



The Horsell Village School

NEWSLETTER

HELLO MARCH

Welcome to the March's edition of the school's newsletter. This week we have been greeted with some warmer weather and beautiful sunshine. It's certainly put a spring into everyone's step. We are excited to welcome everyone back and the children have once again done themselves proud settling well back into school routines.

Thank you to everyone who has attended parents conferences so far. We have a few classes left to do their daytime sessions. If you have been unable to attend or are yet to make an appointment please use the Scopay link or contact the school office. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and talk through next steps. The children have been super excited knowing their parents and carers have been looking through their books and learning folders.

Last week we introduced this half term's value of 'Responsibility'. We talked through how we can show responsibility through kindness to yourself by looking after ourselves and our belongings, through kindness to others by looking after each others' feelings and belongings and through Kindness to the world by discussing how we can look after our world through reducing, reusing and recycling. The children came up with fantastic ideas for all three elements of our school motto.

This month also marks the beginning of two significant religious observances: Ramadan and Lent. We are proud of the way our community respects and supports one another during these meaningful times. It has been wonderful to see the shared understanding and compassion that truly reflects our values led approach.

Thank you as always for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. There is lots planned this half term to continue to enhance and enrich our children's learning experiences. You will find information about each event as you read further on.

Best Wishes Mrs Reeve and the HVS Team



Diary Dates March 2026

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| 02.03.2026 | Book Week |
| 03.03.2026 | Parent Volunteer meeting 9.00 am Hive 2.45 pm Hall |
| 04.03.2026 | Bears at Bedtime |
| 05.03.2026 | Squirrels Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall |
| 06.03.2026 | World Book Day Dress up as a character Day |
| 06.03.2026 | Yr R visit to Woking Library |
| 06.03.2026 | PTA Bingo & Biryani Event 7.00 pm at The Horsell Village Hall |
| 09.03.2026 | British Science Week Yr R Parent Gardening Event |
| 10.03.2026 | Yr 2 Parent Gardening Event |
| 11.03.2026 | Yr 1 Parent Gardening Event |
| 11.03.2026 | Parent Volunteer meeting 9.00 am Hive 2.45 pm Hall |
| 12.03.2026 | Rabbit Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall |
| 13.03.2026 | Science Parent Workshop Learning together 9.30 am, 10.30 am, 11.15 am |
| 16.03.2026 | Yr 1 visit to Marwell Zoo |
| 17.03.2026 | Yr 2 Fire Service visit to school |
| 19.03.2026 | Foxcubs Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall |
| 20.03.2026 | Yr R Millers Ark Farm visit to school |
| 23.03.2026 | Yr 2 visit to Kew Gardens |
| 26.03.2026 | Otters Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall |
| 27.03.2026 | Easter Service at St Mary's Church. Children only event |
| 27.03.2026 | PTA Doughnut Sale End of term. 1.15 pm finish |



Just before half term we explored the celebration of Lunar New Year

As a school we spent time finding out about the Year of the Horse and what it symbolises to the different cultures that celebrate it. The Year of the Horse symbolises vitality, speed and perseverance. The children spent time taking part in a variety of art based activities linked to the celebration.

Each class also took part in a Chinese Dragon Dance workshop through the Education Group. A professional dancer guided the children through an exciting performance using the traditional Chinese dragon, parasols and fans. Great fun was had by all.



Term Dates 2025 to 2026

Summer Term 2026
Monday 13th April 2026 INSET Day
Tuesday 14th April 2026 start of term
Monday 4th May 2026 Bank Holiday- School closed
Monday 25th May to Friday 5th June 2026 - Half Term
Monday 8th June 2026 - school re-opens
Wednesday 22nd July 2026 End of summer Term

Term dates for 2026 to 2027 can be found on the school website.

Book Week

This week has seen the return of our annual Book Week.

The children are having great fun each morning and at the end of the day finding out who their 'Secret Reader' will be. Thank you to all who have signed up to take part.

Tonight is Bedtime Stories starting at 5.00pm to 5.30 pm .

The children are welcome to return to school wrapped up in their dressing gowns and pyjamas (of course with their favourite teddy) ready for a story session in their class. The PTA will be running refreshments in the hall.

Friday is book dress up day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Please make sure that they are able to move freely in their costumes.



Value: Responsibility

This half terms value is : Responsibility.

Through reflections and discussions in class we will be exploring how we can show responsibility through kindness to yourself by looking after ourselves and our belongings, through kindness to others by looking after each others' feelings and belongings and through Kindness to the world by discussing how we can look after our world through reducing, reusing and recycling.



Keeping our children safe



I am writing to you today asking for your support in upholding the values that are at the heart of our school community:- showing kindness.

We know that parking around the school can sometimes be a little tricky, however it has been brought to our attention some reports concerning incidents involving inappropriate parking and behaviour towards local residents on Wilson Way. **We have been notified of several near misses involving children due to illegal parking.**

These situations can cause distress to all involved. Please take a moment to consider:

- Parking responsibly, ensuring we are following legal parking restrictions and avoid blocking driveways.
- Showing respect and kindness if asked to move. Consider how you would feel if access to your home was restricted and you had asked someone politely to move only to be met with rudeness.

The local community works together with the school to ensure additional parking is available within close walking distance to the school. This is in the Red Lion car park, The Crown car park and at the Village Hall. Please use these areas first when considering where to park for drop off and pick up. Working together we can make drop off and pick up a pleasurable experience for all members of our community.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Gardening together

Monday 9th March marks the beginning of British Science Week. This year's theme is 'Curiosity: what's your question?'

At school the children will be taking part in a number of different science experiments over the week. The British Science Association have created a bank of activities and resources so you can carry the fun on at home. Please use the links below to access.

At school we are also going to be focusing on the wonder of plant life. We would like to invite parents to come in and join in with a gardening workshop and/or a science workshop.

Gardening workshops will be taking place on the following dates:

Mon 9th March for Reception, Tue 10th March for Yr 2, Wed 11th March for Yr 1

There will be three time slots available on each of these days (9am/10am/11am) with 10 available places at each time across the year group. Please bring your gardening gloves and wear clothes you don't mind getting a little muddy.

On Friday 13th March we will be running our Science Workshops. These are class based and will also be taking place at 9am/10am/11am. However there are 10 spaces available per time slot for each class. Come and join the fun if you can.

Places are limited so in order to book a space on either or both of the above workshops please email reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk or ring the school office. You will need to have a current school DBS and have done annual safeguarding training to take part in the above.



[Download the Early Years activity pack](#) >



[Download the Primary activity pack](#) >

[Activity packs - British Science Week](#)



Safeguarding

Here at The Horsell Village School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Safeguarding and keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility. In addition to this we have a named team of Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies who are the main point of contact.

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

Out of Hours Emergency Team: 01483 517898

You can find additional information regarding our safeguarding culture and processes on our school website as well as <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children>

Upcoming
Events
&
Community news



Mrs Reeve
DSL &
Attendance
Champion



Mrs Sharkey
DDSL



Miss Cadey
DDSL & ELSA



Miss
Richardson
DDSL



Mrs Shaw
DDSL



Mrs Wright
DDSL & SenCo

Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

A reminder that Leave of Absence request forms should be submitted at **least two weeks** in advance.

All term time holidays will be unauthorised.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child/children attend school as regularly as they can.

Attendance Ladder



DBS Advice

As a school we value and encourage our parents to volunteer and greatly appreciate the impact this has on the children and their learning. If you would like to help in the classroom or on an educational visit you will need to go through the process of applying for a criminal record check via the school- known as an enhanced DBS (for working with children).

Details of the process are on the school website. <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/parents/helping-in-school/>

This will ensure the correct DBS is applied for. Any questions please contact the school office.

What's happening in Reception...

The children have enjoyed beginning our new topic "Growing." We are looking at the book 'Oliver's Vegetables', talking about our favourite vegetables and how they grow.

We change topic for one week when we celebrate Book Week. We are using the text 'Luna Loves Library Day' to base our learning from, and are looking forward to our upcoming visit to Woking Library. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to walk with us, we appreciate your support.

Our learning will then move back to the 'Growing' topic and we will begin to think about animals and people growing. We will think about our favourite animals, what their babies are called and the noises they make.

In Maths we will continue our learning about the composition of numbers to 10. We will also look at equal and no equal parts/groups and how this relates to odd and even numbers.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will consider special stories from Christianity, including those that will be found in the Bible. We will also look at planting seeds and watching how they grow.

The focus of our PE sessions will cover gymnastics and ball skills. We will also use our gross motor skills during our outside learning and our fine motor skills paying specific attention to our pencil grip and letter formation.

Our Class Assemblies are coming up.

Thursday 12th March - Rabbits
Thursday 19th March - Foxcubs
Thursday 26th March - Otters

We are looking forward to our farm visit on Friday 20th March.



vegetable
library
grow
seed
co-operation
farmer
tractor



new
next to
night
old
over
quick
same
short
side
small



Phonics



The sounds we are looking at now are:

Miss Burtenshow:

Phase 3 - ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er

Tricky words: you, all, was, give, live

Then moving onto Phase 4

(blending CCVC and CVCC words)

Tricky words: said, so, have, like, some, come

Mrs Shaw/Mrs Emslie:

Phase 3 - ai, ee, igh, oa, oo/oo, or, ar, ur, ow,

oi, ear, air, ure, er

Tricky words: we, are, all, you

Mrs Knight

Phase 3 - y, z/zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh,

oa, oo/oo

Tricky words: he, she, my, by, they, we, are

Books are changed on a Tuesday and a

Friday once parents/carers have

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

Reminders

Numbots:

Have you logged into Numbots? The login details are in the front of the reading diaries.

What's happening in Year 1...

We have launched our new topic 'Carnival of the Animals' and the children have already been enjoying learning about a wide variety of species. As part of this topic, we will be visiting Marwell Zoo on the 16th March to see animals up close and revisit the scientific vocabulary we have been learning in class. Over the coming weeks, we will be exploring different animals and their habitats, comparing these and investigating where various animals live around the world.

Later this half term, we will be celebrating Book Week. The children will have the opportunity to attend Bears at Bedtime, and we will be immersing ourselves in the book *Our Tower*, which will inspire some lovely descriptive writing.

Following Book Week, we will be reading *Monkey Puzzle* and using adjectives and verbs to describe different animals. We will also be learning about the life of Sir David Attenborough and the important work he has carried out in educating the world about the many species that share our planet.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore place value, and over the coming weeks we will be moving on to measure, looking at height and length as well as mass and volume.



human feature

physical feature

(geography terms)

habitat

carnivore

herbivore

omnivore

volume

protect

habitat

extinct

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.

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.

What's happening in Year 2...

We have started our new topic, 'The Great Fire of London' and the children have been enthusiastically learning about current landmarks that can be found in modern London including The Shard, Tower Bridge, The London Eye and St Paul's Cathedral.

We will continue to use the story, 'Katie in London, to help us create stories of our own before we begin to learn all about The Fire of London.

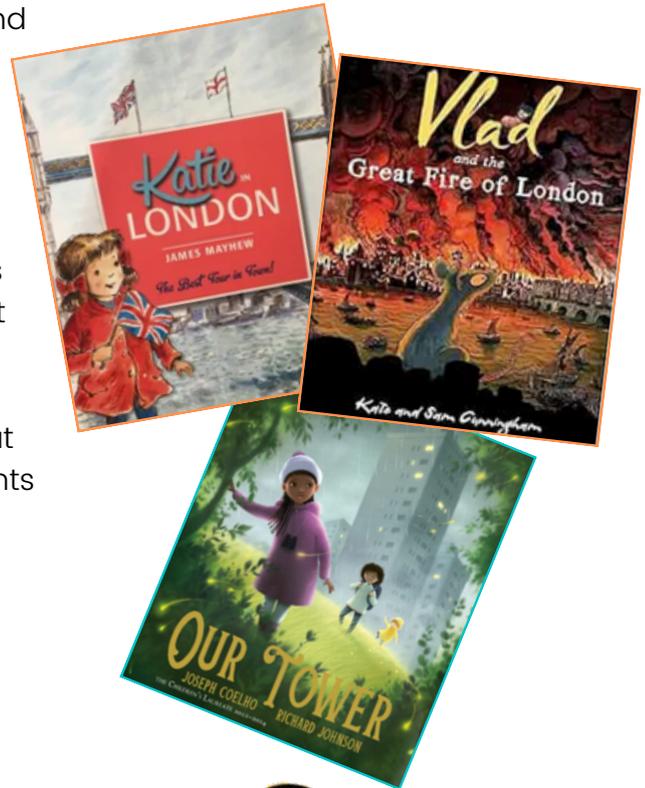
Over the next few weeks, in History, we will be learning about how the fire started and will be thinking about how the events brought about change. We will be comparing pictures of London now and then and considering the changes that were made after the fire.

To support our topic, we will be having a visit from the Fire Service on the 17th March.

In Science, we will be learning about materials and describing their properties. We will be making paper bridges, asking the question - How can we adapt an unsuitable material to make it suitable?

In Maths, we have started learning about multiplication and division. We have also been learning to count in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's.

On Monday 23rd March, we will be visiting Kew Gardens in order to revisit and embed our knowledge about plants and The Rain Forest.



clamber

dome

chime

resident

monarch

spire

ablaze

smoulder

illuminate

Phonics

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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

Tricky Words

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