



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .01



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 seeing Year 1 and Year 2 heading back into school and our new Reception children during their morning sessions. The children are settling well into their new classes and routines and are enjoying being together again.

The children have been excited to see the changes to the school environment we have made over the Summer and are keen to show 'Kindness to the World' by looking after our new things. You can read more about what we have been up to further down in the newsletter.

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 at The Horsell Village School. I am privileged to have such an amazing team across the school here at Horsell and we are all very excited about the coming year and working together to provide our children with the best possible educational experience we can.

Please continue reading to find out all about the start of term and don't forget to 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

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| 10.09.2025 | Parent Volunteers meeting
9.00 am (The Hive) and 2.30 pm
(School Hall) |
| 12.09.2025 | Reception full time |
| 16.09.2025 | Year 2 Parent Induction
meeting. 9.00 am
School Hall |
| 17.09.2025 | Year 1 Parent Induction
meeting 9.00 am
School Hall |
| 18.09.2025 | Parent Volunteers meeting
9.00 am (The Hive) and 2.30 pm
(School Hall) |
| 19.09.2025 | Reception Parent Induction
meeting. 9.00 am
School Hall |
| 20.09.2025 | PTA Uniform Sale 10am-11:30am
Horsell Junior School |
| 24.09.2025 | National Fitness Day – children
only
PTA AGM 7.30 pm
School Hall |
| 30.09.2025 | EYFS & KS1 Parent Reading
Workshop
9.00 am School Hall and 6.30
pm Snowy Owls Classroom |
| 03.10.2025 | Harvest Festival at St Mary's
Church
Children only event |
| 06.10.2025 | Engage Harvest 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 |
| 14.10.2025 | YR 1 Virtual Reality Space
Workshop (School Hall) |
| 16.10.2025 | Parent Volunteers meeting
9.00 am (The Hive) and 2.30 pm
(School Hall) |
| 22.10.2025 | Individual School Photographs |
| 22.10.2025 | Evening Parent Conferences
4pm-7pm |
| 23.10.2025 | Welly Walk & Autumn Day
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.

A big thank you to Mrs Adds our schools Finance and Premises Assistant and Mr Pratt our Caretaker for organising and co-ordinating over the holidays.

I am sure you agree it looks great.

We have
been busy

New Toilet blocks



We are very excited to say our lovely new toilet blocks have been installed.

The children were very excited to see the new design.

We also have a new external door from the toilets to the playground. This will be open during lunchtimes to give direct access to the toilets during this time.

We have spent time in Reflections talking about how we can take extra care when using our new toilets and making sure we remember to press the flush button and wash our hands.

Please support us in having this chat at home too.

Classroom Refurbishments



We moved onto the second stage of our classroom refurbishment project.

As you know before the Summer we had new Teaching Walls installed in all the Key Stage 1 classrooms. These look great and have been utilised by all the staff and children.

EYFS took collection of their lovely new furniture at the beginning of term. We have worked with Early Excellence in developing our exciting new learning environments that support creativity and independence in the Early Years.



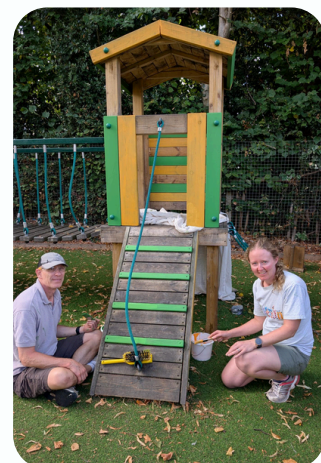
Every classroom has been redecorated, creating a super, fresh feel to all the rooms. A big thank you to Jin from Diamond Decorators for the excellent work.

Works to update the schools fire systems and electrics have begun and will be completed by October Half term.



A big thank you to Mrs Douglas and the team from Systra who volunteered to help repaint the play equipment. I am sure you agree its looks amazing. Support like this from local companies is invaluable to us a school and makes a huge difference. Thank you again, its greatly appreciated by myself, the team and the children here at The Horsell Village.

If you think you can help in anyway please contact the school office.



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.



www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/learning/

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Friday 19th
September

**YEAR
1**

Wednesday
17th September

**YEAR
2**

Tuesday 16th
September

Upcoming
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&
Curriculum news

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

	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 together

At The Horsell Village School we value each child's unique learning style, strengths and needs. We have high expectations and create an environment and culture where every child can succeed. We provide support when it is needed and work towards removing barriers to enable all children to feel that they are part of the school community and that they can succeed.

We are inclusive in our practice and provide support for all through our quality first teaching practices as part of our ordinarily available provision.

Queries about your child should be initially sent to the child's class teacher through the Reception email address reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk Our Senco- (Special educational needs co-ordinator) Mrs Wright can be contacted on senco@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk

Emails to this account will be responded to in 5 working days.

In addition to this on the first Wednesday of every month Mrs Wright and the Send team will be running a drop in session between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon in the Hive. Additional information explaining the focus for each session will be sent in the next few weeks.

Miss Richardson is our schools Mental Health Lead. Supporting children to develop an understanding of their own physical and mental health is something we have always been passionate about here at The Horsell Village School. From learning to identify and recognise different emotions to developing our own self regulation tool kits, through to learning about what positive healthy relationships look to providing support and advice for our parent community- we are here to help. Miss Richardson will be running drop in sessions relating to how we can support our children's mental health on the second Friday of every month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the Hive. Additional information explaining the focus for each session will be sent in the next few weeks.

Of course, please do not wait for these sessions to raise a concern. Working together is essential in ensure the best outcomes for our children.

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Mrs Wright
Senco



Miss Richardson
Mental Health
Lead

Kindness to yourself

Kindness to others

Kindness to the World

Open Afternoons

Our Thursday open afternoons will begin on Thursday 18th 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. Its a lovey time for your child to share their learning and more often and 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 of. 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 everyday is important to your child's well-being, achievement and wider development.

Should your child be ill please complete a '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.

If you are running late - after 8.50 am you will be asked to come in to sign your child in.

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 Volunteers' 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 2.30pm on:

- Wednesday 10th September 2025
- Thursday 18th September 2025
- Tuesday 7th October 2025
- Thursday 16th October 2025

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



School Clubs

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/>



THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL CLUB TIMETABLE

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

Upcoming Events & Curriculum news

We have some fantastic new clubs this year.

If you haven't booked yet don't worry we still have some availability.

Simply select the club on the website for additional information to find out more.

Please contact the club directly to secure your place.

Music to our ears



LEARN - CREATE - PERFORM

WITH **JUST PLAY** MUSIC ACADEMY

THIS AUTUMN AT HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

Instrumental Lessons - Tuesdays
GUITAR, PIANO & UKULELE

After Lunchbreak - Open to all ages
1:1 lessons: £25.50/ 30 minute session
Paired lessons: £12.75/ 30 minute session

CHARGED MONTHLY

BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!
VISIT JUSTPLAYMUSICSCHOOL.CO.UK/SIGNUP/ OR
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

On Saturdays we also offer Instrumental lessons at £25.50 and jamming together club at £18

CONTACT US FOR MORE DETAILS
01932 460220
JUSTPLAYMUSICACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

JUST PLAY

Before the Summer we informed you of an exciting new opportunity here at The Horsell Village School.

We are now running instrumental lessons with Just Play. These can be 1:1 or group lessons.

If interested please follow the link below, spaces are still available.

Parent Workshops

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 teach maths-number skills.

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.

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 30th September 9.00 am (Hall) and 6.30 pm (SO classroom)



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. After 6 weeks, we expect the earrings to be removed for school.

Children in Year 2 may wear an analogue watch to support the Year 2 Maths curriculum of being 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 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've already seen some wonderful moments of curiosity, kindness, and confidence emerging in our classrooms!

We've also been 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'll be supporting them every step of the way.

Our first full day of school is **Friday 12th 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 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 to 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.

s a t p i n



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 into the new routines of KS1. This week, we are launching our new topic, 'Destination Outer Space'. The children will be introduced to a new text and will be practising writing simple sentences about the character and story, exploring different adjectives to use in their sentences. This half term, we are mastering being able to say the sentence we want to write, using finger spaces between each word and reading back what we have written.

In Maths, the children will be reading and writing numbers. They will be recognising 1 more and 1 less than a given number, counting on from a number and comparing numbers.

In history, the children will be learning about significant people and events to do with space. In Art, we will be exploring the colour wheel and learning about colour mixing. We will use our paint skills to create space art inspired by Joe Van Wetering in the coming weeks.

In Science, we will be exploring materials and their properties and describing what materials different objects are made from.

Phonics



To begin the year, the children are revisiting the sounds they have not yet mastered. All phonics sounds are in the centre of the reading record for you to practise with your child at home.

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

lonely

change

compare

Space/space

hopeful

spaceship

planet

explore

Earth

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 books, 'Owl Babies' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. 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'.

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 History, we will be discovering who Isambard Kingdom Brunel was and why he is significant.

Towards the end of the month we will be out and about in our locality 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