



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Hello

## April & May

Welcome to the Summer Term and April and May's edition of The Horsell Village School Newsletter. In this edition you will find:

- Information on upcoming events
- School News
- Diary dates for whole Summer Term
- Year Group Pages

The start of the Summer Term is always an exciting time here at The Horsell Village School. We have lots of exciting things planned to continue to support our children to grow. The children are enjoying applying all the knowledge and skills they have acquired so far in the year into their new learning topics.

- In Reception the children will be exploring all creatures great and small through their topic 'The Great Mini Beast Adventure'.
- In Year 1 the children will be exploring what life was like in the past in a castle and how and why they were built.
- In Year 2 the children will be exploring significant geographical and historical landmarks of London as well as some of the cities' significant events in history through their topic 'Big Lights, Big City'

You can find out more about the key knowledge and learning skills for each year group on the school website.




We finished last half term with some fantastic enrichment activities. Year 1 and Year 2 participated in a programming STEM workshop. The children were fascinated to learn how to programme the robots. A big thank you to Mr O'Driscoll from ROKE in providing this opportunity.

The whole school took part in a 'Wow' football day when freestyler footballer Jamie Knight joined us. Jamie taught the children some amazing tricks as well as sharing his experience of how perseverance can have a positive impact.



## Diary Dates

April & May  
2025



22.04.2025	School reopens for Summer Term
24.04.2025	SWAN Trust Yr 2 Football Tournament
25.04.2025	Rabbits Class Forest School begins
28.04.2024	Squirrels Class Forest School begins
05.05.2025	Bank Holiday- <b>School is closed</b>
09.05.2025	Parent Volunteer Meeting HIVE- 9.00 am
09.05.2024	Year 2 Fire of London Workshop
14.05.2025	Year 1 Knights & Castles Workshops at school
20.05.2024	Year R Simon Airey to school
20.05.2024	Year 2 Fire Service Visit- Snowy Owls
21.05.2024	Year 2 Fire Service Visit- Tawny Owls & Barn Owls
22.05.2024	Proms in the Playground 2.00 pm <b>Family Event</b>
23.05.2024	Inset Day - <b>School is closed</b>
26.05.2025 to 30.05.2025	<b>Half Term</b>
02.06.2025	Back to School



# School Values

The value for this half term is:

## Co-operation

The children will be learning lots of different strategies to support co-operation as well as exploring emotional responses that can come with co-operating and strategies to support in the management of these.

Our Jigsaw unit for PSHE this half term is

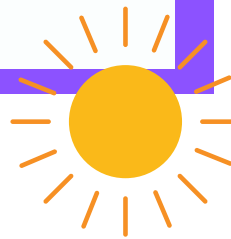


## Relationships

During this unit the children will be exploring:

- The family unit and their understanding that there are lots of different types of families
- What being a good friend means and looks like.
- How to recognise good qualities in themselves as a person and as a friend.

# Summer Uniform



As we begin to head into the Summer Term and hopefully some warmer weather, we would just like to remind you of the summer uniform

Should the children wish to, they are more than welcome to wear a green gingham dress or grey shorts in addition to our normal uniform.

Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled and that PE kits are in school every day of the week.

Please also make sure your child has access to

- A named sun hat or cap
- A named water bottle



Sun cream should be applied at home before they come to school. You may wish to order a Horsell Village hat or legionnaires hat from the Mapac website

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/thehorsellvillage/ageschoolgu214qq>

Upcoming Events & Community news

# Term Dates 2025 to 2026

## Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 INSET DAY

Start of term: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 INSET DAY

Half term: 27<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 INSET DAY

End of term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Spring Term 2026

Start of term: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half term: 16<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

End of term: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

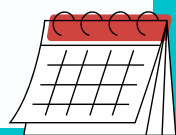
## Summer Term 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 INSET DAY

Start of term: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half term: 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026

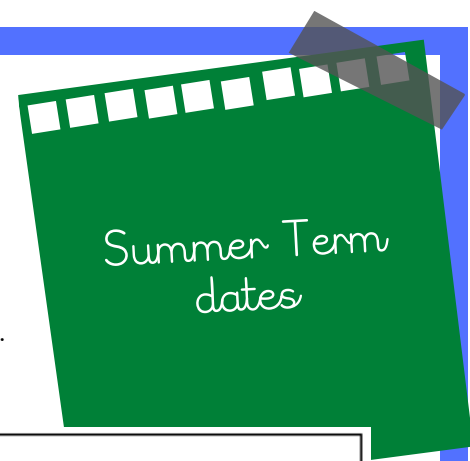
End of term: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026



# Summer Term Dates

Below are the dates for the Summer Term. These may be subject to change.

Should you have a child starting Reception in September 2025 additional information regarding transition visits will be sent separately.



Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Start of Summer Term 2025
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	SWAN Trust football Tournament
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Rabbits Forest School begins
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Squirrels Forest School begins
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Bank Holiday – School is closed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Parent Volunteer Meeting- 9.00 am The Hive Year 2 Drama Workshop- The Great Fire of London
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year 1 Knights and Castle Workshop
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	PTA Pop up Plant Sale at The Horsell Village School 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Year R- Simon Airey visit to school Year 2 Fire service Visit to school- SO
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Year 2 Fire Service Visit to school - TO & BO
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Proms in the Playground- 2.00 pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	INSET Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Summer Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year R visit to Painshill Park
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am – The Hive
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Badgers Forest School Begins
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Foxcubs Forest School Begins
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Year 1 visit to Wisley Gardens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Class Photographs
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 2 visit to Legoland
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	PTA Summer Fair at Horsell Junior School 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Take one picture- Art & History Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Annual School Reports shared
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Move up morning for all year groups Celebration of Learning 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 2 Leavers Concert 9.00 am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 2 Leavers Ball – 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	Parent Helpers thank you assembly 9.00 am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Finish for Summer –1.15 pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	INSET Day



We will be ending this half term with a Proms in the Playground. Do come along and join us for the fun.

Each class will be performing one of their favourite songs mixed in with a few whole school classics.

- Gates will open at 1.45 pm
- Singing will begin at 2.00 pm
- Please bring a blanket to sit on. May we request that should you need to bring a chair please sit towards the back of the audience area to ensure all can see.
- Please try and limit attendance to two adults per family as space may be limited.
- We will be based at the far end of the playground in front of the play equipment. Please make sure you sit and remain behind the sectioned area at all times.
- Unfortunately we will not be able to offer direct access to adult toilets. Should you need to use the facilities please head round to the front entrance of the school and one of the office staff will be able to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you.

Should the weather not be on our side we will postpone as this is an outside event.

# VE Day 2025



This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May the children will be exploring the concept of peace in the world.

We will be having a theme of red, white and blue for the day and invite the children to come to school wearing these colours.

# Reading Books

As you know over the last few years as a school we have invested in developing our bank of reading books, ensuring that the children have access to a wide range of texts to develop their reading.

Sadly we have noticed that some books are getting water damage from water bottles in bags.

To avoid any further damage to our books please could we ask that either water bottles are kept separate from the books or please can we ask that you put the books in a waterproof bag or wallet- e.g.: plastic zip wallet or food bag.



Damaged books with mould

If the unfortunate does happen please ensure books are dried out fully before returning them to school. Thank you

# Safeguarding

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



Mrs Reeve  
Deputy DSL



Mrs Sharkey  
DSL



Miss Cadeley  
Deputy DSL

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## Summer Term Clubs

At The Horsell Village School we are dedicated to fostering a love for learning. We offer a diverse range of extra-curricular activities designed to broaden children's knowledge and support their development.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>		Wake & Stretch	JustPlay Music		
<b>Lunch</b>		Chess Spanish	French Year 1	French Year 2 Gym	
<b>After School</b>	Lego Legends Street Dance Art	Football Magical Maths	Singing Stars SportyKidz Art	Coding Theatre Cooking	Sporty Kids

Above is the timetable for the Summer Term.

Some clubs still have spaces. Visit the school website via the following link to find out more.

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



Just before the Easter Holiday our children who have been attending 'Just Play Music' did a wonderful handbell performance to the whole school during our 'Celebration Reflections'. Well done to all the children who took part- it sounded beautiful.

## Swan Trust In2Sport Football Champions 2025



Well done Team Horsell!

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April we headed off to the first ever Swan Trust Year 2 Football Tournament run by 'In2Sport'. Here we played against all the other schools in the trust which lead to a nail biting final between Horsell and the host School-Goldsworth Primary- resulting in a 2-0 win to Horsell. The children had great fun and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship by congratulating all the other teams involved. Horsell you should be feeling very proud.



**Food**

**Bible Story**

**Fun**

**Craft**

**Messy Church**

**Easter**

**Sunday 27th April**  
**St Mary's Church, Horsell**  
**4-5.30pm**

**Crafts and activities for all ages!**  
**Picnic tea provided!**



**JESUS HAS RISEN**

**Saint Mary the Virgin**  
 Horsell

**BRF**  
 Ministries



## Summer Term curriculum supplies donation request

Once again, thank you to all of you who donated last term it is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference.

As previously outlined; to try and supplement the curriculum supplies fund, we are asking parents to donate a suggested contribution of £10 per term. This covers day to day items and supports enrichment activities such as cooking.

The contribution can be made through ScoPay following this link; <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>  
 Please select the trips and events tab to make the payment.

If you have not previously done so, please can we ask you to complete the Gift Aid form on ScoPay as this donation is eligible. You will need to log in through the browser [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) then select Your Info, then click on Gift Aid on the left-hand side (it is not possible to fill the form in through the app). Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. So, if you are a UK taxpayer you are able to boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Please note you only have to complete the Gift Aid form once. We still have around 65 parents who have not completed the Gift Aid form which means we are missing out on around £160 of extra income per term.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Best wishes  
 Mrs Reeve

# What's happening in Reception...

We have started our new topic "The Great Minibeast Adventure" and the children have loved describing Superworm and the Wizard Lizard. We are then moving on to find out facts about worms using the text "Yucky Worms" before continuing to explore other minibeasts through stories.

We will use the sounds we have learnt in phonics to write facts about different minibeasts and write sentences about the characters in our stories. We will be Persevering Parrots by using finger spaces between words. Our phonics lessons will revise sounds we have learnt in order to build fluency when we read as well as building our bank of words we can read on sight.

In Maths we will be counting to 20 and beyond to develop our accuracy as well as subitising some double patterns. We will continue our learning about the composition of numbers to 10 and compare two sets of objects.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will find out about David Attenborough and why he is important. We will continue to explore the natural world around us, making sure that we return any minibeasts we find back to their habitat.

The focus of our PE sessions will be gymnastics - please can children wear PE shorts on their PE days (underneath their joggers if needed). We will also use our gross motor skills during our outside learning and our small motor skills paying specific attention to our pencil grip and letter formation.



## Phonics



The children will be working through Phases 3-4 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.

To help with fluency, please help your child learn these tricky words:

my, by, you, was, they, said, are  
so, do, some, come, little, have, when, what

We appreciate your support in helping us to guide your child's reading development.

Please continue reading (and writing in the diary) with your child as this helps continue their progress and development. Thank you!

## Reminders

Forest School:

Rabbits class have Forest School on each Friday - please make sure they are dressed appropriately.

minibeast

arachnids

insects

chrysalis



tall

through

# What's happening in Year 1...

Welcome to the Summer Term! This half term we are launching our 'Knights and Castles' topic. Our first text, 'The Castle the King Built', will introduce us to all of the jobs people working within the castle have, and we will use this information to carry out our non-fiction writing. We will also be reading 'The Paper Bag Princess' and using this to help us to structure short narratives.

The children will be taking part in a Knights and Castles workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> May. This will be an exciting hands-on opportunity to explore our topic further and the children will participate in a range of activities such as dressing up in medieval costumes, taking part in a jousting tournament and learning about medieval etiquette.

In Maths this half term, we will be practising our 2, 5 and 10 x tables to help us with our multiplication and division. We will then be moving onto fractions, finding halves and quarters.

In Science, we will be revisiting materials and will find out how bricks and glass are made. In Art we will be exploring printing. We will be learning about different ways print is used, how prints are made, as well as creating our own print of a castle.

In PSHE this half term, we will be focusing on our relationships with others, including our friends and family. Our value this half term is cooperation, so we will be building this in to all of our learning. 😊



castle

throne

motte

bailey

guard

monarch

estimate

battle

## 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...

All aboard! We're off to see the bright lights of the big city! This term's topic is all about our exciting city of London and we will be exploring the capital, learning all about its' famous landmarks, key events in History including The Great Fire of London and sharing stories that have been inspired by London.

In Science, we will be revisiting our learning about materials and exploring the different types of materials that can be used to make bags. We will be testing to see which material is the strongest and most durable in wet weather. We will then use this knowledge to help us to design our own souvenir bag inspired by the artwork of printer, Paul Catherall who often uses the buildings in the city as starting points for his own art.



In English, we will be using the text, 'Katie in London' as inspiration for our writing. We will be creating our own stories including interesting sentences to 'hook' our reader, using adjectives and comparable suffixes to describe the famous landmarks.

In Maths, we will be learning about fractions. We will be learning how to recognise and find a half, a quarter, three quarters and to recognise a third.

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> May, we will be taking part in a Drama Workshop all about the Great Fire of London and have the Fire Service visiting us on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May to help us learn all about fire safety.



landmark

location

bustling

clamber

dome

chimed

residence

monarch

spire

## Phonics

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

Phase 6, Phase 5,  
Phase 5 alternatives and spelling rules

## Tricky Words

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.

