



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

## HELLO DECEMBER



Welcome to December's edition of the school newsletter. In this month's edition you will find:

- Diary dates
- Details explaining future events
- Curriculum news and updates
- Safeguarding updates
- Year group pages


It's the season to be jolly...


There is a real buzz of excitement around school at the moment as the children start to learn their lines, songs and dances for the Christmas Productions. The children cannot wait to perform them. They are a great way to explore how Christmas came to be and why and how it is celebrated by many religions around the world.


The month of December is a magical time to be in school. We have lots of additional events planned, so please take the time to read through the newsletter for key information on each event.

**Just a  
little  
reminder**

Join us for one of Horsell's most cherished traditions – the Annual PTA Christmas Fair!

 **Date:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

 **Time:** 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

 **Location:** The Horsell Village School (weather permitting). If the weather isn't on our side, we'll move to the Junior School – we'll keep you posted!

 **Highlights of the Day:**

- Our very own Horsell Village Infant School Choir performing at 12:30 pm
- Festive stalls, treats, and activities for the whole family
- A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season and connect with our community

After enjoying the fair, why not head down to the Village Fair and keep the festive spirit going?

This is one of the events that makes Horsell so special – we can't wait to see as many of you as possible!

## Diary Dates December 2025

06.12.2025	PTA Christmas Fair HVS 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm
09.12.2025	EYFS Christmas Play Shine Little Star 9.30 am & 5.00 pm School Hall
12.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
15.12.2025	Combined Carol Concert St Mary's Church 6.30 pm
16.12.2025	Yr 1 Christmas Play The Twinkly Nativity 9.30 am & 5.00 pm St Mary's Church
17.12.2025	Yr 2 Christmas Play The Nativity 9.30 am & 5.00 pm St Mary's Church
19.12.2025	Hanukkah Day
19.12.2025	End of Term 1.15 pm Finish
05.01.2026	Inset day
06.01.2026	Start of Spring Term 2026

Enhancing our children's learning experiences is something that is important to us here at The Horsell Village School.

Over the last few months we have had visits to and from:

- Teacher of the Deaf
- Woking Police Service
- Brooklands Transport Museum
- Michael Rosen ( Virtually )
- Diwali Workshop



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and took part in our annual 'Welly Walk'- exploring local historical and geographical features. All these help to provide our children with fun, hands on learning experiences. As we head into the new year if you feel you could help us enhance our experiences further through your job or hobbies please get in touch with the school office- we are always looking for new experiences.



## Class Assemblies

During the Spring Term, each class leads a class assembly. This provides an opportunity for the children to share the learning they are proud of in a number of different ways.

Each class assembly takes place in the school hall at 9.00am.

On the morning of your child's class assembly, please wait by the entrance door to the school hall.

Each assembly will last about 15 minutes with a 5 minute period afterwards to spend congratulating your child/children.

Thursday 15th January 2026 - Tawny Owls  
Thursday 22nd January 2026- Barn Owls  
Thursday 29th January 2026- Snowy Owls  
Thursday 5th February 2026 - Badgers  
Thursday 12th February 2026 - Hedgehogs

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Match 2026- Squirrels  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Rabbits  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026- Foxcubs  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Otters

## Spring Term Clubs

THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL CLUB TIMETABLE					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b> 8am	In2Sports Olympics	Wake & Stretch	Just Play Music Intro to Music	In2Sports Cricket	In2Sports Archery
<b>Lunchtime</b>		Chess Spanish	French Yr1	French Yr2 Woking Gym Club	
<b>After School</b> 3.20pm-4.20pm	In2Sports Lego Street Dance Art with Rose	Magical Maths Ultimate Coaching Football	Singing Stars Art with Rose Sporty Kidz Multisports	Code Camp In2Sports Basketball Cooking with Dee	Sporty Kidz Tennis or Fun Fitness
<b>Later Pick Up</b>	Theatre with Rose (5.30pm)		Sporty Kidz Stay & Play (5.20pm)		

At The Horsell Village School we have an extensive range of after school

clubs and lunchtime clubs for your child / children to participate in.

Head over to the school website to find out more information about each club and how to sign up for the Spring Term.



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

# 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

The children are in the full swing of rehearsals and there is a real buzz of excitement in the air. With this in mind please see the information below to support in the smooth running of what I am sure will be a spectacular event.

- Please arrive back to school by 4.45 pm for the evening performances. Please bring your child to the front door dressed in their costumes. These will be sent home after the morning performances. If your child is not coming back for the evening performance please make sure you have informed your child's class teacher.
- For the evening performance the children in KS1 will meet at the school and be brought over to the church by members of staff. This gives you time to find a seat in the church. EYFS please drop off at the front door and then head round to the hall to find a seat. EYFS parents don't forget your tickets.
- KS1- At the end of the day and evening performances the children will be brought back over to school by members of staff. Please remain seated until we have all the children out of the church and across the road. A member of staff will indicate when it is suitable for you to leave. This enables us to get everyone back to school safely.
- EYFS- At the end of the morning performance please remain seated until we have all the children out of the hall. At the end of the evening performance please remain seated and we will dismiss the children back to you from the hall.
- Performances are expected to last about 30 minutes.
- If you are not watching the evening performance please be back at school to pick up your child / children at 5.45 pm from the front door. ( All year groups)
- If you are staying and watching evening performances - please pick your child up from the following areas:  
Front door ( SO & SQ)  
Library door. ( TO, B0 & HH, B)  
EYFS- School Hall



# Keeping children safe

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the school's safeguarding measures and procedures around children performing. Keeping children safe is the golden thread that runs through everything we do here at The Horsell Village School.

We therefore request that you do not take photographs or record / film any part of the school play.

I know, for some, this will come as a disappointment as it is a special time of year, however for many this can be a vulnerable time of year. A simple picture or film uploaded to social media or shared can have significant repercussions for some. We are also upholding a large proportion of parent's wishes for their children not to be filmed- respectively so.

Please do not be offended should a member of staff speak to you during the performance if they feel this request is not being followed-they are simply doing their job and keeping everyone safe.

At school we will take an individual picture and send it home. But please, sit back and enjoy the children performing- they love to see your smiling faces.

## Christmas Post Box

The school post box is available for the children to post any Christmas cards they wish to send to their friends from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Last day of posting will be Wednesday 17th December 2025

Please support your child when writing their cards to ensure the envelopes are clearly marked with the recipient's full name and class.

## Christmas Celebration Day

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be exploring the celebration of Christmas and the traditions and stories behind Christmas Day.

This day will also be:



**Christmas Jumper Day.** We invite you to come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. We will be collecting for Save The Children should you wish to make a donation.



**Christmas Dinner.** Please make sure you have selected your child's meal option on Scopay.



**Christmas Parties.** Each class will have their own special party as a celebration of what they have achieved this term. They do not need any additional food.

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**THANK  
YOU**  
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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.

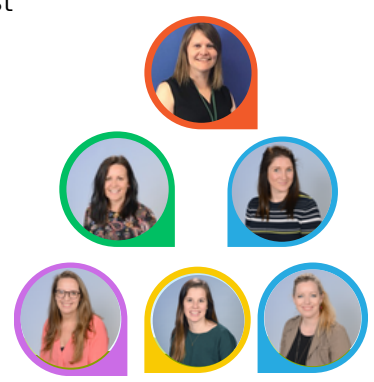
If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child please contact a member of the school's Designated Safeguarding team in the first instance through the school office.

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](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)

Out of Hours Emergency Team: 01483 517898



DSL Team



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

SAT 6TH DEC 12PM-3PM  
THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL, GU21 4QQ

**Scan the QR code to pre-buy  
SHOWS, FOOD, TOKENS & RAFFLE**

**NEW GAMES** Magic Show Choir Mac & Cheese  
Elf Games Home bakes TOMBOLA Mince pies  
**Online Raffle** Gingerbread cookies GIF Booth  
FACE PAINTING GIANT TEDDY Jolly Jars  
Stories with Mrs Claus Prosecco Mulled wine  
SOUR DOUGH PIZZA Hot chocolate & MORE

*Pre-purchase by Friday 5th December*

To pre-purchase food, shows, tokens & to enter the raffle draw visit:

**[Link to PTA Events Xmas Fair Pre-Sales](#)**

Or scan the QR codes:

**Children's Choir times**

The Horsell Village School: 12:30  
The Horsell Junior School: 13:00

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ONLINE RAFFLE

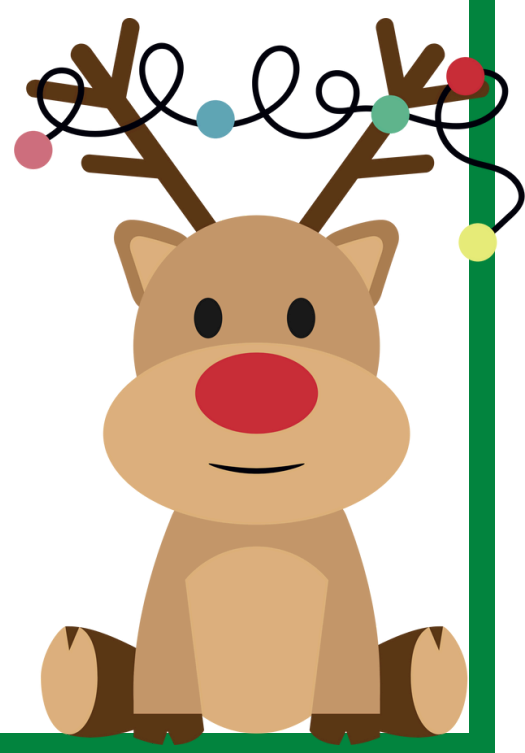




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# Christmas Fair

Don't forget you can pre-buy shows, food, tokens and raffle tickets before the day.



# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



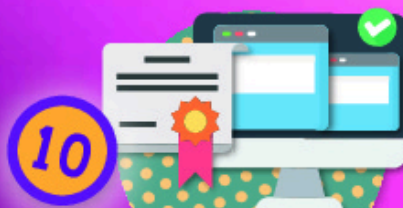
### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.



# What's happening in Reception...

We have started our new topic "Seasons and Celebrations" with great enthusiasm. So far, we have celebrated Guy Fawkes Night and Diwali. We have the celebrations of Hanukkah and Christmas to come.

We are almost ready for our Christmas play (see dates and times earlier on in the newsletter). The children have been learning the words to the songs, some actions to go with it. We are very proud of them and are sure you will be too when you come to see it! Remember to bring the correct ticket for the performance.

In the next few weeks we will continue discussing the Celebration of Christmas. Who celebrates Christmas and why? What traditions we have in our families for celebrating and if we do not celebrate Christmas, what we do on that day. Children will be able to then see the world through the eyes of others and to understand that celebrations can help us understand more about what different people believe.

We continue discussing and celebrating our differences in PSHE, thinking about how to be a kind friend by showing kindness to others. We have already discussed different emotions and the colour monster that relates to them (happy - yellow, sad - blue, anger - red) and we will now look at worry (black), calm (green) and love (pink).

To finish our topic we will think about everything we have learnt about seasons and celebrations.

Wishing you and your family a happy holiday!  
The Reception Team 😊



## Phonics

The sounds we are looking at now are:

Mrs Knight's group:

h b f ff l ll ss and revising all taught sounds

Mrs Shaw / Mrs Emslie's group:

j v w x and revising all taught sounds

Miss Burtenshaw's group:

y z zz qu and all taught sounds

Mrs Kaine / Mrs Huntley-Robertson's group:

y z zz qu ch sh th ng and revising all taught sounds

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.

Bethlehem  
celebration  
Christmas



## Reminders

Have you logged on to Numbots to try a game? At the end of each half term children have the chance to earn a certificate for accuracy when playing.

# What's happening in Year 1...

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our 'Fill up, Fuel up' topic this half term, particularly our visit to Boz's and tasting lots of new fruits when making their fruit salads. As we approach the final weeks of term, we continue to have lots of exciting learning to do, as well as some special events to look forward to!

In English we will be continuing to explore instruction writing. The children will be making and decorating Christmas biscuits in DT and using this to help them to write a set of instructions.

In Maths, we will be ordering and comparing numbers to 20 and will focus on 2-D shapes.

In Science we will be continuing to make observations of fruit and vegetables to see what happens to them over time, and drawing our final conclusions.

In PSHE, we will be continuing to explore emotions, with a focus on the feelings of excitement and disappointment, and we will reflect on times when we have felt like this and why.

Please continue to read as much as possible over the Christmas break. We are so proud of the progress the children have made during their first term in Year 1!



rhyme

rhythm

squabble

cliff

sequence

Nativity

evaluate

technique

## 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.

# What's happening in Year 2...

The children over the next few weeks will be completing their learning connected to the topic, Bikes and Buses before moving on to learning all about Christmas.

In English, we will be writing our own versions of the Hundred Decker Bus and working hard to include everything we have become more expert on this term. We will be looking at different ways that we can start sentences in a narrative and will be using our knowledge of adjectives to describe settings and characters.

In Maths, we will be solving problems involving addition and subtraction, shape and symmetry. .

As Scientists, we will explore how to stay fit and healthy and in D.T and Art, we will be learning how to sew a Christmas tree decoration and shape and join clay to create a tea light holder.

Our P.S.H.E learning continues to be about celebrating differences, including what makes us special and how we can all be a good friend and show kindness to others.

We'd like to thank you for all your support this term, particularly those who helped on our trip and walks. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday! Please take time to read regularly throughout the holiday.

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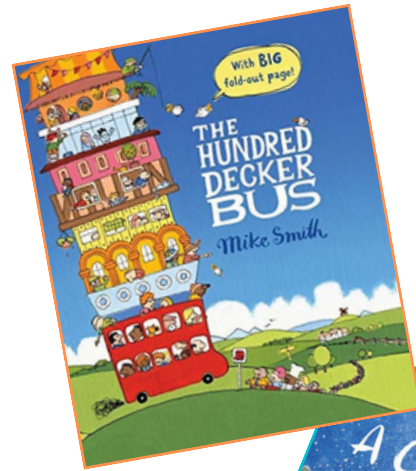
The children will be working through the Phases in their Phonics groups:

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

## Tricky Words

great, steak, break, pass, class, grass, past,  
last fast, find kind, mind, behind, friend



nutrition,

heartbeat

pulse

vehicle

travel

commuter

Christmas,

Nativity,

manger