



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

HELLO OCTOBER!

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.

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.

Last Friday we explored the festival of Harvest. The children came together in St Mary's church to explore the meaning of Harvest as well as how we can show kindness to others. We read poems and sang songs. Thank you so much for the generous donations received for Woking Foodbank. We will be taking the donations to the food bank on Wednesday 8th October – so should you wish to, you still have time to make donations. Your support at this time is greatly appreciated.



A little staffing update. Mrs Wright is now on medical leave for an operation on her foot. As previously shared with the Hedgehogs parents, Mrs Morrow will be teaching full time in Hedgehogs and I will be covering as the school Senco until Mrs Wright's return. I am sure you join me in wishing her a speedy recovery over the next few months.

Mrs Reeve

Diary Dates

06.10.2025	Engage Harvest Festival Assembly
07.10.2025	Parent Volunteers meeting 9.00 am (The Hive) and 2.30 pm (School Hall)
10.10.2025	PTA Crazy Hair Day
10.10.2025	Wellbeing parent drop in 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm The Hive
14.10.2025	Yr 1 VR Workshop (School Hall)
15.10.2025	Snowy Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
16.10.2025	Barn Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
16.10.2025	Parent Volunteers meeting 9.00 am (The Hive) and 2.30 pm (School Hall)
17.10.2025	Tawny Owls Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
20.10.2025	Squirrels Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
21.10.2025	Hedgehogs Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
22.10.2025	Badgers Parent Conferences 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
22.10.2025	Evening Parent Conferences All classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
22.10.2025	Individual Photographs
23.10.2025	Welly Walk / Autumn Day
24.10.2025	Inset Day
27.10.2025 31.10.2025	Half Term
03.11.2025	Inset Day
04.11.2025	School re-opens

Please note parent conferences for Rabbits, Otters and Foxcubs are after half term. Please see letter

Contact: 01483714804 or email reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk

School Council

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

Snowy Owls	Prajval & Aria
Barn Owls	Annie & Alfie E
Tawny Owls	Eddie & Jossie
Badgers	Elis & Orla
Hedgehogs	Leo C & Isabel
Squirrels	Sahana & Jacob

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Parent Conferences

As we head into the second part of the first half term its now a great time to share how well the children are doing with you.

Attending your child's parent conference provides you with that 1:1 time with the class teacher to find out about how your child is doing in the development of their academic and personal and social development. We know life can be busy, so please let us know if you need to book an alternative appointment with the class teacher.

These meetings are important to us too and are crucial in working together to ensure the best for all children.

For those unable to attend, we will be following up - please don't be offended if we call or email you - we only want to support everyone.

Please use the following link to book your appointment or refer to the letter shared today.

www.scopay.com

Don't forget we also have 'Open Thursdays' every week after school, from 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm. This is time for you to pop in and look at your child's / children's learning with them. Its great to hear children giving their parents tours- they are so proud of their school.

PE Kits

Just a little reminder. Please make sure children's PE kits are in school either from Monday to Friday or left at school for each half term (Year 1 and 2).

Sometimes due to the weather and other school events the timetable can change. Thank you

Staff carpark

Thank you for continuing to respect that the staff carpark is for staff only. Our carpark isn't even big enough for all our staff so its greatly appreciated that this space is left for them.

Weather Ready

As you know we love to be outside. Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat everyday. Even if the sun is shining in the morning we all know how quickly the weather can change. Thank you

Admissions



For children born between **1st September 2021** and **31st August 2022**, parents / carers will need to apply for a school place between 4th November 2025 and 15th January 2026.

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

Upcoming
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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>

We are running a number of Parent Tours and an evening Parent Tour where we will be joined by Mrs Wand- The Headteacher at Horsell Junior School to provide a little taster into our wonderful school. You can book a place on a tour by contacting the school office.

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 2026

Wellbeing

Worries and Anxieties

Wellbeing Workshop



Our first Wellbeing Workshop will be on Friday 10th

October in The Hive between 1pm and 3pm

We will be talking about worries and anxieties and

how we can support our children when they
are feeling worried or anxious.

Please complete this [form](#) if you wish to attend



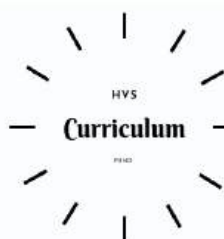
A big thank you to the school community and how you continue to support us in all that we do.

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.



At the beginning of the year, 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 following details:

Account name: The Horsell Village School
Account number: 62225468
Sort code: 30-99-80



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.

THANK
YOU

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 two are:

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 6th. 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.

On Friday last week, we visited the Church for our Harvest Festival. Reception proudly stood and performed the poem "Chop Chop". See if your child can say it for you (with actions!) at home.

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

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

The sounds we are looking at now are:
g o c k ck e u r h b ff ll ss

We will look at the tricky words:
and to the no go

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

Parent Conferences:

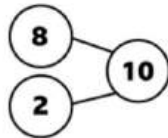
All – Wednesday 22nd October Evening Session (4-7pm)

- Rabbits: Thursday 6th November (am)
- Foxcubs: Wednesday 5th November (am)
- Otters: Friday 7th November (am)

What's happening in Year 1...

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the texts we have been reading for our 'Destination Outer Space' topic and have produced some wonderful writing. We have been continuing to embed our key writing skills this half term and the children have made good progress, particularly with their use of adjectives and remembering to leave a finger space between each word. Next week, we will begin looking at our final text, 'The Way Back Home' and will explore the senses, thinking about what the boy in the story might see, hear and feel. We will also be writing creatively about how we think the boy will get back home.

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 History, we will be revisiting the three significant people we have been learning about: Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake and will plot key events on a timeline. In Science, we will be carrying out investigations looking at different materials and whether or not they are absorbent. A reminder that our VR Space workshop will be happening in school on Tuesday 14th October.

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