

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to have our pupils back at school and already so involved in their learning. Staff had a busy Inset day preparing for the children and receiving some training on the use of active breaks within lesson time to support pupils' focus levels. Hopefully, some of them have mentioned this new equipment and extra 'brain breaks' to you at home!

We have welcomed Mrs Tasquier to the team this term. She teaches across the school and is generally based in Year 6 Woodpecker, Year 5 Badger, and Year 3 Robin though she may also teach in other classes from time to time.

Value Focus Weeks

Over the next three weeks, the focus for our assemblies will be our three school values. As part of this, we would like to celebrate your children's kindness, creativity and courage outside school.

 Kindness – Week 3 – 19th -23rd January

 Creativity – Week 4 – 26th-30th January

 Courage – Week 5 2nd – 6th February

A letter is coming home to you, with 3 slips attached and we would welcome responses, for each of the weeks, informing us of when they have demonstrated these values at home. We look forward to celebrating your children's efforts!



Tesco Tokens

Our amazing, supportive parents who run 'Friends of North Heath' have managed to finally get a 'Token Box' at local Tesco stores eg Lambs Farm Rd, West Street, Broadbridge Heath. The potential funding will be used to support playtimes – looking for new, durable equipment and replenishing existing supplies. This will make a big difference to all our pupils and I know they will appreciate any extras FONH can manage to acquire. However, it is not yet certain that we will win the funding so I thank you, in advance, for making the trip to Tesco so that pupils and parents can vote for this! Fingers crossed, we will be successful!

Uniform



At the start of this year, we would like to make sure that all our pupils are wearing agreed school uniform. We do see a few pupils coming to school in alternative clothes. We want uniform to be comfortable and affordable and have tried to ensure this is the case and that the same rules apply to all. 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 this should consist of 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.

PE uniform consists of house-coloured T-shirts, and black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings and a plain black hoodie.

For both uniform and PE kits, we ask for black shoes. To make 'active learning' easier for the pupils (and your budgets!) we are happy for pupils to wear plain black trainers with their normal uniform as well as on PE days.

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As ever, thank-you for your support with this.

Year 5 Go To Space

Year 5 have already had their first visitor this term – an inflatable planetarium. Here is a review of their experience by 2 pupils in Badger Class.

Space Dome Experience

On Thursday 15th January, Year 5 had a visit from a planetarium. When we walked into the hall, we saw a huge, inflatable silver dome. We sat down in front of it and Tatiana, our guide, introduced herself. She was the space scientist who was going to show us around space! One by one we took a giant step to enter the dome – it was amazing. Tatiana showed us around our solar system and also outer space. It was beautiful. She was able to answer all of our questions (even the tricky ones). We all really enjoyed the planetarium experience. Some people thought that the space rollercoaster was the best part but other people thought exploring the galaxy was the best. It was really cool to see the film of the first landing on the moon and we are looking forward to finding out about the launch of the next moon mission (Artemis II) in February 2026.



The space dome was brilliant!

By Fern
+ James



Thank- You!

We recently received this email from Horsham Matters after your generosity at our Harvest Festival.

To all at North Heath School,

On behalf of all of us at Horsham Matters thank you so much for your support over the past year.

Your generosity has stopped children in our district from facing hunger and given parents the reassurance they can provide for their families.

Thanks to you our foodbanks have been there at a time of crisis, improving the lives of those in need.

You have donated enough food to make 586 meals for those in need!

It is only with the help of the community that we can make a difference so we are grateful to everyone that donated to us.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year and look forward to working together in 2026.



Online Safety

As more and more of our world moves online, there is an increased potential of issues arising relating to online activities and games. To support parents and carers, West Sussex have produced some guidance to help you keep your children safe. We have attached this guidance to the newsletter parentmail.

Music Opportunity in West Sussex

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: Noisy Kids concert

Join the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at The Hawth, Crawley, for an out-of-this-world interactive concert for the whole family on Saturday 21 February. Adult £16.50 / Kids £13.50. This exciting performance will have children clapping, stomping, and conducting along with the musicians. Bursting with familiar tunes, musical games and plenty of surprises, it's the perfect way to introduce kids to the joy of live music. Find out more and book tickets here:

<https://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/the-hawth/whats-on/rpo-noisy-kids-1298604? 02>



Time out of school

A quick reminder to all parents and carers that there are forms, held by the office, that should be filled in and submitted at least 5 days prior to any planned absences. Please try to include some details within the forms as there are some circumstances I am able to authorise. I should remind you, however, that the government has been very clear that schools should not authorise absence for any holidays taken by children. The reasoning is that if a child is not at school, they will not be learning the same things as their peers and may miss important steps and topics. Thank-you for your understanding.



World Book Day



Teachers have already been discussing this year's World Book Day (March 5th) There will definitely be a 'Get Comfy, Get Cosy, Get Reading' element to it this year but look out for more information about this event from Miss Head as it gets closer.



Parents Evening



We are looking forward to seeing all parents and/or carers at our Parents' Consultation Evenings on the 24th and 26th February. You should be able to book through Parentmail and reserve your time slot - please let us know as soon as possible if there are any issues with the bookings so that we can ensure all parents/carers have the opportunity to discuss and appreciate their child/children's progress.



Holiday Clubs



We are very lucky that Sports Stars will be offering their holiday clubs again over most of February and May half terms and during some of the Easter and Summer Holidays. Book using this link: www.sportsstarsuk.com



We are also excited to welcome back Vikki Mead, who led our fantastic K-pop workshop in November! Vikki is now offering a full-day K-pop workshop during February half term on Friday 20th February. The day will include dance, singing, crafts, games, and will finish with an end-of-day performance. North Heath students will have priority booking until 20th January, after which booking will open to students outside of North Heath. To book, either email info@vmadance.co.uk or book directly via vmadance.co.uk.

I would like to thank-you all for preparing your children so well for the start of term. They have come in brilliantly, settled to their work and the school has a happy hum of positivity and hard work about it. I'm sure we haven't seen the last of the cold weather so wrap up warm and enjoy the long, cosy evenings – it's perfect weather for reading!

Best wishes,

Nicky Chesshire

Dates for 2025-2026

JANUARY 2026			
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

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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			
Monday	2	8:50-9:15 – KS1 Stay and Read	Year 1/2 pupils + their parents
Tuesday	3	7:00-8:30pm – KS2 Dance Festival at The Hawth	Selected pupils + their parents
	3	8:50-9:15 – Year 4 Stay and Read	Year 4 pupils and their parents
Wednesday	4	8:50-9:15 – Reception Stay and Read	Reception pupils and parents
Thursday	5	World Book Day (details to follow)	All pupils
Friday	6	8:50-9:15 – Year 3 Stay and Read	Year 3 pupils and their parents
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

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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
SEPTEMBER 2026			
Tuesday	1	INSET Day for Teachers	No pupils on site
Wednesday	2	INSET Day for Teachers	No pupils on site
Thursday	3	First Day for pupils	Y1-Y6 return to school