

# NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL ERICA WAY HORSHAM WEST SUSSEX RH12 5XL



## NEWSLETTER 3

December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term we have had so far! We are already into December and Christmas Plays began with Reception being the first to start last week! This week, we will enjoy Year 1 & 2's performances and the Key Stage 2 finish off for us next week so that everyone is totally in the Christmas spirit.

End of term is always a mixed blessing as we frequently have good-byes to say. Unfortunately, this term, Mrs Kennedy is leaving us to find a different role that allows her more flexibility. With a young family at home her decision is completely understandable but she will be missed by staff and pupils after more than 7 years at North Heath. I am sure parents and carers will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.



### ***A Huge Thank You for Supporting Our Book Fair!***

*We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and families who supported our recent book fair.*

*Thanks to your generosity, we earned **£660.67 in free books** for the school. This incredible amount will allow us to continue to refresh our **whole-school library** as well as our **classroom libraries**, ensuring that every child has access to exciting new books.*

*Your support helps foster a love of reading across our school community, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for helping us make books a central part of our children's learning journey!*

Mrs Lowe and Miss Head (English Leads)

**St Mark's Church** are working hard to support families in this area. As part of their efforts, they have set up a monthly SEND café – read below to find out more.

**SEND CAFE**

**HORSHAM CHURCHES TOGETHER FAMILY HUB**

MONDAYS, 10am-12pm  
12<sup>th</sup> January  
9<sup>th</sup> February  
9<sup>th</sup> March  
St Mark's Church,  
Horsham

Join us  
to meet with other parents of  
SEND children to chat, share,  
and connect with people who  
understand your journey

We look forward to seeing you then. We are aware that Mondays don't work for everyone so please do get in touch if you can't come along but are interested in other SEND Family events and support.  
Email: [familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk](mailto:familyhub@stmarksholbrook.org.uk)

### **West Sussex Music**

The Music team at West Sussex continue to offer courses and opportunities to support young musicians.

Tomorrow's Orchestra Programme (TOP26).

This combines free instrumental lessons and free instrument loan with weekly orchestral sessions, as well as introducing children to the thrill of playing together on stage.

Running at music centres in Horsham or Crawley, for three terms from January to December. The first term is **free** and terms 2 and 3 are £78 per term. For 7-11yrs.

Applications for January are now open!

**HORSHAM  
MUSIC CENTRE**

**Saturday  
10:45am – 12:15pm**

**Strings  
Woodwind  
Brass**



[https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/to/p/?utm\\_source=Schools&utm\\_campaign=n=409e4e2cf3-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_NOVEMBER\\_2025](https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/to/p/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=n=409e4e2cf3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_NOVEMBER_2025)

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## Updates



As I'm sure some of you will have seen, we have our new sign-in machine set up in the office which is an exciting step on our road to becoming more efficient through the use of technology. Please expect to sign in and out whenever you visit and enter the school building.

In the background, we are working hard to update our broadband and network provision in school which will enable us to streamline our filing and databases. At the same time, we are working to make our website easier to navigate and more useful to current and prospective parents – keep an eye out for changes but please bear with us while we make adaptations and get particular pages up and running.

## Christmas



We are very lucky at North Heath in that all year group pairs create a Christmas performance for parents and, wherever possible, for grandparents too. This means there is always an event to look forward to that makes everyone feel more festive! Teachers and TAs work hard to pull performances together and provide opportunities for your children to shine. They always do you proud, no matter how large or small their part. We are looking forward to seeing you all at your respective performances over the next few weeks.

Videos will be available through FoNH

## Children in Need

Thank-you all for your support of Children in Need this year. As a school, we raised £690 for the charity and I know they will be grateful for the donation. Special thanks to Mrs Sherwood for organising the school's contribution to the event with the help of School Council and to Mrs Crane who is so wonderful at sorting resources and payments behind the scenes – it wouldn't happen without them!



## Online Scams Awareness

We received the following message from internet matters.org last week and felt it was worth sharing with all parents.



Internet Matters have worked with Roblox and Ambitious about Autism to create new resources to support neurodivergent children who like playing games online, to help recognise and deal with scams.

Online scams like trust trades and fake giveaways can cause harm and upset to all children, but neurodivergent children are at greater risk of falling victim to scams.

Internet Matters have worked with Ambitious about Autism and Roblox to create new resources to help families with neurodivergent children learn and stay safe from scams within games.

There's a guide for parents, a video for children and young people, plus stories for families to read and discuss together to explore the risks, with practical actions for children to take to help stay protected.

Find all the resources [here](#).



## Gallery Council



We are pleased to announce the selection of this year's Gallery Council Representatives.

This year,

Year 3 – Noah B & Arya P-T

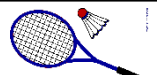
Year 4 – Ellie D & Ella C

Year 5 – Jai P & Nicole M

Year 6 – Yzabella N + Thomas B will be working with Miss Parker to select the art work for display within the school.



## Sports



It has been a busy sporting half-term with Year 3 pupils participating in a badminton event and then Year 5 & 6 taking part in both hockey and netball tournaments after school (which will conclude in the new year).

All pupils have represented the school brilliantly and we are proud of their sportsmanship as well as their skills as players.



### DFE – SEND Conversation

As part of their plans to reform the education provision for pupils with SEND, the government is launching a series of events which are open to anyone. Within each should be ways to make your voice heard. Please follow the link to find out more.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/send-reform-national-conversation-online-series-4797535>



Department  
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### Uniform



As the year progresses, we are seeing a few pupils coming to school in clothes that we do not consider appropriate uniform. There are branded items available through:

- RJ Osbourne Ltd click [here](#) for a link to the online shop or contact them on 01403 731770
- Broadbridges – Click [here](#) for the online shop; visit 3 Piries Place, Horsham, RH12 1EH; or contact on 01403 259620

We are also happy for pupils to wear unbranded school uniform but we ask for grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores and yellow polo shirts with grey sweatshirts. In the current weather, we would advise all pupils to wear full length trousers (or grey/black tracksuit trousers on PE days) rather than shorts. Pupils can wear grey tights or plain grey leggings under dresses or skirts. Black leggings are not part of day to day school uniform and should only be worn on PE days.



### Christmas Decorations

A reminder that we are looking forward to receiving a range of home-made Christmas ornaments from years 1&2 for our School Christmas Tree. It sits in our entrance way to welcome visitors. Please send them in (named) throughout the week and we will display them for the next couple of weeks and return them to you before Christmas. Thank-you!

### Christmas Postbox

The Christmas postbox is now up in the school library so if your children have brought in cards for pupils in other classes or any members of staff, they can be posted! Please ensure that the recipient's name and class is marked on the envelope so that our prefects can ensure safe delivery.

To limit the number of envelopes to sort, we ask that cards for class members are given to the class teachers so they can be handed out during the school day.

Thank-you and Merry Christmas!



### Trips

As a school, we try to provide all pupils with a range of experiences that support their learning and understanding of the world. We do appreciate that these come at a cost but believe we work hard to minimise the expense to parents/carers and ensure that each trip or experience has a clear benefit. Over their time with us, pupils should benefit from a wide range of experiences.

For these to continue, however, we do need a commitment from parents/carers to make contributions to them. We would never turn a child away from a trip but obviously need a significant number of families to make the contributions so that the school can continue to cover the costs for those who can't manage payments at that time. If you are ever concerned, please do come and speak to me on the playground or ask to make an appointment to see me in advance of the visit/experience. Without this, we assume that families are intending to pay and so budget accordingly, and follow up with families which is not fun for us or you!

Thank-you for your help with this.



I would like to finish by thanking all our school community for their support this term. It is always busy in the Autumn Term and we are aware that we call on you for many things from reading and homework to harvest donations, charity events, evening meetings and helping the children with trips – your efforts are all appreciated and the children's time in school would be very much poorer without your help!

Best wishes for the festive season and kind regards,

*Nicky Chesshire*

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## Dates for 2025-2026

DECEMBER 2025			
Monday	8	2:15pm Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (grandparents)	Y1/2 grandparents
Tuesday	9	9:30am Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (parents)	Y1/2 parents
	9	2:15-3:15 Reception Parents – Stay and Play	YR parents
Wednesday	10	1:30pm – Y6 Visitor – S Green (SOE)	Y6 pupils
Thursday	11	9:30am Year 1&2 Christmas Performance (parents)	Y1/2 Parents
Friday	12	From 4pm - School Discos - FoNH	KS1/KS2 pupils
Monday	15	10am Rocksteady Concert	Rocksteady pupils/parents
	15	2:00pm Year 3&4 Christmas Performance (grandparents)	Y3/4 grandparents
Tuesday	16	9:30am Year 3&4 Christmas Performance (parents)	Y3Robin & Y4Kestrel parents
Wednesday	17	9:30am Year 3&4 Christmas Performance (parents)	Y3Starling & Y4Red Kite parents
	17	Chartwells Christmas Lunch	
	17	1:30pm Year 5&6 Carol Concert at St Marks (grandparents)	Y5/6 grandparents
Thursday	18	Class Christmas Parties	All pupils
	18	FoNH Pop-up stall – lucky bags	Pupils and Parents
	18	6:30pm Y5&6 Carol Concert at St Marks (parents)	All parents welcome
Friday	19	3:15pm End of Term – MERRY CHRISTMAS	
JANUARY 2026			
Thursday	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
Monday	5	School Closed – Inset Day	No pupils in school
Tuesday	6	All Pupils Return	
Friday	9	4:30-5:30pm Y5/6 Hockey at Tanbridge	Hockey Team
Monday	12	2:30pm – Parents Evening Appointments Available	
Wednesday	14	5:30pm – Current Y5 Parents – Fairthorne Meeting	Y5 parents + Y6 Teachers
Monday	19	2:15pm and 4:30pm Volunteer Safeguarding Training	School Volunteers
Thursday	22	9:00am Y1/2 Butterfly Class Assembly	Butterfly Class parents
	22	5:30-7:30pm Parents Mathematics Evening (X ÷)	Y2-5 parents
Monday	26	Y5 Bikeability	
Tuesday	27	Y5 Bikeability	
	27	2:15pm and 4:00pm Volunteer Safeguarding Training	School Volunteers
Thursday	29	9:00am Y1/2 Ladybird Class Assembly	Ladybird Class Parents
FEBRUARY 2026			
Tuesday	3	KS2 Cross Country at Christ's Hospital	Cross Country Team + parents
Thursday	5	9:00am Y1/2 Dragonfly Class Assembly	Dragonfly Class parents
	5	5:30pm Current Y4 Parents – Sayers Croft Meeting	Y4 parents + Y5 Teachers
Thursday	12	9:00am Y5 Badger Class Assembly	
Friday	13	3:15pm End of Half Term	
Monday	23	All pupils back in school	All pupils
Tuesday	24	12:20-2:45pm Y4 Tag Rugby at HRFC	Y4 Rugby Team
	24	3:45-6:00pm – Parents Evening 1	All parents (pupils welcome)
Thursday	26	4:00-7:00pm – Parents Evening 2	All parents (pupils welcome)

MARCH 2026			
Tuesday	3	7:00-8:30pm – KS2 Dance Festival at The Hawth	Selected pupils + their parents
Thursday	5	World Book Day (details to follow)	All pupils
Friday	13	Reception Year Group Assembly (Hedgehog & Rabbit)	Reception parents
Wednesday	18	10am-1:00pm Y4 Indoor Athletics at The Bridge	Y4 Athletics team (TBC)
Thursday	19	Y4 Red Kite Class Assembly	Y4 Red Kite Class parents
Friday	20	Red Nose Day	All pupils
Tuesday	24	12:15-3:00pm Y6 Tag Rugby at HRFC	Y6 Rugby Team
Thursday	26	Y4 Kestrel Class Assembly	Y4 Kestrel Class parents
Friday	27	3:15pm End of Term – HAPPY EASTER	All pupils and parents
APRIL 2026			
Monday	13	All pupils back to school	All pupils
Thursday	30	9:00am Y3 Starling Class Assembly	Y3 Starling Class parents
MAY 2026			
Thursday	7	9:00am Y3 Robin Class Assembly	Y3 Robin Class parents
Monday	11	SATs Week for Year 6	Y6 pupils
Tuesday	19	Filming for new school video (to go on our website)	All pupils (with permission)
Wednesday	20	Class Photos	
Friday	22	3:15pm End of Half Term	
JUNE 2026			
Monday	1	INSET day	No pupils on site
Thursday	11	9:00am Y5 Fox Class Assembly	Y5 Fox Class parents
Thursday	18	9:00am Reception Assembly – Hedgehogs and Rabbits	Reception parents
Wednesday	24	Key Stage 1 Sports Day	All Reception and KS1 parents
Friday	26	District Sports all day	KS2 athletics team + volunteers
JULY 2026			
Wednesday	1	Secondary School Transition Day	Y6 + all pupils
Friday	3	KS2 Sports Day (details to follow)	Y3/4 am Y5/6 pm
Sunday	5	Horsham Children’s Parade	Y3 pupils
Thursday	9	9:00 Year 1 year group assembly	Year 1 parents
Friday	10	3:15pm Records of Achievement sent to parents	All pupils + parents
Wednesday	22	3:15pm End of Term – Happy Holidays!	All pupils