Horsham Nursery School

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the year at Horsham Nursery with lots going on already! Please do read to the end for any news that will affect your child's age group.

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the Harvest donations for Horsham Matters. A message from their team: "*We would like to send our thanks to you all for your generous food donation this Harvest. Together, you managed to bring in a total of **26.11kg**. This donation is very much appreciated and will contribute significantly towards our foodbanks.*"

The Big Draw

A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came along this week to our Big Draw! We have enjoyed working together collaboratively on drawing, painting and mark making and also exploring these through the celebration of Diwali. Look out for our Facebook post to see more photos!

Children in Need

In anticipation of our fundraising for Children in Need in November, we will have a very special visitor on Wednesday 12th November to start our collection off. Please bring in some pennies, if you can, for our collection bucket at 8am and 9am. (If your child is unsure then Pudsey would love just a little wave as they arrive!) We will also be selling Pudsey ears if you would like to buy them from the office, ready to wear on Friday November 14th. Everything raised from Horsham Nursery will be collected by Horsham Rotary Club for the national charity.

Applications for Primary School places

The deadline for applying for a school place is **Thursday 15th January 2026** for all children born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**. If you need support with your application, please talk to your Key Carers or Liz. The application window is open now. Information leaflets are by the Overs door.

You can find the link for the application here:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/

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Introducing Haven

We are excited to introduce our current children to our safeguarding puppet, Haven. The children will be introduced to Haven during group time after half term. He is a friendly purple puppet to help the children learn about keeping safe. Haven will be used during nursery to highlight when the children are learning about something that will help them keep safe. Haven aims to increase children's voice within the safeguarding team and to support our children to make a link between what they are learning and safety. Haven will feature as a regular part of our curriculum. Haven will have a presence online on our website, during group times and have a keeping safe column in our nursery newsletter.

Parent Consultations

We will be running Parent Consultations for every child during the weeks commencing 10th and 17th November. This is an opportunity for you to have a detailed conversation about your child's achievements and to plan the next steps for your child collaboratively together. Please make sure you book your slot so that you have time with your Key Carer. Booking for the Under 3's opens on Monday 27th November.

Parking

Our car park is only for staff parking unless there are special circumstances in which case a permit will be issued. Between the hours of 8.30am and 4.15pm we politely ask you not to park in our car park. This includes lunchtimes. This will enable our staff to park and be on time for their shifts. The disabled spaces remain available for Blue Badge holders. Sadly, we have had more staff cars damaged this month. Thank you for being considerate to our staff when we remind you to park locally and walk into Nursery.

Forest school

The timetable for next half term for Forest School is below. Please note that all children attending our sessions should have named waterproof trousers, jackets and wellington boots in a bag on their peg, or come dressed ready if they are arriving at 9am for the first session of the day. Whilst we do have spares to offer, it is much quicker to change the children into their own outfits, maximizing their time at Forest School. We are aware of children who do miss out on Forest School over the rotations and will work to ensure every child has the experience at some point in the year.

	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM	Red group (Ceri) Discoverers	Yellow group (Jo)	SSC+ Purple group (Amy) Blue group (Becca)	Pink Group (Bronwen) Discoverers
PM	Green group (Ami)			

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Below is a list of key dates for the term to help you plan your calendars. As you can see below, there is lots going on for the children and families this term at Nursery. We always love to have parents, carers and grandparents in to help so you will see the key dates there when we will be asking for your involvement- all welcome! Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions for further details, give us feedback and request any support by speaking to your Key Carer, the Senior Leadership Team or through the office.

Warm wishes,

Liz Mellor

Headteacher

Key Dates Autumn 25-Spring 26

Date:	Event:	Overs	Unders
27th -31st October	Half term closure for Overs (Holiday club available). Explorers and Discoverers stay open.	✓	
Monday 3rd November	**INSET Day**- whole Nursery closed for staff training	✓	✓
10th – 14th November	National Nursery Rhyme week will be celebrated- **parents and grandparents invited in** to join in the fun! More details to follow.	✓	✓
Friday 14th November	Children in Need: wear something spotty to Nursery!	✓	✓
Weeks beginning 10th and 17th November	**Parent Consultation Meetings**- Discoverers and Explorers- time slots will be open for you to book from 27th October		✓
Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 20th November	**Parent Consultation Meetings** – Overs time slots will be open for you to book from 21st October.	✓	
Friday 28th November	Deadline for Christmas Holiday Club bookings for Overs (booking link to be issued 17/11/25).	✓	
1st-5th December	Overs visit the Post box- **Parent helpers needed!**	✓	
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Singing-11.30am and 3.30pm Two tickets per family with any spare tickets allocated by request.	✓	
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas parties for all children	✓	✓
Friday 19th December	End of term for Overs	✓	
Wednesday 24th December	Last day for Discoverers and Explorers.		✓
22nd,23rd, 24th Dec, 2nd Jan	Holiday club for Over 3's	✓	
Friday 2nd January	First day back for the new year 2026 for Discoverers and Explorers. Children will move to their new rooms from 5th Jan 2026.		✓
Monday 5th January	First day of term for Over 3's Nursery	✓	