



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .03



Welcome to November's edition of the school's newsletter. We hope you all had a lovely and enjoyable half term. I am delighted to share what a fantastic start to the second part of the Autumn term it has been. The children have returned with such curiosity and enthusiasm for their new learning topics. This week we have also explored the Hindu festival of Diwali with a visit from Nabhi Das and had a visit from our local community police officers. How exciting.

We're delighted to share that over the Half-Term break, several exciting improvements were made to our school environment. The children have been thrilled to explore our new reading nook in the library, which offers a cosy and inviting space to enjoy books. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated cushions—your generosity has helped make the space even more special. In addition, we've had new fire doors installed, enhancing both the safety and the welcoming feel of our school. We're also nearing completion of our new fire alarm system installation. Please rest assured that our existing system remains fully operational during this transition.

This week, each year group is launching an exciting new learning topic:

- Reception: The children will be exploring the changing seasons and learning about a variety of celebrations that take place during this time of year.
- Year 1: Through their topic 'Fill up, Fuel up', children will discover how to keep themselves healthy, focusing on nutrition, exercise, and wellbeing.
- Year 2: The topic 'Travel' will take children on a journey through the history of transport, helping them understand how travel has evolved over time.

Welcome back everyone.

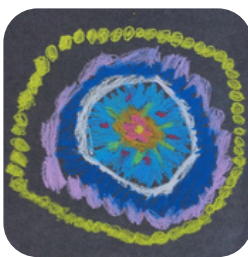
Thank you for your continued support in making Horsell Village School a safe, inspiring place for our children to learn and grow.

Diary Dates November & December



04.11.2025	Diwali Day
10.11.2025	Friendship Week
11.11.2025	Remembrance Day
13.11.2025	Odd Socks Day
13.11.2025	Parent volunteer meeting 9.00 am Hive 2.45 pm Hall
14.11.2025	Children in Need Day
17.11.2025	Road Safety Week
17.11.2025	Yr2 trip to Brooklands Museum
18.11.2025	Parent Maths Workshop 9.00 am (Hall) 6.30 pm (SO Classroom)
21.11.2025	Parent volunteer meeting 9.00 am Hive 2.45 pm Hall
21.11.2025	PTA Christmas Mufti Donations Day
06.12.2025	PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 to 3.00 pm The Horsell Village School
09.12.2025	EYFS Christmas Production 9.30 am & 5.00 pm School Hall
12.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
16.12.2025	Year 1 Christmas Production 9. 30 am & 5.00pm St Mary's Church
17.12.2025	Year 2 Christmas Production 9. 30 am & 5.00pm St Mary's Church
18.12.2025	Hanukah Day
19.12.2025	End of Term 1.15 pm Finish

Diwali Day



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On Tuesday 4th November, the whole school took part in a day of learning and celebration focused on the Hindu Festival of Diwali. Children engaged in a variety of activities to explore the meaning and traditions of Diwali, including storytelling, art, and music. It was a joyful and enriching experience that helped deepen their understanding of different cultures and beliefs.



BBC Children in Need is on Friday 14th November 2025. We will be joining in with this year's theme 'Challenge yourself to 25' by taking part in the Strictly come dancing 25 step dance challenge.

Each day next week we will be learning 5 new dance moves to the song 'That's what makes you beautiful' from One Direction.

On Friday we will come together on the playground (weather permitting) to take part on one big dance together.

You can head to

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/strictly/> to find out more and practice some dance moves or head to <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> where you can make a donation should you wish to do so.



We will be honouring Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. We will be recognising the service of others and discussing how this reflects our school motto of kindness. We will be observing a 2 minute silence at 11.00 am.

As in previous years, if your child attends Squirrels, Beavers, Rainbows or Brownies we are more than happy for them to wear their uniform.

Poppies continue to be available for a donation in school.

Other merchandise is also available with a suggested donation of between £ 1 and 2. These items are available at the end of each day between 3.20 pm and 3.40 pm from the school office.

Just a little reminder...

The staff carpark is for staff only.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter



Friendship Week

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-bullying week. Here at Horsell we refer to it as 'Friendship Week'. As you know relationships- with a particular focus Kindness is a golden thread that runs through everything we do here at school.

This years theme is 'The Power for Good'.

Each of us holds a power- the power to choose kindness, to speak up, to stand beside someone who feels alone.

Being powerful means having the courage to do what is right, even when it is hard. It means including others, creating a community where everyone feels safe and valued.

Each day the children will be exploring a range of stories about friendships and acts of kindness.

Odd Socks day will take place on Thursday 13th November to help raise awareness for Anti-bullying week. Odd Socks day is part of anti-bullying week and aims to promote kindness and celebrate individuality. All the children need to do should they choose to do so is wear odd socks to school that day. Its a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique.

We will also be sending out our new Anti-bullying policy alongside guidance for how you can support at home, so please keep an eye out for this.

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**Kindness to
yourself**
Kindness to others
**Kindness to the
world**



The children's and Young People's Emotional and Wellbeing and Mental Health Service

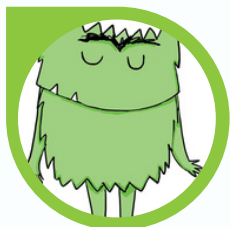


Mindworks Surrey is the children and young people's Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Learning Disability services in Surrey. It is delivered by a group made up of NHS, National and Local voluntary section organisations all working together.



There are several sections from children, parents and schools to access support from.

The parent / family page provides valuable links to a variety of different support. From guidance on managing emotions on the school run to managing escalation.



There is guidance on support you can access yourself as well as information on how schools can support.

You can access Mindworks through <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

At Horsell, we believe the link between home and school is an important one. If you ever feel concerned about the emotional and well-being of your child / children please make an appointment to Mrs Reeve, Miss Cadey or Miss Richardson.

Christmas Events

The Christmas season at The Horsell Village School is fast approaching. We wanted to share in advance some of the events we have planned to provide as much notice as possible.

Christmas Performances



Year R
Shine, Little Star!
HVS Original



Year 1
The Twinkly Nativity
Mark, Helen & Naomi Johnson



Year 2
The Nativity
Nicki Davies

Tuesday
9th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

School Hall: Otters, Rabbits and Foxcubs Performance day

Tuesday
16th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

St Mary's Church: Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers
Performance day

Wednesday
17th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

St Mary's Church: Tawny Owls, Snowy Owls and Barn Owls
Performance day

This year the Reception performances will be ticketed events. Over the next few weeks you will receive your tickets by hand. Families will be allocated two tickets. One for the morning performance and one for the evening performance. This is due to the limited space within the school hall and we want everyone to feel comfortable and the children to feel confident in performing to larger audiences. Please can we ask that younger siblings remain at home and babes in arms only. Please ensure you bring your tickets to each performance

For the Year 1 and Year 2 performances tickets will not be required. The children will be working hard to learn their lines and songs. Please can we ask that younger siblings remain at home and babes in arms only.

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and year group Christmas Parties are all on Friday 12th December.

The children will enjoy a full day of festivities. They do not need to bring any party food.

We will send out more information closer to the time.



Safeguarding & Attendance

Keeping
Children
Safe

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



DSL Team

You can find additional information regarding our safeguarding culture and processes on our school website as well as

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children>



Heading home with someone else?

If your child is heading home with a friend or being picked up by someone else please make sure you have let the school office know by 3.00 pm at the very latest. This allows time for staff to be informed before the end of the school day.

Just a little reminder

Gates open at 8.35 am and doors open at 8.40 am.

Doors close at 8.50 am

Should you arrive after this time please head round to the office to sign your child in.

Gates then re-open at 3.10 pm and doors open at 3.20pm.

Please ensure you have collected your child / children and left the school premises by 3.30 pm.

The gates will then be locked to enable after school clubs to run safely.

If you are running late for any reason please ring and let the school office know as soon as possible

What's happening in Reception...

The children thoroughly enjoyed our topic last half term "Anyone can be a Hero" – especially the visit by the Police who told us about how they help people to keep people safe. We got to dress up in some police uniform and see inside their car!

We have seen some fantastic Go for It Gorillas over the last month, well done everyone! We have discussed all the characteristics now. See if your child can remember when they were showing these behaviours. We saw some Creative Chameleons last week with our firework activities.



The return to school sees our new topic starting "Seasons and Celebrations". We began this topic by discussing Bonfire night, why it is celebrated and how to be safe around fireworks. We also celebrated Diwali and found out that it is also called 'The Festival of Light'. We will celebrate Friendship Week and the 'Power for Good' before moving on to our new book 'The Leaf Thief'. In PSHE we are celebrating differences, thinking about how we are special and unique as well as how we are the same.

We are trying hard to write some CVC words with the sounds we have learnt e.g. cat, hop, sit. Have a go at writing some words at home too!

We have been focusing on counting accurately and using our super subitising skills (don't count, say the amount). Play a game with a dice at home and see if you can subitise the number!

celebration
power
friendship
season
Nativity



Phonics

The sounds we are looking at now are:

Mrs Knight's group:

g o c k ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss

Mrs Shaw / Mrs Emslie's group:

ck e u r h b f ff l ll ss j v w x

Miss Burtenshaw's group:

h b f ff l ll ss j v w x y z zz qu

Mrs Kaine / Mrs Huntley-Robertson;s group:

j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng

Books are changed on a Tuesday and a Friday once parents have commented in the diary. We appreciate your support in guiding your child's reading development.

Reminders

PE days:

Foxcubs – Monday and Thursday

Otters – Tuesday and Thursday

Rabbits – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure all items of clothing are named. Each class has jumpers / cardigans with no names so please ask if you are missing some.

What's happening in Year 1...

The children have been introduced to the new topic for this half term, 'Fill up, Fuel up.'

We have started by zooming in on fruits and exploring all the adjectives we can use to describe how they look, feel and taste. In Science we will be learning about plants and will grow cress, observing it over time.

In DT, the children will be learning to design, make and evaluate their own food products. They will be taste testing fruits and will decide what they would like to include in their fruit salad.

We will begin the half term with the text, The Gigantic Turnip and the children will learn about the story's structure and the adjectives used for description. They will then use drama to help them retell the story before writing their own story.

In Geography, we will be developing our map reading skills and will revisit the continents and oceans. We will also be comparing where we live to St Lucia and will learn about its climate and what grows there.

Our PSHE this half term is focusing on celebrating differences, including what makes us special and how we can all be a good friend and show kindness to others.



Phonics



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

Phase 3
Phase 4
Phase 5

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.

fruit

cabin

vegetable

embroidered

delicious

gigantic

minute

sweet

sour

What's happening in Year 2...

Travel

Happy November everyone!

We have an exciting month of learning all about travel ahead of us including a trip to Brooklands Museum on Monday 17th November.

In Maths, we will be learning how to add and subtract a one digit number from a two digit number and a two digit number from another two digit number and will be using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 to help us.

In English, we will be using the story, 'Pedal Power' to inspire us to create posters informing others about the benefits of riding more bikes.

We will then be using the story, 'Taking Flight' as a starting point to help us learn about the Wright Brothers and to sequence key events.

In Science, we will be learning about keeping healthy and healthy diets. In History, we will be learning about how aeroplanes have changed over time and, in Art, we will be learning a variety of drawing techniques.

We will also be honouring Remembrance Day, recognising the service of others and discussing how this reflects our school motto of kindness.



Phonics

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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

Tricky Words

wild child, child children, old told, gold golden
ever, never, every everybody, even, event, fast,
past



exercise

aviation

health

engine

vitality

ascend

transport

descend

invention