



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 'Start of the Year' newsletter, we hope it finds you well.

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. It has been lovely to welcome our Year 1 and Year 2 children back to school and to meet our new Reception children during their morning sessions. The children are settling well into their new classes and routines, and it has been a joy to see them reconnecting with friends and embracing new learning opportunities. We are very proud of how positively they have begun the term and look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of all our new Reception children and any other new parents across The Horsell Village community. For those who are new, I am Mrs Reeve, the Headteacher here at The Horsell Village School. You will often see myself or a member of the leadership team in the mornings on the school gate. Please pop over and say hello.



Mrs Reeve



Mrs Sharkey



Miss Richardson



Mrs Wright



Mrs Shaw

Community plays a significant part in all that we do here. I feel incredibly privileged to work alongside such a dedicated and talented team of staff who are committed to ensuring every child thrives. We are all excited about the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with our families to provide the very best educational experience possible for our children. Together, we will continue to nurture, inspire and support each child as they grow in confidence, develop new skills and achieve their full potential.

Please continue reading to find out all about the start of term and don't forget you can get regular updates for upcoming events and information for each year group on the school website <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/>

Best Wishes

Mrs Reeve and the team at The Horsell Village School

Diary Dates



September
&
October
2026

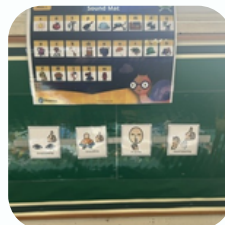
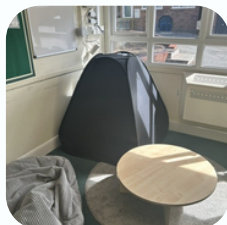
01.09.2026	INSET Day
02.09.2026	Year 1 & Year 2 start of term
04.09.2026	Year R start of term
08.09.2026	Year 2 Induction Meeting 9.00 am- School Hall
10.09.2026	Year 1 Induction Meeting 9.00 am- School Hall
12.09.2026	PTA Good as New Uniform Sale at HVS 10.00 am to 11.30 am
17.09.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am School Hall 2.45 pm School Hall
18.09.2026	Year R Induction Meeting 9.00 am School Hall
22.09.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am School Hall 2.45 pm School Hall
22.09.2026	Young Carers Activity afternoon
25.09.2026	Values Day- 'Respect'
29.09.2026	Learning Together- Parent Workshop- 'Reading' 9.00 am School Hall
01.10.2026	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am School Hall 2.45 pm School Hall
05.10.2026	Flu Immunisations All Year groups
09.10.2026	Harvest Festival Children only event
12.10.2026	Year 1 Children's Virtual Reality Space Workshop
14.10.2026	Individual Photographs
15.10.2026	PTA Crazy Hair Day
16.10.2026	Welly Walk Parent Event Finish for Half Term 3.20 pm

The school has been a hive of activity over the Summer and we wanted to share with you some of the exciting things that have been happening to make our school even more inviting.

Mr Pratt has been busy making sure the school environment is sparkling and ready for the start of the new year- I am sure you join me in passing on a huge 'Thank You'.

We have
been busy

Hive Refurbishment



Our Hive classroom has undergone some refurbishment during the Summer Holidays. This additional classroom has been designed with a range of sensory resources such as tactile equipment, calming sounds, weighted items and interactive sensory activities- a structured environment where children can regulate their emotions, develop sensory processing skills and access learning for their individual needs. Our Hive classroom is accessed by different children throughout the day.

New flat roof

As many of you know work on the replacement of the flat roof began before the end of term. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children were supervised during drop off and pick up time. We are excited to say it is now finished with the addition of new skylight windows and new windows in the school hall. It has certainly brightened up the corridor.

Induction Meetings

Induction meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet the Year Group Leader and hear about the year ahead, the learning expectations and how you can support at home. Each of the Year Group Induction meetings will take place at 9.00am in the school hall. They will last for approximately 30 minutes.

Please do not worry if you cannot attend the Year Group Induction meeting as all of the information will be shared on the Year Group Page on the school website.



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Friday 18th
September

YEAR
1

Thursday 10th
September

YEAR
2

Tuesday 8th
September



School Values & School Motto



As a school we embrace the Values Education Approach. We aim for our values and the core principle of kindness to show through everything that is said and done in our school.

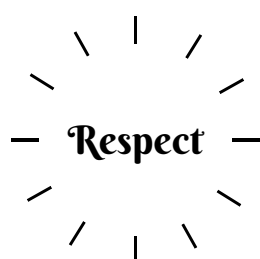
Last year we looked at how we could combine our values and motto together to help our children gain a deeper understanding of the meaning behind each value.

Each half term we will look at a value and explore what it means and the behaviours associated through the three aspects of our school motto

Upcoming
Events
&
Curriculum news



	Respect Care	Co-operation Teamwork	Honesty Truthful	Responsibility Looking after	Appreciation Thankful
Kindness to yourself	I can care for my mind and body	I can share my thoughts and feelings when I work as a team	I can tell the truth.	I can look after myself and my things,	I can be thankful for who I am and what I do
Kindness to others	I can care for others minds and bodies.	I can listen and take turns when I work as a team	I can tell the truth and speak kindly.	I can look after other people's feelings and belongings.	I can be thankful to others for the things that they do.
Kindness to the World	I can care for the World.	When I work with others I can make things better for the World.	I can tell the truth to make the world a better place.	I can look after the World- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	I can be thankful for the world by looking after it.



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.

Jigsaw-The mindful approach to PSHE

This half term we will be exploring the unit

'Being me in my World'.

Each week the children will be exploring set themes to help them establish their sense of self in their new classes and new school (for some children).

We will be revisiting key parts of our school motto- with a focus on 'Kindness to others' and how we can show this.





Working in Partnership



At The Horsell Village School, we believe that children achieve their very best when school and home work together. We greatly value the support, encouragement and involvement of our families and look forward to building strong relationships throughout the year.

Whether it is hearing your child read, attending school events, supporting learning at home or communicating with staff, every contribution helps to create a positive and successful learning experience.

If you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

By working together, we can ensure that every child feels happy, supported and ready to thrive.

Reading Parent Workshop

Throughout the year we run a number of workshops focusing on specific areas of the curriculum.

In the Autumn Term we will be running workshops on how we teach reading and how we support our children to develop a positive Mental Health and Well-being.



Each workshop is designed to give you an overview of the teaching approaches and to provide you with strategies on how to support at home.

We will share information about the content of each workshop closer to the time.

Again please do not worry if you cannot physically attend these meetings as they will be shared via email and on our curriculum pages of the school website

Reading - Tuesday 29th September 9.00 am - School Hall

Mental Health & Well-being- Tuesday 10th November- School Hall

Open Classroom Afternoons

Our Thursday open classroom afternoons will begin on Thursday 17th September and then every Thursday afternoon after. From 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm school will be open for you to pop in with your children/child. It's a lovely time for your child to share their learning and more often than not, give you a personal tour of their classroom and all things Horsell. The children are very proud of their school and love to show it off. Please wait by the front door for us to ensure everyone is collected from pick up or are at after school clubs before re-entering the building. We ask that you enter and leave by the main entrance.

Please note not all classrooms will be available each term if they are being used for a club, however your child will be able to bring their books out to you to share in the school library.

Safeguarding and Attendance

Keeping
Children
Safe

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>

Attendance

Being in school every day is important to your child's well-being, achievement and wider development.

Should your child be ill please complete an 'absence form that can be found on the school website or following link <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance/>

- Please make sure this is completed before 9.00 am each day. After this the school will begin its 'First day calling' protocol. If we cannot get in touch with you or other contacts on your contact list we will conduct a home visit. If we still cannot get hold of you a welfare check from Surrey Police will be requested by 2.00 pm.
- If you are running late - after 8.50 am - you will be asked to come in to sign your child in. This will be recorded as a late on your child's attendance record as lessons begin straight away.

Mrs Reeve and Mrs Shaw work together as the schools Attendance Champions to monitor and provide support to ensure our children have full access to school.

Please refer to our school attendance policy and flow chart at <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance/> for additional information.

Thank you for your support.



Mrs Reeve
DSL
Attendance
Champion



Mrs Sharkey
DDSL



Miss Cadey
DDSL



Miss
Richardson
DDSL



Mrs Shaw
DDSL
Attendance
Champion



Mrs Wright
DDSL

School Clubs- Autum Term 2026



THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL CLUB TIMETABLE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Before School 8am	Olympics	Wake & Stretch	Just Play Music	Cricket Just Play Music	Archery
 Lunchtime		Chess Spanish	French Y1	French Y2 Woking Gym Club	
 After School 3:20pm – 4:20pm	Street Dance Art with Rose	Ultimate Coaching Football	Lego Coding Club Art with Rose Sporty Kidz Multisports	Basketball Cooking with Dee	Sporty Kidz Tennis or Fun Fitness



At The Horsell Village School we believe that learning extends beyond the classroom. We have a fantastic range of after school clubs here at The Horsell Village School. You can access information about each club and how to book by visiting the school website using the following link

<https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/parents/clubs/>

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding then funded places are available for one club per half term. Please contact the school office for additional information.

Volunteering at School

If you would like to volunteer to be a parent helper at school you will need to have a school DBS check as well as attend one of our 'Parent Volunteer' briefings before starting to help in school. You will need to attend a volunteer meeting once a year. You can attend one of these meetings whilst awaiting or before applying for your DBS check. You can find out about how to apply for a DBS through visiting parent's section of our school website.

Parent volunteer briefings are being held at 9.00 am and 2.45 pm on:

- Thursday 17th September 2026 – School Hall
- Tuesday 22nd September 2026 – School Hall
- Thursday 1st October 2026 – School Hall

This year meetings will be slightly longer to accommodate new guidance around Benedict's Law- allergy awareness.

We will be running parent volunteer briefings at the beginning of every half term.



Jewellery

We ask that no jewellery is worn at school, this includes earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, during the 6 week healing time, we ask that you cover their earrings with tape every day; this is not the job of the school. **After 6 weeks, the earrings must be removed for school due to the active nature of our school learning, in line with Surrey's guidance**

Children in Year 2 may wear an analogue watch to support the Year 2 Maths curriculum of being able to tell the analogue time.

Start of term
reminders

Birthday Celebrations

We celebrate each child's birthday at school. We would like to remind you that we do not give out birthday sweets.

Please save these treats for home.



Hair - The long and short

We encourage children to be as active as possible, therefore we ask that hair is tied back every day. A good guide is if it is long enough to be tied back then it should be. We kindly remind parents that extreme hair fashions are not permitted. This includes styles such as shaved lines, patterns, or other designs. Hair accessories should be as plain and simple as possible and in the school colours.

Keeping Healthy

We ask that your child brings to school a small fresh fruit or vegetable snack each day (**no nuts**). We provide your child with an additional snack in the afternoons. Whilst at school, it is also important for your children to keep hydrated. Please send them to school each day with a named water bottle.



Communications

I am sure you can appreciate that drop-off is a very busy time and class teachers have a lot to remember as well as settling the children into school. Should you need to pass an important message onto the class teachers in the morning, please email or ring the school office in the first instance and we will ensure that the message gets to them.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Drop off and pick up

To make drop off and pick up run smoothly, please can we request that you:

- Arrive between the allocated time. The school gates open at **8.35 am** in the mornings and will close at **8.50 am**. Learning starts as soon as they children are in.
- Please do not use your mobile phone on site, during drop off and pick up. We have a duty of care to safeguard all children.
- If you are running late (we know things happen) - please ring the school office to keep us informed - this helps us to prepare your child / children - especially at the end of a school day.
- If someone different is picking up, please inform the school office before 2.30 pm. Messages received after 3.00pm do not allow the office staff sufficient time to get to the classrooms.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Finally, could we ask that once you have dropped off or picked up your child that you do not congregate on the drive into the car park. It gets very busy during these times and this area can become especially congested for other members of the public.

Thank you for your support.

What's happening in Reception...

A very warm welcome to the start of a new and exciting year in Early Years! We are absolutely delighted to have your little ones with us and look forward to getting to know each child as they begin their learning journey at 'big school'.

The first few weeks are all about settling in, building relationships, and creating a nurturing environment where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to explore. We are looking forward to seeing moments of curiosity, kindness, and confidence emerge in our classrooms.

We will begin by getting to know the different members of our class—sharing interesting facts about ourselves, talking about our likes and dislikes, and discovering what makes each of us unique. These early conversations are helping us build a strong sense of community and friendship.

As the children begin to stay for lunch and then full days, we're looking forward to introducing them to the wider school environment, including the playground and other shared spaces. This is an exciting step, and we will be supporting them every step of the way.

Our first full day of school is **Friday 11th September**, and we're thrilled to be launching our first topic: '**Anyone Can Be a Hero**'. During this topic, we'll be exploring the many different roles adults play in our school and in our community. We'll be talking about the jobs people do, what makes someone a hero, and even thinking about what we might like to be when we grow up!

We will encourage the children to think about themselves as learners. Here at school, we use the '**Characteristics of Effective Learning**' zoo to help children understand how they learn best—whether it's through exploring, being creative, or keeping on trying. These characteristics will be woven into our daily activities and celebrated throughout the term.

We believe that strong partnerships with families are key to a successful start, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

The Reception Team



Key texts
this half term

Phonics



Here at The Horsell Village School we use 'Bug Club' to teach our phonics program. Each lesson is split into 4 sections, – identifying sounds, blending, reading and writing.

We will be starting our phonics lessons soon and then sending out reading books when we have learnt the first set of sounds.

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Our learning zoo.



What's happening in Year 1...

A warm welcome to everyone who has joined Year 1 this year. The children have had a wonderful start to the term and have settled brilliantly into the routines of Key Stage 1. This week, we are launching our exciting new topic, 'Toys in Space'. Our English learning will be linked to both toys and space, with the children enjoying a range of engaging texts to inspire their reading and writing. They will be practising writing simple sentences about characters and events in the stories, whilst exploring different adjectives to make their writing more interesting and descriptive. This half term, we are focusing on saying a sentence aloud before writing it, using finger spaces between words and reading back our writing to check it makes sense. In Maths, the children will be reading and writing numbers, finding one more and one less than a given number, counting on from different starting points and comparing numbers.

In History, we will be learning about toys from the past and present, exploring how toys have changed over time and comparing similarities and differences between the toys children played with then and now.

In Art, we will be exploring the colour wheel and learning about colour mixing. The children will use these skills to create space-themed artwork inspired by Joe Van Wetering in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to an exciting half term filled with imagination, creativity and discovery as we journey through our 'Toys in Space' topic! 🚀🧸🌟

Phonics



This year we will continue building on the phonics learning developed in Reception. Daily phonics sessions will help children strengthen their reading, spelling and decoding skills. We will assess the children at set points in the year.

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.



friendship

alien

change

Earth

space

lonely

spaceship

planet

What's happening in Year 2...

Welcome back everyone! We are very excited to be sharing the start of another learning journey with our brand new Year Two's. We have a fantastic year ahead of us.

We will begin by getting to know our class owls in detail. Looking at what their key features are, how they live and the food chain that they are part of. To help inspire us, we will be using the book, 'Owl Babies'. We will be learning all about nouns and adjectives and creating owl information posters.

We will then be moving on to learning all about 'Master Makers' using the books 'Three Little Pigs' and 'The Tin Forest'.

In Maths, we will be learning about place value, counting objects to one hundred by counting in groups of tens and ordering objects and numbers.

In Science and DT, we will be exploring and learning all about materials and their properties; investigating their strength and flexibility and investigating the ways that they can be joined together.

In Geography, we will be using maps to help us learn about our locality.

Towards the end of the month we will be out and about on a sculpture walk. We will be learning all about the different sculptures that we see, discussing the materials they are made from and how we know and creating maps to inform others as to how to find them.



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.

nest

author

swooping

exotic

habitat

local

nocturnal

canal

talons

town

prey

village

windswept