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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Horsington School News

16.10.2026 ~ Autumn Term Vol:3

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Harvest Service last week and those who shared photographs of their *Harvest Pizza* creations at home. It was wonderful to see the whole journey from Church, to school, and finally to your homes. We have included a selection of photographs below and hope you enjoy looking through them as much as we did.

I would also like to thank all parents and carers who attended this week's Parents' Evening. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate how well the children have settled into the new academic year, discuss the fantastic learning taking place across the school, and identify any areas where we can work together to support further progress.

As we move towards the second half of the term, please take note of the many forthcoming school and PTFA events included in this newsletter, including some exciting Christmas dates for your diaries!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school community.

Have a lovely weekend, warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊



Dates for your DIARY

October

Reception / Year 1 Vision Screening ~ Tuesday 20th October

Open Morning ~ Reception 2027 ~ Wednesday 21st October

Pumpkins & PTFA Glow Disco ~ Thursday 22nd October

Half term Monday 26th ~ Friday 30th October

November

Outdoor Classroom Day ~ Thursday 5th November

Individual School Photos ~ Tuesday 10th November

Open Morning ~ Reception 2027 ~ Friday 13th November

Friday 13th November ~ World Kindness Day

Attendance w/c 12.10.26

Water Class 99%

Air Class 98%

Fire Class 98%

Earth Class 97%

Whole School 98%

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.

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Water Class Marvellous Merits	Imogen, Harry, Oscar	Rafe, Lola, Freddie
Super Sash	Theo	Pippin
Air Class Marvellous Merits	Rosie, Charlotte, Annabelle, Jenson	Ivy, Izy, Willow, Leo
Super Sash	Elsie	Rosie
Fire Class Marvellous Merits	James S-L, Jaiden, Olivia	Archie W, Jesse, Marcie, Edie, Sunny
Super Sash	Arthur	Olivia
Earth Class Marvellous Merits	Isaac, Archie, Olly, Yr6 Ambassadors for Harvest	Bella, Olly, Jos, Florence, Evie, Tess, Willow
Super Sash	Jos	Francesca

House Points

This week's totals are....

 = 640

 = 678

 = 662

Our Wonderful Writers

This week we celebrate . . .

Percy, Lyra, Annabelle, Lucas, Florence M, Harrison, Evie, Katie

Our Little Wandlers

Children making amazing progress in their Phonics this week are

Freddie, Sydney,



Boris the Bookworm's New Adventure!

Boris in the Jungle

Well done these children have already reached 25 reads and have become Jungle Explorers!

Finnley, Ivy, Reuben, Winston, Oscar, Bertie, Polly, Toby & Lucas



Goodbye & Thank You Mrs Cowin!

We would like to extend our special thanks to Mrs Cowin, who will be leaving us on Thursday. We are grateful for her commitment, kindness, and dedication to the children during her time at Horsington. We wish her every happiness and success in the future and thank her for all she has contributed to our school community.



Eco Committee

Our newly appointed Eco team! We look forward to seeing what amazing ideas they will have this year. Watch this space!



British Horse Society Visit

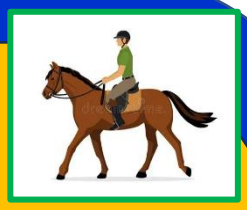
Last week, Key Stage 2 were fortunate to welcome representatives from the British Horse Society during worship. The children enjoyed an informative and engaging session all about horse safety, learning how to stay safe and responsible when around horses, whether out walking, cycling, or travelling in the countryside.

The visitors explained how horses can react to different situations and shared practical advice on how to approach horses safely and respectfully. The session encouraged the children to think carefully about their own safety and the welfare of animals, while also highlighting the important role that horses continue to play in our rural community. The children were thrilled to all receive an information booklet and car sticker.





Working Together as a Community



As a school, we are very mindful of the horses that regularly travel along the road outside our school. Before the summer, we met with Fred from the farm opposite to discuss concerns that had been raised and, through positive and constructive conversations, agreed that where possible he would try to avoid the busiest drop-off and pick-up times. However, as a working farmer and business owner, there will inevitably be occasions when horses need to be on the road during these times.

The safety of our children remains our highest priority, and we ask everyone to continue to exercise care and consideration. Equally, we ask parents to be mindful when parking and avoid blocking Fred's driveway, as access is needed throughout the day.

We are fortunate to be part of a rural community where farming plays an important role in daily life. By working together respectfully and understanding one another's needs, we can help ensure that everyone remains safe.

Fred has kindly offered to meet with members of the community to discuss any concerns directly. If you would be interested in attending such a meeting, please contact me via email and I will coordinate this.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Harvest Pumpkins

If you would like to participate, we shall be holding our annual pumpkin carving competition for KS1 and KS2 next week. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated in any unique style. We had some truly creative and imaginative entries last year! Please bring pumpkins into the school hall on Thursday 22nd October, where judging will take place. The pumpkins will be then taken to the Glow Disco and then ready for collection afterwards.







Glow Disco

The PTFA are being preparing for the **Glow Disco** next **Thursday 22nd October** at **Horsington Village Hall!**
Permission slips can be returned to the school office, by the latest **Monday 19th October**, along with payment of **£3 per child**. This includes a **drink and snack**.



Party Times:
Water and Air Class Party **5:30 - 6:30pm.**

Fire and Earth Class Party **6:45 - 7:45pm.**



Remember to really shine at this party and wear your bright colours, or glow-in-the-dark clothing!

Medicines in School



Could we please ask that any Calpol brought into school is provided in **melt/tablet form rather than liquid**, wherever possible.

All medication brought into school must:

- Be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Be handed directly to the class teacher or to the school office.
- Have a medication consent form completed at the school office.

These procedures help us to ensure that medicines are administered safely and correctly.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Not wanting to mention the 'C' word but with only 9 more Fridays to go.....



Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 9th December ~ Water class Nativity 11.15am (school)

Thursday 10th December ~ Christmas Jumper day & Panto!

Thursday 10th December ~ Choir, Carols & the Community 5.30pm (Church)

Monday 14th December ~ Whole school dress rehearsal 9am (Church)

Tuesday 15th December ~ Christmas Performance 9.10am (Church)

Wednesday 16th December ~ Christmas Performance 2.15pm (Church)



Remembrance ~ Poppy Appeal

After half term, Earth Class will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling a range of poppies and remembrance items at the end of the school day. Items available will include poppies, slap bands and keyrings, with prices ranging from 50p to £2. All money raised will go directly to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, helping to support serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

We hope you will support this worthwhile cause.







PTFA Dates



Friday 6th November ~ Second hand uniform sale 3.30pm

Friday 27th November ~ non-uniform day ~ in exchange for Raffle prizes

Tuesday 1st December ~ Christmas Jumper sale/swop ~ 3.30pm

Wednesday 2nd December ~ Christmas Wreath Workshop ~ Evening



Friday 4th December ~ Christmas Bazaar ~ Village Hall

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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**





Harvest Festival Service

Our recent Harvest Festival was a wonderful celebration of community, gratitude and learning at Horsington.

Children, families and members of the local community came together to give thanks and donate produce for our local Foodbank. During the service, our Worship Ambassadors led the theme of *"Harvest Pizza: From Plant to Plate"*, explaining the journey of ingredients from the field to our tables and encouraging everyone to appreciate where our food comes from.

Back at school, every child made their own Harvest Pizza. The excitement continued at home as families cooked and enjoyed the pizzas together, sharing photographs of their delicious creations.

The project was a fantastic way to bring learning to life, celebrate harvest and strengthen the connections between school, church and home.

A huge thank you to the PTFA, who supported the children, by box making, food preparation or pizza making!





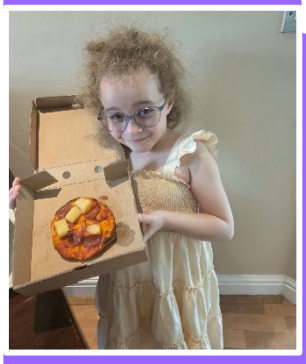






















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COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

LOOK OUT FOR US IN THE PARADE!

LATE NIGHT OPENING

DROP IN AND SEE US

COMMUNITY HUB
5 SOUTH STREET, WINCANTON

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE
£1 SUGGESTED DONATION

JOIN US FOR WINCANTON CARNIVAL!
WARM UP WITH A BREW, BROWSE OUR PRE-LOVED SHOP AND BANK VAULT BOOKSHOP AND THEN WATCH THE PARADE GO BY

CARNIVAL OPENING - 1000-1400 THEN 1730-LATE



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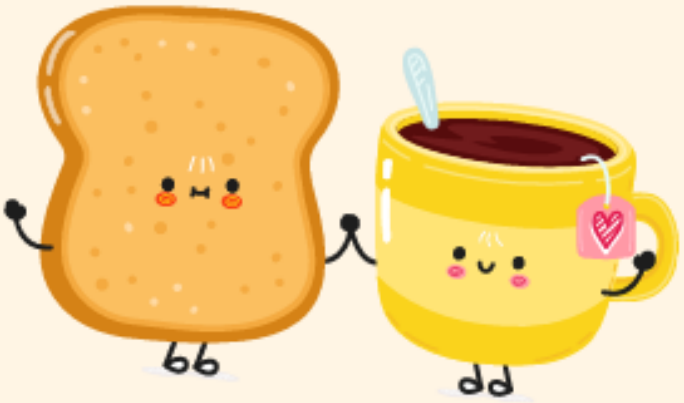
Tea, Toast and Play!



Halloween Crafts

Monday 26 October
10am-1pm

The Balsam Centre, Balsam Park,
Wincanton BA9 9HB





Stay-and-play drop-in for parents and pre-school kids of serving armed forces families

the Balsam Centre

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Create
Connect
Support
Our Local
Community
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CHRISTMAS
Wreath Making
WORKSHOP
Wednesday
2nd December 2026
7pm – 9pm
Horsington
Village Hall
TICKETS
£25
PER PERSON
Your ticket includes:
All wreath-making materials
A beautiful selection of decorations
A glass of Prosecco to enjoy while you craft
Your own handmade Christmas wreath
to take home
Fundraising for
Horsington Church School
Playground Equipment Appeal
Kindly Supported by
Lillies Rose Florist, Wincanton
TO BOOK CONTACT NATASHA
07735 182238
PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK EARLY
TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

A Festive Evening for the Whole Community

Thursday 10th December

5.30pm

St John's Church, Horsington

Join our talented school choir for a joyful evening of Christmas carols and festive music as we celebrate the season together.

Refreshments served after the concert

Donations invited in support of the School Play Equipment Appeal

Come along, sing along, and help bring some Christmas cheer to our village while supporting a great cause.

We look forward to seeing you there!

HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL CHOIR

