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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

🌟 Welcome Back! 🌟

A very warm welcome back to all our children, families, and staff as we begin a brand-new school year!

A special welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families, who are starting their school journey with us. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining us across the school. We are delighted to have you become part of our school community and hope you quickly feel at home.

We are looking forward to another busy, exciting, and rewarding year ahead, filled with learning, discovery, friendships, and new opportunities for everyone. Together, we will continue to support, encourage, and celebrate every child as they learn, grow, and flourish.

📢 Keeping Up to Date

As we settle into the new school year, we kindly ask all families to take some time to read the newsletters, updates, and information we share. Please also familiarise yourselves with our school systems, routines, and procedures below.

These small things make a big difference and will help everything run smoothly and keep things moving forward positively as we settle into the year.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and partnership. We look forward to working together to make this a happy, successful, and memorable year for all our children.

Have a lovely weekend, warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊



September



Year 6 Bikeability
21~23rd September

Water Class Phonics meeting
Monday 21st September 3.40pm

PTFA AGM ~ Friday 25th September ~ 2pm
~ Hall ~ All welcome!

KS1 Reading Workshop 2.50pm ~
Wednesday 30th September

October

KS2 Reading Workshop 2.50pm ~
Thursday 1st October

Harvest service ~ St Johns Church ~
Friday 9th October ~ 9.10am

Parents Evening ~ Monday 12th October
3.50 ~ 6.30pm

Parents Evening ~ Wednesday 14th
October 3.50 ~ 5.30pm

Open Morning ~ Reception 2027 ~
Wednesday 21st October

Half term Monday 26th ~ Friday 30th
October

Attendance w/c 14.09.26

Water Class 98%

Air Class 95%

Fire Class 94%

Earth Class 93%

Whole School 95%





Horsington High Five!

Congratulations to the children who have received Marvellous Merits and Super Sashes for their incredible work and attitude over the past few weeks. Well done for all your efforts.

	11.09.26	18.09.26
Water Class	-	-
Marvellous Merits	-	-
Super Sash		
Air Class	All of Air Class	Jenson, Izzie, Elsie, Oscar, Charlotte
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Jude	Charlotte
Fire Class	Sunny, Olivia, James S-L	Bertie, Jesse
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Harrison	Amelia
Earth Class	All of Earth Class	Ollie P, Mitzi, Loen, James, Josh, Isaac W
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Florence	Katie



House Points



This week's totals are....



= 136



= 176



= 147

Kindness Perseverance Respect Love Forgiveness Trust



Our Wonderful Writers



Isaac K, Kana, Jake



Boris the Bookworm!

Over the next few weeks, Boris our Bookworm will be back, bringing with him this year's new exciting reading adventure theme!

Water and Air classes will be starting the adventure, with further information to follow. We can't wait to see who will become our Centurion Readers by the end of the year!

📖 Reading Workshops 📖

We know, as a school, how important home reading and parental engagement are, and the positive impact they can have on your child's learning, confidence and development.

With this in mind, we would like to warmly welcome parents and carers to a series of **important and valuable workshops** designed to provide practical advice, helpful strategies and support that you can use at home.

Miss Hardwill, our English Lead, will be delivering **Reading Workshops** for parents and carers. We aim to start these sessions at 3pm, allowing families to attend before pick-up time.

We appreciate that reading looks very different across the school, so Miss Hardwill will be focusing on the different approaches used across KS1 and KS2. The workshops will include information about Little Wandle Phonics in KS1, as well as the importance of reading fluency and comprehension in KS2.

Water class ~ Phonics meeting > Monday 21st October @ 3.40pm (Creche available)

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Air Class ~ Wednesday 30th September

Fire & Earth Classes ~ Thursday 1st October

➤ Arrival: From 2:45pm > Start time: 3:00pm > Location: Fire Class

We really value your support and hope you will be able to join us for these informative sessions. Together, we can help our children develop a love of reading and become confident, enthusiastic readers! 📖

Water Class 2026

A huge welcome to the children and families joining us in Water Class. The children have settled in brilliantly, quickly finding their feet and enjoying all aspects of school life. It has been wonderful to hear them excitedly sharing their favourite activities so far, their enthusiasm and curiosity are a real joy, and we are delighted to have them as part of our Horsington family.

Freddie ~ I like digging in the sandpit!

Lyra ~ I like the mud kitchen, making hot chocolate! I like drawing too!

Henry W ~ I like playtime it's fun!



Harry ~ I like digging in the sandpit!

Imogen ~ I like cooking in the mud kitchen and drawing

Rafe ~ I like digging!

Pip ~ I like playing in the sandpit, because it's really sandy!

Henry B ~ I like playing in the mud kitchen, making fanta!

Sydney ~ I like cooking in the mud kitchen. I'm making strawberry soup!

Theo ~ I like building, we made a big pirate ship!

Oscar ~ I like building with the big blocks.

Lola ~ I like making chocolate pancakes in the mud kitchen.

Percy ~ I like digging roads in the sandpit!

Clubs

Over the next few weeks we shall be updating our club offering, many of which will be happening in the school day run either by staff or Play Leaders.

Prime Sports ~ Mr Whitehouse ~ Wednesday after school ~

Pupil Parliament ~ Mrs Wickstead

Eco Ministers ~ Ms Stringer

Choir ~ Miss Hardwill ~ Tuesday lunchtime

Dance ~ Mrs Barge

Play Leaders clubs ~ Task Master, Boardgames, Drawing club, Circle games.



Prime
Sports
Coaching

Prime Sports

We are extremely lucky that Mr Whitehouse will be joining us again this term. With the PE and Sports Funding budget being reduced, we felt it was particularly important that Mr Whitehouse continues to support the development of PE across the school, as well as our programme of after-school clubs.

Each week, Mr Whitehouse will continue to celebrate positive attitudes, progress and behaviour in PE lessons through his PRIME Performer Award. It is wonderful to see our children being recognised for their effort, determination and progress, not just their sporting ability.

We also recognise how valuable it is to have positive male role models within our school community, and we are delighted that Mr Whitehouse will continue to be part of school life.

This half term, Mr Whitehouse will be running a TAG Rugby Club. Please see the attached flyer for further information. 



Prime
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PE & Spinney Kit

Over the next few months as the weather begins to turn, please ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit (Y3~Y6) as they will be outside, and possibly getting wet and cold!

PE ~ Please ensure everything is named.

- Blue Horsington t-shirt
- Blue/black shorts
- Blue sweatshirt
- Blue or black leggings / joggers
- Appropriate trainers for running & spare socks
- A waterproof jacket

All jewellery should be removed, and shoulder length/long hair should be tied up.

If your child is accessing the Spinney this half term, please ensure that they have the correct clothes and please ensure everything is named.

- Long sleeved top
- Long trousers / leggings
- Waterproof jacket / trousers
- Wellies or sturdy outdoor shoes – spare bag
- Spare socks/ underwear



Important Reminders About Snacks and Lunches



Can I please remind all families that we are a NUT-FREE school, so please ensure that your child's lunch box does not contain any nuts.

At breaktime for Key Stage 2 children, a healthy snack from home is all that is needed, Key Stage 1 children receive free fruit and vegetables each day. If you are providing a snack, please ensure it is healthy – no crisps, cakes, or chocolate bars.

Office Hours



Just a reminder that Mrs Ham will be working in the school office on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure that any emails are sent to Enquiries@Horsington.bwmat.org rather than directly to Judith's email address. This will allow me to pick up and respond to enquiries in Judith's absence.

Please note that the school office will be unmanned on Mondays and Thursdays.

Collection Arrangements

If your child is being collected by another parent or adult, please ensure that a member of staff is made aware in advance, emails may not always get picked up.

Morning Drop-Off

A final reminder that our morning drop-off time is 8:50-9:00am. Children arriving after 9:00am will be marked as late in the register.

Please ensure that you arrive promptly each morning so that children are settled and ready to start their learning at the beginning of the school day.



End of the Day!

At the end of the school day, please ensure that children **do not use the play equipment or climbing frame** while waiting to be collected.

We appreciate your support in helping us to keep all our children safe at the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. 😊

'Wrap around Care'

Our Wrap Around Care service is designed to provide families with flexible, high-quality childcare both before and after the school day.

Although we aim to offer as much flexibility as possible, we kindly ask that After School Club sessions are booked at least 24 hours in advance. This helps us to ensure that we have appropriate staffing levels in place and can maintain the required staff-to-child ratios.

For Breakfast Club, please ensure that bookings are made by 7:00am on the morning of the session.

Thank you for your support in helping us to plan effectively and provide a safe, enjoyable service for all our children.



~ Breakfast Club ~

Day	Time	Cost	Who	Where
Monday ~ Friday	8.00 ~ 8.50am	£3.00	Miss Baker Mrs Cropper	Hall



~ After School Club ~

Day	Time	Cost	Who	Where
Monday ~ Thursday	3.30 ~ 5pm	£4.00	Mrs Moncrieff Mrs Brown	We aim to use the Hall, but this can be subject to change due to meetings. Fire and Earth class are alternative venues.

Children must be collected by 5pm.

Could parents please enter and leave via the side gate.



School Jumper – Name check!

Could everyone please take a moment over the weekend to check that your child's name is clearly written in their school jumper.

We currently have a number of unclaimed jumpers, as well as children who have lost theirs. If you have jumpers that have been passed on to siblings or friends, please also check that the name inside the jumper is correct and belongs to the child currently wearing it.

With lots of jumpers looking the same, it can be quite confusing to work out who they belong to! A quick check at home will help us make sure every jumper finds its way back to the right child.

Many thanks for your support! 😊

PTFA A.G.M. – All Welcome!



The PTFA Annual General Meeting will be held on *Friday 25th September, @ 2.00pm* in the school hall (please note the change of time) We warmly welcome everyone from the school community to attend, especially our new Reception parents

Your support makes a real difference, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible!

Thank you for being part of our school community.



Arbor Updates

Please could all parents check that their contact details are up to date on the Arbor portal as these are the details we use to contact you should we need to. To do this go to 'View Student Profile' from here you can change and update student details, add emergency contacts and also your doctors surgery. We usually ask for at least 2 emergency contacts if possible.

Please can you also check you have consented/refused the various consents that are listed.

Open Days ~ School Admissions for September 2027

We are excited to invite prospective parents and children to visit our school during our upcoming Open Days:

- Wednesday 21st October: 11:15am – 12:15pm
- Friday 13th November: 9:15 am – 10:15 am

There is no need to book – simply come along and see our wonderful school in action.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Primary Applications Deadline

The closing date for primary applications for children starting school for the first time is 15th January 2027



Collective Worship



This term the children shall be thinking about the value of 'Kindness' in our Collective Worship, and within our Roots and Fruits programme the value 'Generosity'

'A tree is known by his fruit' ~ Matthew 12:33

Our Christian Values

As we return to school, we have been reflecting on our Christian values and the important role they play in our everyday lives, as well as in the shared vision we have for all our children at Horsington.

Our school vision is rooted in the words of Jesus:

"So that they may have life, life in all its fullness." ~ John 10:10

These words remind us of our commitment to nurturing every child as a unique and valued individual, helping them to grow in confidence, develop their talents and flourish in all aspects of their lives.

Throughout the year, our Christian values will continue to guide and inspire us as we learn, grow and work together as a school community.

We have some exciting opportunities coming soon for the children to share their ideas, get involved and help design and shape our school vision and Christian values further.





Year 2/3/4/5/6 TAG-RUGBY @ Horsington Primary School

Day: WEDNESDAYS

Cost: £28.80 for 6 weeks

For: Years 2/3/4/5/6

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Dates: Wednesday 16th September 2026 — Wednesday 21st October 2026

Contact Us: 07783157921 prime-school@outlook.com



We are now offering a TAG-RUGBY CLUB after school club every week at your school, in Autumn term 1!

We are super excited to be running clubs at Horsington Primary, helping pupils developing their throwing, catching and athletic abilities through the sport of Tag-Rugby!

All Coaches are Fully Safeguard Qualified, CRB (Now DBS) Checked and First Aid Qualified.

Bookings and Course Information

- It is now even simpler to book your child onto our clubs — just follow the link at the bottom of this form!
- Once at the Class4Kids website, create a parent account and complete the booking process for the relevant club (Year 2/3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club — where you will be then promoted for your payment. *(Please ensure you fill out **ALL** of the required information)* — no stress, all ease!
- What will your child need to bring? Suitable clothing for any weather conditions, trainers and water bottle.
- Club will run no matter what the weather, as indoor facilities are available.

Payment Terms

1. Payment is now to be submitted via **BACS PAYMENT ONLY** — via the Class4Kids website!
2. All transfers must made payable to PRIME SPORTS COACHING - please double check that the payment details are correct as refund **will not be issued** if this is not the case.
3. Prime Sports Coaching are unable to issue credit notes or refunds due to a school closure or cancellation of any session by the school. The only exception is if there is an inset day where a credit note will be given, or session re-organised. If a child who has signed up and attended the club wishes to stop the club, a credit note will be issued to be used on future clubs.



BOOK BY FOLLOWING THE LINK or QR CODE:

<https://primesportscoaching.classforkids.io/info/590>