



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER



Welcome to February's edition of the Horsell Village School Newsletter.

In this edition you will find:

- Diary Dates
- Information about upcoming events
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- Class pages

We have been so busy over the last month and have lots to share and celebrate with you.

The children have been enjoying this Half Term's learning topics and there is a real buzz of excitement for learning around the school.

We have had the first round of class assemblies- which have been amazing to watch. The children have loved sharing their learning experiences with their adults at home. We have had a visit from other Headteachers in the Swan Trust, who committed on the children's amazing learning behaviours and quality of learning across the school. Our children love to share their learning with visitors- which shows just how proud of it they are.

Over the next Half Term we are excited to have three Scitt Trainee teachers with us.

- Miss Freund will be joining Tawny Owls class with Miss Bashir
- Mr Hilton will be joining Hedgehogs class with Mrs Morrow and Mrs Wright
- Mr Shoppee will be joining Snowy Owls class with Mrs Sharkey and Miss Richardson

Just to update you- the PTA took a staggering £8, 000 at the Christmas Fair- what an amazing achievement. To date with your support they have raised £ 14, 386 this academic year. Thank you to all who have supported in different ways- this goes along way in supporting both the Village and Junior Schools and is greatly appreciated.



Diary Dates



03.02.2025	Children's Mental Health Week
06.02.2025	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall
07.02.2025	NSPCC Number day- dress up
10.02.2025	Lunar New Year Day
11.02.2025	Internet Safety Day
13.02.2025	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall
14.02.2025	Finish for Half Term – 3pm
17.02.2025 to 21.02.2025	Half Term
24.02.2025	School re-opens
25.02.2025	Book Fair Begins – please see below for further dates & times
25.02.2025	Parent Conferences begin- ass below for further dates & times
03.03.2025	Book Week- please see below for further details
04.03.2025	Evening Parent Conferences All classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
05.03.2025	World Book Day Dress up as a character Day
06.03.2025	Snowy Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am – school hall
10.03.2025	British Science Week



This week is Children's Mental Health Week.

Here at The Horsell Village School we are passionate about supporting our children to develop an understanding of their emotions and develop their self-regulation tools kits. This forms an essential part of our whole school teaching and learning approach.

This year's 'Place2Be's' theme is 'Know yourself, Grow yourself' which is in association with Here4 You supported by Disney.



This week the children will continue to explore the importance of expressing emotions, finding out what our likes / dislikes are, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. It's through knowing ourselves and speaking with others that we can build resilience, grow and develop

Visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> to find a range of resources that you can use at home.

This week we will also be taking part in...



Mindfulness Superheroes

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The leading provider of school workshops

Workshops with 'Hoop Guy'.

You may have seen him on Britain's Got Talent. Since then he has been visiting schools talking to children about resilience and growth mindset and teaching them a few of his hula hoop tricks.

These mental health workshops teach children simple techniques to help them become true mindfulness heroes. Through games and exercises, children learn strategies to cope with unwanted emotions, control their breathing and cultivate calmness and resilience

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>



MindWorks is a fantastic website that provides support and guidance. From advice on managing emotions on the school run to where to find target support. Worth a little look

Parent / Carer Conferences

Please find below the dates for our Parent / Carer conferences.

The system is now live so please follow the Scopay link below to book:

<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

Parent / carer conferences provide you with 1:1 time with your child's class teacher to discuss progress in all areas of the curriculum. We run daytime conferences and one evening conference. Please see the dates below:

- Badgers Class - Tuesday 25th February 2025
- Otters Class - Wednesday 26th February 2025
- Rabbits Class- Thursday 27th February 2025
- Squirrels Class- Friday 28th February 2025
- Foxcubs Class- Monday 3rd March 2025
- Hedgehogs Class- Tuesday 4th March 2025
- **Evening parent conferences- all classes
Tuesday 4th March 2025**
- Tawny Owls Class- Wednesday 5th March 2025
- Barn Owls Class- Thursday 6th March 2025
- Snowy Owls Class- Friday 7th March 2025

Being ready for school

Just a little reminder, please make sure your child comes to school equipped ready for the school day.

Each child needs:

- Coat
- Water Bottle
- Reading book & Diary
- PE Kits (please leave these at school)

Thank you for your support

Class Assemblies

So far this term we have been treated to some amazing class assemblies from Tawny Owls class, Squirrels class and Barn Owls Class. The children spoke so confidently about their learning and shared some amazing work.

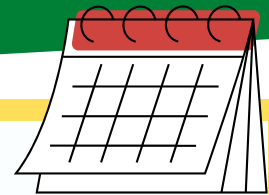
Each class assembly takes place in the school hall at 9.00am. On the morning of your child's class assembly, please wait by the entrance door to the school hall.

- Thursday 6th February 2025 - Badgers
- Thursday 13th February 2025 - Hedgehogs
- Thursday 6th March 2025 - Snowy Owls
- Thursday 13th March 2025- Foxcubs
- Thursday 20th March - Rabbits
- Thursday 27th March - Otters



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Term dates 2025 to 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 INSET DAY

Thursday 4th September 2025: Start of term

Friday 24th October 2025: INSET DAY

Half Term: 27th Oct to 31st October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025 INSET DAY

Friday 19th December 2025: End of Term

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th January 2026: Start of term

Half Term: 16th Feb to 20th February 2026

Friday 27th March 2026: End of Term

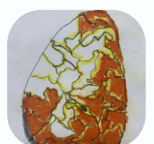
Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 INSET DAY

Tuesday 14th April 2026: Start of term

Half term: 25th May to 5th June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026: End of term



Upcoming Events & School News

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Last month we shared with you our new Attendance Policy and flow chart. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with it <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/about-us/policies/>

Should you need to report your child absent from school please use the link on the school website <https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/parents/attendance/>

Just a little reminder exceptional Leave Absence Forms need to be completed at least two weeks in advance.

Open Classrooms

Open Classrooms will continue to run on the Thursday of each week, after school to 4.00 pm.

Please could we remind you to head to the front door after you have collected your child / children and we will let you in as soon as everyone has been dismissed and children attending clubs are with the individual club leaders.

This may take a few minutes, so please bear with us. Could we ask that you do not buzz the door at this point to be let in- we know you are there.

Just a reminder the class teachers will not be in their classrooms, this is a time for you to enjoy your child / children sharing their learning.



Parking

Thank you to everyone who has made the staff carpark a safer place for us all.

Just a reminder about not using the staff carpark until after 5.00 pm and please if you are collecting on foot from before or After School Club please walk on the path above the carpark. In the dark evenings there have been some near misses with children running around in the carpark.

Safeguarding

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

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

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



Mrs Reeve
DSL &
Attendance
Champion



Mrs Sharkey
DDSL



Miss Cadey
DDSL & ELSA



Miss
Richardson
DDSL



Mrs Shaw
DDSL



Mrs Wright
DDSL & SenCo

Book Week 2025



Monday 24th February - Friday 7th March

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting us!

Tuesday 25th February - in the school hall

Thursday 27th February - in the school hall

Friday 28th February - in the school hall

Monday 3rd March - in Hedgehogs Class

Once you have collected your child, please enter either the hall external door or Hedgehogs external door on these days.

Main Events

Tuesday 25th February - Bedtime Stories

Come back to school at 5pm, dressed for bed, and listen to a bedtime story. Don't forget your teddy!

Thursday 27th February - Author Visit and Workshops

Each year group will have a session working with the author, Zanna Davidson.

Monday 3rd March - Book Buffet

Bring your favourite book into school to share with your friends (please ensure all books are named).

Wednesday 5th March - Dress up Day and Storytime

Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. Children will swap classes to listen to a story being read by a different member of staff.

Friday 7th March - Author Visit and Celebration

Visiting author, Emily Bardwell, will read her book and talk about her experience of reading and writing.

What's happening in Reception...

The children have been enjoying our topic "Are we there yet?" We finish this topic by looking at The Naughty Bus....I wonder what it gets up to?

After Half Term we start our new topic "Growing." We will look at vegetables growing and animals growing.

We are so impressed with the children's writing. This continues to be a focus, looking at how we form letters, using finger spaces between words and listening out for all the sounds in words.

In Maths we will continue our learning by comparing quantities and looking at the composition of 9 and 10.

We will be singing lots of different songs and learning some new poems. Some of these you may see in our class assemblies.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will find out who Garret Morgan is as well as revisit what was important about Amelia Earhart. We will revisit what we have learnt in our "Are we there yet Topic" so we can finish our Learning Cycle by talking about What we know now.

In PSHE, we will begin the new topic "Healthy Me" thinking about how our bodies need movement and rest to be healthy.

During book week we are visiting Woking Library and need some parents to walk with us. If you have a school DBS and have completed the safeguarding school training, please sign up via Scopay.



Phonics

We begin February with a phonics assessment. Then your child will either revise some of the taught sounds or look at the new sounds:

oi ow ear er ure air

We will revise all our phase 2 and 3 sounds

We will look at the tricky words:
we are like you

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



country
vehicle
vegetable



most
near
less
long
new
next to

Reminders

Parent Conferences:

Otters: Wednesday 26th February 9-12pm

Rabbits: Thursday 27th February 9-12pm

Foxcubs: Monday 3rd March 9-12pm

All classes: Tuesday 4th March 4-7pm

Reading:

Please can we ask for your child to read to you at home on a daily basis? We notice that once we start teaching digraphs (two letters that make one sound) reading can become trickier for some children. We know that regular practice helps the children retain these sounds so appreciate your support in helping the children reach their full potential in reading. Thank you!

What's happening in Year 1...

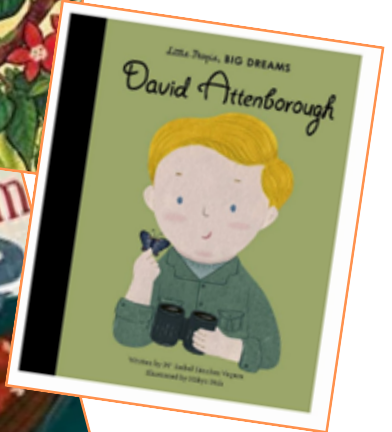
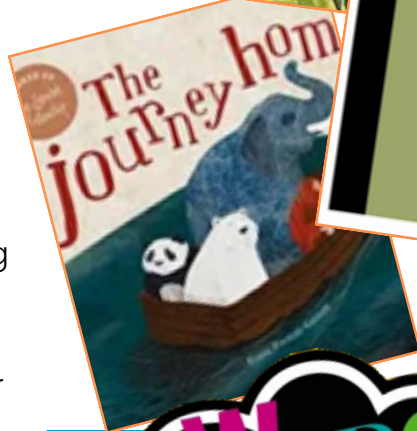
As we approach the end of our topic, Underwater Adventure, we will be reviewing our learning and reading our final text Tiddler by Julia Donaldson.

Our topic for after Half Term is 'Carnival of the Animals. The children will identify and name a variety of animals found at the zoo and will sort and classify them. We will revisit the continents in geography and will look at where in the world different animals live.

We are looking forward to visiting Marwell Zoo, which will be a lovely opportunity for the children to see the animals we have been learning about in the flesh.

We will learn about the life of Sir David Attenborough and the important work he has carried out educating the world about the wide variety of species that live on this delightful planet! In English, we will develop our letter writing skills and will be writing a letter to Sir David Attenborough about the animals we have learnt about.

In Maths, we will begin to explore measure, looking at length, mass and volume and exploring the vocabulary relating to each area.



reunite

sequence

safari

landscape

journey

direction

herbivore

carnivore

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...

We have come to the end of our Magic Library topic with the brilliant book 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

This amazing story has no words so we will be using all of our learning this term to create a story of our own inspired by the pictures.

In Science we will be reviewing everything we have been learning about animals and their offspring and discussing what we discovered through our 'eggsperiments'.

In Maths we have been exploring the concept of 'grouping' and introducing the multiplication symbol . We will complete this terms learning by using what we now know to help us solve a range of mathematical problems.

Next Half Term our topic will be ' The Living Rain forest'. We will be visiting Kew Gardens to learn about how different plants adapt to different climates and will be exploring the animals and plants that live in the Rain forest.

Much of our learning will be based around the stories ' The Rain Forest Grew all Around' and 'The Great Green Forest'. These will inspire us to write poetry and persuasive letters about the rain forest. We will create our own artwork inspired by the plants and creatures that thrive in a rain forest and will use maps to identify where rain forests are located around the world.



habitat
tranquil
climate
deforestation
continent
equator
decompose
canopy
adaptation

Phonics

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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

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.



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With Dee

17TH FEB, 2025

9AM-2PM

MAYBURY CENTRE, GU21 5HD, WOKING

PRICE-£35/CHILD

- * Cooking, art & crafts, and fun activities
- * All equipment/ingredients provided
- * Contact Dee on 07789 550834
or email: damanbamra@hotmail.com
- * Limited availability *

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