



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the October Edition of The Horsell Village School Newsletter. We have so much to celebrate with you already. The children are fully settled into the routines of everyday life here at The Horsell Village School and are enjoying their new learning topics.

The children have been working hard on establishing their learning behaviours and modelling the behaviours associated with our characteristics of effective learners. They should all be feeling very proud of themselves.



Another celebration goes to Miss Burtenshaw and her partner Darryl on the safe arrival of baby George. Mother and baby are doing extremely well. I am sure you join me in passing on our well wishes.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year Group Induction meetings – don't worry if you missed them – you can now find a copy of all the information shared on the Year Group pages on the school website.

This week we will be celebrating Harvest Festival at school. Harvest Festival is a special opportunity for our school community to come

together to celebrate all that we have to be thankful for. It gives the children the chance to learn about where our food comes from, appreciate the hard work of those who grow and produce it and think about the importance of sharing with others.

Throughout our Harvest celebrations, we encourage kindness, gratitude and generosity, helping our children to understand how we can all make a positive difference within our local community.

We will be collecting for Woking Food Bank throughout the week. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please refer to the Harvest Festival letter sent last week for details of suitable and wanted items.



Diary Dates

October
&
November
2026

05.10.2026	Flu Immunisations All Year groups
07.10.2026	Learning Together Parent Workshop Maths 9.00 am School Hall
09.10.2026	Harvest Festival Children only event
12.10.2026	Year 1 Children's Virtual Reality Space Workshop
14.10.2026	Individual Photographs
16.10.2026	Welly Walk Parent Event Finish for Half Term 3.20 pm
19.10.2026 to 30.10.2026	Half Term
02.11.2026	Return to School
04.11.2026	Parent Conferences 3.50pm to 6.50 pm
05.11.2026	Parent Conferences 3.50pm to 5.50pm
06.11.2026	Diwali Day
06.11.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am School Hall 2.45 pm School Hall
09.11.2026	Friendship Week
10.11.2026	Learning Together Parent Workshop Mental Health & Wellbeing 9.00 am School Hall



School Council

Each KS1 class has just appointed their School Council representatives for the year. The School Council here at

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The Horsell Village School plays a crucial role in shaping elements of our whole school learning environment as well as aspects within the community.

Well done to all the children who have been selected by their class to be their class representatives.

The school council have already met with Mrs Aughterson to start planning out the events and focus for the up coming year.

**YR
1**

Hedgehogs - Cleo and Joshua
Squirrels - Nathaniel and Ruby
Badgers - Poppy and Wilfred

**YR
2**

Barn Owls - Harkirit and Ralph
Tawny Owls - Felix and Selena
Snowy Owls - Cora and Jasper

Parent Conferences

As we near the end of the first half term, we are looking forward to sharing how well the children have settled into school life and progressed in their learning.

Parent consultations provide a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their academic progress, personal development and wellbeing. These conversations help strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring we work together to support every child to thrive.

Your involvement really does make a difference. By attending we can work together to ensure your child feels supported, encouraged and able to achieve their best.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating your child's / children's progress together.

Please use the booking link below. We look forward to meeting with you.

This link will go live on **Monday 5th October - 6.00 pm**

www.scopay.com

Plea for tissues

As we head into the colder months the sniffles and runny noses can start to appear.

If you can, we would be incredibly grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. As you can imagine we can go through a lot of boxes.

If you are able to spare a box or two, please send them into school via the office - Thank you

Attendance reminder

We have started the year with fantastic attendance. Let's work together to continue high attendance at school.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school to fill in the absence form before 9.00 am.

All medical appointments where possible should be made for after school.

Thank you for your continued support

Admissions



For children born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, parents / carers will need to apply for a school place between 4th November 2026 and 15th January 2027.

Please visit the school website for details on the school Admissions policy and procedures for 2026 to 2027.

Upcoming
Events
&
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You can apply online to Surrey County Council using the following link.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant>

For children leaving **Year 2 in July 2026** they will need to also apply for a Junior School place. You can do this using the above link. All applications for starting school and moving into Year 3 need to be made by 15th January 2027

PE Kits

Just a friendly reminder that PE kits should be in school throughout the week. For children in Year 1 and Year 2. PE kits can either be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday, or left in school for the entire half term.

Occasionally, PE lessons may be moved due to weather conditions or other school events, so having kits available at all times ensures that children can take part fully in their PE learning.

Staff Car Park

A request for your support.



The staff carpark is for staff only. If you are picking up from any after school clubs please park on the side roads, Village Hall, Red Lion and walk across.

Unfortunately we have had some near misses in the last few weeks and aggressive behaviour towards staff members.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Weather Ready

At our school, we make the most of every opportunity to learn and play outdoors. As the weather becomes more changeable, please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day.

Even if the morning starts bright and sunny, conditions can change quickly throughout the day. Having a coat in school helps to ensure that children can continue to enjoy outdoor learning and play comfortably in all weather.

This half term we will be focusing on the value of 'Respect'

Respect to ourselves

Respect to others

Respect to property

Respecting the right that everyone can have

their own thoughts, values and opinions.



A big thank you to the school community and how you continue to support us in all that we do.

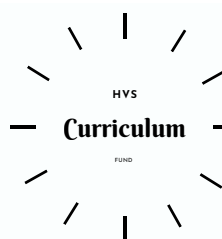
For those of you that attended the parent induction meetings you would have heard me talk a little about how it is becoming a little harder each year to continue to provide our children with the approach to learning we so whole heartedly believe in.

There are many aspects we work hard as a school to protect and always ensure that the children's needs are put first.

If you feel you can help us- there are many ways in which you can support.



Joining and supporting our PTA events. Each year the PTA do an amazing job at running a range of events to raise significant funds for the school. This enables us to provide our children with resources, equipment and experiences that would normally have to come from our school budget. They are currently looking for some new volunteers to help run key events. If you are interested or feel you can help please contact Sima by emailing horsellschoolspta@gmail.com



Each term to try and supplement the curriculum supplies we are asking parents to donate a suggested contribution of £10 per term. This covers items such as glue sticks, pencils and board markers as well as supporting enrichment activities such as cooking. This contribution can be made through ScoPay following this link <https://www.scopay.com/login.html> Please select the trips and events tab.



Today our Governors wrote to you to explain how the school's ongoing funding is managed and how your contributions enable us to sustain the level of classroom support your children benefit from. Thanks to the generous donations we have received in recent years, we have been able to fund our teaching assistants, ensuring that every child receives the care and attention they deserve. This additional support plays a vital role in enhancing learning outcomes and maintaining a nurturing environment across the school. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by setting up a standing order in the school's favour using the details on the letter.



As you know, we use a significant amount of money raised by the PTA each year to ensure our stock of reading books remains fresh and up to date. Please take great care with water bottles in school bags. Each book costs around £5 and the more we can protect the less we have to replace and funds can be spent on other exciting resources and events for the children.

We understand that the current financial climate presents challenges in many areas of life. That's why we want to express our appreciation for any support you're able to offer—whether it's a financial contribution, volunteering your time, or helping out at an event. Every gesture, no matter how big or small, makes a meaningful difference and is truly valued.

Thank you for your continued support.

Safeguarding

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 schools 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>

DSL Team



NSPCC

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online.

Understanding online safety can be tricky.

The NSPCC have developed a range of guidelines and advice on how to keep the whole family safe.

On the NSPCC page you can find :

- Advice on how to talk to your children about online safety
- How to set up privacy settings
- Online safety guides for parents
- Resources for children with SEND

As technology continues to develop at a fast pace it is good to share and discuss not only the positives on the digital world but the importance of keeping each other safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

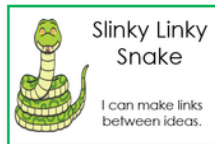
What's happening in Reception...

We continue to be proud of how the children have settled into school. Thank you for your continued support ensuring the children arrive on time.

We have been to our first Reflections (assembly) and the children showed how well they could join in our routines. We go every Friday for our Celebration Reflections and the Kindness Ambassador can take home the class mascot!

We continue focusing on good listening skills and displaying our motto **Kindness to yourself, Kindness to others and Kindness to the world.** We continue introducing effective learner animals.

The next three are:
Creative Chameleon
Slinky Linky Snake
Proud Peacock



Talk to your children at home about ways they can make links in their learning alongside how and why people feel proud.

Our PE lessons start from Monday 5th. Initially, we will be visiting the hall, playing some games and learning how to use the equipment safely. Please make sure your children come to school in PE kits.

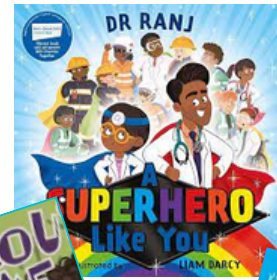
Next Friday we will visit the Church for our Harvest Festival. Reception will perform a poem as part of the Service.

Reminders

Please may we ask that you stay with your child in the morning before the classroom doors open and encourage them not to play with the equipment that is set up for the day's learning.

Please help your children be independent in opening and closing their fruit pot and putting on and zipping up their coats.

Please name all fruit pots / jumpers / cardigans / coats / gloves / hats etc.
Thank you :)



Phonics

Thank you to those who came to our Reading meeting.

We have taught the first set of sounds and are revisiting them with a focus on blending:
s a t p i n m d

Books will be 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.

Dates for your diary

Welly Walk:
Friday 16th October

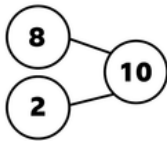
Parent Conferences:
Wednesday 4th November & Thursday 5th November

What's happening in Year 1...

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the texts we have explored as part of our Toys in Space topic and have produced some fantastic writing. This half term, we have continued to develop and embed key writing skills, and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made, particularly in their use of descriptive adjectives and their ability to consistently leave finger spaces between words.

Next week, we will begin our final text, Lost in the Toy Museum. This links closely with our History learning, as the children will bring together all that they have learned about toys from the past and present to create their own toy museums within the classroom. We are looking forward to showcasing their knowledge, creativity and writing as part of this exciting culmination of the topic.

In Maths, the children will be moving onto exploring number fact families and we will be using the part-part-whole model to help us to write addition number sentences.



In Science, we will be carrying out investigations looking at different materials and whether or not they are waterproof or absorbent.

We have been learning more about Harvest in preparation for our Harvest Festival celebration.

On Monday 12th October, we will have our Virtual Reality Space workshop in school. 🚀🌌

Phonics



This half term, we have been revisiting all of the Phase 3 Phonics sounds. After half term, we will be spending time consolidating our blending and will practise reading **adjacent consonants** e.g.

nd to read the word **hand**

st to read the word **stop**

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.



absorbent

waterproof

rigid

flexible

astronaut

disappointed

What's happening in Year 2...

Well done to all our Year Two children for how well they have settled back into school life and routines. We are very proud of how well they are developing their skills as role models for the younger learners in school.

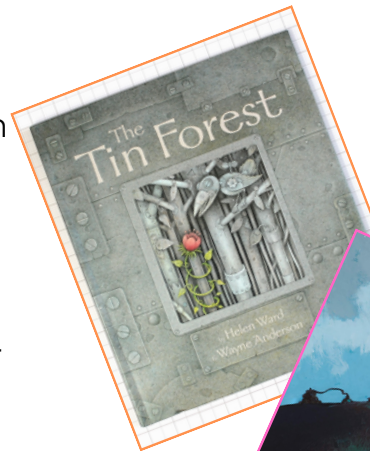
October is the month of 'Master Makers' and we will be finding out about sculptures in our local environment; mapping where they are and comparing and contrasting what we can see in our locality with other areas.

In Science and D.T, we will be investigating different materials, including paper and developing our paper skills so that we can create paper sculptures of our own inspired by the story, 'The Tin Forest'.

In English we will be writing poems inspired by 'The Tin Forest' and we will use the story to help embed our knowledge and understanding of nouns, adjectives and verbs .

In Maths, our learning will focus on addition and subtraction. We will practise and embed our number bond knowledge and investigate what happens when we add or subtract across a ten.

In Computing we will continue creating simple codes using command blocks and will be learning how to keep safe online in school and at home.



Phonics



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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5

Tricky Words

These are in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home.

absorbent

idea

human

perch

physical

tropical

windswept

transparent

exotic

opaque

key

flexible