledge, strengthen key geographical skills, and gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of our world through real-life experiences.

This will be a sponsored event, and we hope that through the children's enthusiastic participation in a range of exciting fieldwork explorations, we will be able to raise funds to purchase additional Geography resources, such as compasses, rain gauges, weather stations, and clipboards, to further enrich geographical learning across the school.

You can access the payment form through your individual Scopay accounts - <https://www.scopay.com/login>

We are extremely excited to take the children's Geography learning beyond the classroom and into the outdoor environment. Fieldwork plays a vital role in developing confident, curious geographers, and we are grateful for your continued support in helping us to enrich these valuable learning opportunities. Your encouragement and contributions will enable us to further develop our fieldwork provision and ensure that all children can benefit from meaningful, hands-on geographical experiences.

On the day the children will need to come to school in their normal school uniform. Please ensure they bring a waterproof jacket with them, a sunhat / cap and don't forget to apply sunscreen at home before heading to school. We hope to be outside whatever the weather.



# *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



# Safeguarding



Mrs Reeve  
DSL



Mrs Sharkey  
Deputy DSL



Miss Cadey  
Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child please contact a member of the school's Designated Safeguarding Team in the first instance through the school office.

In addition to this, if you have concerns outside of school you can contact the Children's Single Point of Access on:

Phone: 03004709100- Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Email: [cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)

Out of Hours Emergency Team: 01483 517898

# Attendance Matters

## Be an Attendance Hero...



## Here Every day Ready On time

Good attendance means our children will...

- Achieve well and be successful
- Know the value of hard work and efforts
- Be kind
- Dream Big!

**Work hard. Be kind. Dream big**

Doors open at 8.40 am  
and close at 8.50 am

Thank you



**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**

Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> July  
is the annual PTA  
Summer Fair.

Please support the  
schools by joining us  
at this wonderful event.

Lots to see and do.

Please see the following  
page for details in  
regards to  
the Mufti Donation day  
and what you can do  
to help.

Thank you for your  
continued support.



# MUFTI DONATION DAY

## 19TH JUNE

DROP OFF BETWEEN  
8.15AM & 9AM @ BOTH SCHOOL GATES

### RECEPTION & YEAR 1-JOLLY JARS

Decorated jars filled with goodies. i.e. stickers, sweets, socks, small toys etc.

### YEAR 2-PARTY BAG FILLERS

Small toys, balls, small activities, stickers, perfect as prizes, as gender neutral as possible please. No party bags needed.

### 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

Please bring along and donate Soft Toys/Teddies, Games/Toys and Bottles/Edible gifts.

All donations are much appreciated, thank you!



# What's happening in Reception...

We hope you had a lovely two week half term and are ready to begin our final half term in Reception! We are incredibly proud of each and every child and the progress they have made over the last 9 months. We are ready to start our new topic "World Explorers" and will visit a different area of the world each week.

Our travelling around the world begins at home and then exploring Asia, Australia, Africa, South America and North America. We will use the sounds we have learnt when we write about the books we are reading and relating these to our own experiences. We will continue focusing on using finger spaces between words. Our phonic lessons will revise sounds we have learnt in order to build fluency when we read as well as building the bank of words we can now read on sight.

In Maths we will be consolidating all our learning so far this year looking at the composition of numbers, counting up to and beyond 20, comparing numbers as well as looking at doubles and odds and evens.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will discuss what makes our world wonderful, find out about the different continents and countries as well as exploring animals from different countries and where they live. We will explore maps and discuss the differences between living in our country and other countries. We will also explore our Natural World and compare the season of Summer to other seasons we have experienced this year.

We are getting ready for Sports Day and are looking forward to this on June 25th. We will continue practising all our events as well as focus on balancing in our indoor PE sessions.



## 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 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.

continent      country

habitat      map



# What's happening in Year 1...

We cannot believe it is the final half term. What a great year it has been! We are excited to be launching our new topic 'Secret Garden'. We will begin our topic by exploring our first text 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We will be sequencing the story and thinking about where the tiny seed will go next. This links to our Science learning which will be all about what plants need to grow and the children will be working scientifically to investigate the best conditions for plant growth.

In Geography, we will be studying the four countries in the UK and their capital cities. We will be creating Art inspired by nature and will study Claude Monet's 'Water Lilies' and Vincent van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'.

In Maths, the children will be focusing on position and direction, learning about coins and money and telling the time. At home, you could explore these maths topics practically with your child, for example keeping a diary of your day and what time you do things and recognising and counting up the coins in your purse/wallet.

We are looking forward to Sports Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> June and in our PE sessions we will continue to practise all of the skills we will be using during this event.



## Phonics



Our Phonics Screener will be taking place w/c 10th June. For the remainder of the year, the children will be recapping over Phases 3-5 in their Phonics groups. Please spend time reflecting on the sounds in the Phonics reading book your child brings home on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## 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.

grow  
seed  
shoot  
sprout  
pollinate  
vegetation  
nutrients

# What's happening in Year 2...

Welcome to our final few weeks where we will be learning all about, 'New Adventures'.

We will be learning about famous explorers and talking about how they prepared for their adventures, the challenges they may have faced and how they felt once they have achieved their goals.

In English, we will be using the text, 'Everest' to start us off on our journey into exploration and adventure. We will be considering where we might want to go on a new adventure, what we will need and how we will get there.

In Maths, we will be revising directions and our 2D and 3D shape knowledge and learning how to tell the time to 5 minutes. We will then revisit our knowledge of addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division.

In Science, we will be looking what plants need to stay healthy, learning about seeds and bulbs and creating experiments to discover what happens if a seed is deprived of something it might need.

In Art, we will be looking at the artwork of Katsushika Hokusai and using his most famous art work , 'The Great Wave' to inspire paintings and claywork.

We are excited to show you our amazing sportsmanship on Sports Day on the 25th June and will continue to practise all the skills we will be using during this event.



## 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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fearsome

adventurous

notorious

weather beaten

unkempt, daring

salvage, swift

marooned

mountainous

murky, hopeless