

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



NEWSLETTER 6

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! Your children came back from the Easter break rested, happy and ready to learn. The warmer (and drier!) weather has meant there is even more opportunity for classes to get outside to learn and there is great excitement amongst the children as we are mixing all year groups out on the field at lunchtimes. The outdoor classroom (thanks FoNH!) has been in use for lessons and is also a success in providing some shade during lunch breaks. Staff have been busy planning learning opportunities in amongst class assemblies, sports events, trips and general teaching! We have also recruited some new staff in preparation for September 2026.

Staffing



As you are aware, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Sowton both left North Heath earlier this year to explore new and different opportunities. This term, we have been fortunate enough to recruit one of our regular supply teachers, Miss Herbert to cover a day in Rabbit Class and some cover in Y1/2 – she is a fantastic addition to the team, even if we only have her for a term!

Very sadly, we now need to prepare to say good-bye to two other members of our teaching team. Unfortunately for us, Ms Davies is leaving the school at the end of this term to pursue a career outside of teaching. At the same time, Ms Roden has decided the time is right to retire from teaching and so will be giving up her role as Inclusion Lead/SENCO at the end of the summer. We are very sad to see them go but, in both cases, we fully support their decisions and understand why they were made. However, both are a loss to the teaching profession and we know they will be missed by our community.

In light of this, from September 2026, Mrs L. Brazier-Main will join us as our new Inclusion Lead. Having been a SENCO at her previous school, she is well-aware of the importance of relationships with pupils and parents and is hoping to find some dates to be available to meet parents before the end of the term. Ms Roden will continue to make plans for all SEND pupils ready for September and there will be a very thorough hand-over between the two of them so that all pupils continue to be as well-supported as possible.

We have also recruited three new teachers for September 2026. Mr D Moss, Miss E Knight and Miss A Somers will also be joining us in the new school year. Once all classes and teachers are sorted, there will be opportunities for them all to come into school and get to know the staff and the pupils that they will teach next year. They have already agreed to attend the transition days in school and the Open Evening in July but there may be other opportunities for them later this term as well. – we will keep you informed.



Celebrating being 50 Years Old



We are in the midst of planning for our 50-year celebration. We are still slightly unsure exactly what this will look like but there is likely to be some research for pupils to do at home and a chance to dress up on the day.

We are hoping we will be able to invite families in for some part of the festivities on the afternoon of Friday 10th July so watch out for more information to follow.

Our Wonderful Friends of North Heath

Friends of North Heath are working hard behind the scenes to make arrangements for our Summer Festival. To celebrate 50 years of North Heath, they are organising a (mini) festival on Sunday 12th July between 12pm and 3pm, with some music acts already booked.

They will be in touch soon with extra information but we hope to see as many of you there as possible. I know they would also be extremely grateful for any extra help on or leading up to the day!



Uniform



Thank-you to all parents for helping us keep our children appropriately dressed and smart in school. It was lovely to see them together as groups for their class photos recently. Just as a reminder, 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 – online shop; visit 3 Piries Place, Horsham, RH12 1EH; or contact on 01403 259620

I would like to stress that we are happy for pupils to wear unbranded school uniform but this should still consist of: **grey** trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafores, yellow polo shirts, pale grey sweatshirts, and/or yellow gingham dresses.

Pupils can wear grey tights or plain grey leggings under dresses or skirts (not black leggings). PE uniform consists of house-coloured T-shirts, and black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings and a plain black hoodie or sweatshirt. For both uniform and PE kits, we ask for plain **black shoes** or **trainers**. To make 'active learning' easier for the pupils (and your budgets!) we are happy for pupils to wear their plain black trainers with their normal uniform as well as on PE days.

We have tried to be flexible in this approach to uniform to support all pupils and all families. However, we are noticing some clothing that does not fit with school policy which is disappointing. It would be great if half term could be used to make sure that all children have the right clothes and shoes for school.

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



Football Success



On Friday 13th March, Mr Cousins took a Year 3 team to compete in the Football Cup competition held at Tanbridge School—and what a fantastic afternoon it turned out to be!

The team began their campaign with an impressive 4–0 victory. Building on this strong start, they went on to defeat 2 more schools (6–0 and 5–0) finishing top of their group without conceding a single goal! By this stage, Mason had already scored an incredible 10 goals—more than all the other teams in the competition put together! Progressing confidently to the semi-finals, the team showed great maturity and determination to secure a well-earned 2-0 win in a match that tested both skill and composure.

The final proved to be a real challenge, as they came up against St Robert Southwell, another team yet to concede a goal in the tournament. However, North Heath rose to the occasion. Leading from the front, Josh scored a clinical goal to take the lead and followed it up with a second in the second half, sealing a fantastic victory. Not only did the team win the competition, but they also demonstrated the North Heath values throughout. Mr Cousins praised their excellent teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship, noting how respectfully they conducted themselves towards both opponents and officials.

A brilliant achievement for all involved — roll on next season!



Class Ahoy! All aboard for the Mary Rose!

On Wednesday 29th or Thursday 30th April, Year 5 went to Portsmouth Docks. We walked to Horsham train station and from Platform 4, we began our brilliant train ride. It took 1hour 21 minutes. When we reached Portsmouth we saw cyan waves speckled with white and loads of boats and huge ships. After walking through the gates, we went into a classroom and met our guide, Mick. Every time he said, "Class ahoy!" we had to say, "Mary Rose!" The session was fun and we found out about lots of artefacts from the Mary Rose. We even got to dress up as Tudor sailors and officers.

We had lunch facing the sea and then we got to look at the fish. There were even jellyfish! Later, we went into the Mary Rose and saw the holograph of the sinking of the ship. In the museum we saw the Mary Rose and it was amazing. The old ship was under water for so long that only half of it survived because the other half was eroded. There were projectors which showed what life was like on the ship. The artefacts from the ship helped us to understand how life was different for rich and poor people on board. After an excellent, exciting day, we travelled back to school by train and our parents were there to meet us.

By Bartosz and Barkley

Safety Online

A useful offer from St Mark's Church to anyone who is concerned about supporting their children effectively in this digital age.



Watch a promo video



Left to their own devices

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

This event is not just for parents but for anyone involved with children and young people as they navigate technology. Katharine's wisdom and experience will equip you with confidence in this challenging digital age. Whilst the event is free, you must reserve a ticket.

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/4h3wdcv8>

or scan the QR Code:



8TH JUNE 2026
ST MARK'S CHURCH
HOLBROOK, RH12 5PU

7:30-9:30pm



GUEST SPEAKER
KATHARINE HILL
CEO of Care for the Family, and Author.

St Mark's Church

St John's Ambulance – Children's Group

This may be of interest to some of our children so I have decided to share in our newsletter!



St John's Ambulance
BADGERS

Make friends, learn first aid, and explore the world!

For ages 5-10

At Badgers, we welcome all young people to build confidence, develop life skills and learn first aid through play and fun in a safe space for all abilities.

Where: Horsham, Horsham United Reformed Church
When: Tuesdays 17:30-19:00 term time

Find Out More: sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/badgers/
Join Horsham Badger Sett: youthonboarding.sja.org.uk
Questions? Trudi.Scrase@sja.org.uk



Smart Phone Free School

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have been looking into going 'Smart Phone free'. We had a meeting with Rob Long, Horsham Schools support and advocate of smart Phone Free schools. We were really grateful to him for coming to visit school on 21st May 2026 and he had a very interesting presentation to share.

The presentation has also been shared through Parentmail and Rob will be back in school on 9th June at 3-3:30pm to share more information about the project and to give parents a chance to vote on tackling a potential issue together. Thank-you for your support with this initiative.



Open Evening

Don't forget that we have our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 15th July from 5:15pm to 6:45pm. It is always a lovely evening and a great opportunity to admire your children's work, say goodbye to this year's teachers and meet next year's! Our new members of staff are also planning to be there for the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Records of Achievement

Teachers are currently working hard to reflect on the year in order to write your child's Record of Achievement. At the same time, the children have been designing this year's front cover. We are very proud of these documents and a lot of effort goes into making sure they reflect your child's year. We are delighted that your feedback, year on year, shows that they are also appreciated by our parents.

This year, you can look forward to receiving them on Friday 10th July, following our 50th Anniversary event – a double celebration!

St Marks Fun Day

See the flyer for details



North Heath PARKRUN!

Children – get your running shoes on! North Heath is staging a Parkrun takeover on Sunday 14th June! We are hoping to see as many pupils as possible from North Heath (ideally in PE tops!) from 8:45 that Sunday. There will be a shout-out to North Heath runners and we would love to get a photo with all of those that have taken part.

If your child would like to take part, they must register with Parkrun and bring their barcode. Registration is **FREE** and can be completed here:

www.parkrun.org.uk/register

It doesn't matter whether you are a regular attendee or are just coming for that session, sign up and join us there. Good Luck!



Horsham Parade



The theme for this year's Children's Parade is Childhood. North Heath has been given the brief of 'Puzzles' this year. We are looking forward to seeing the completed structure that is currently being built by Y3 adults and children in full glory as part of the parade. It would be lovely to be waved on by as many North Heath spectators and supporters as possible on Sunday 5th July.

Free Shopping

An ex-parent of North Heath has set up a Free Shop in Horsham. If you have household items or you have children's clothing to donate and feel that they are 'too good for' the school's 'recycling bin', this would be a worthy recipient.



Free clothing, shoes, accessories & household items
Take what you need/can make use of
Save money, save waste

London Road Methodist Church, Horsham, RH12 1AN
10 AM - 11 AM

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY Ladies and menswear

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY Childrenswear and household items

St Andrew's Church, Crawley Road, Horsham, RH12 4DX
9.30 AM - 11 AM

1ST SAT OF THE MONTH All clothing, shoes and accessories

For more details, updates and donations follow
LINCZFreeShop on Facebook and Instagram
or email linczfreeshop@gmail.com

LINCZ Free Shop CIC 16706174

Half Term:

Childrenswear

Household items

- Everyone welcome
- Everything is free
- Baby, toddler, child and teen clothing
- Household items



Tuesday 26th May
9.30-11am

London Road Methodist Church
Horsham, RH12 1AN

CIC 16706174

Be Kind, Be Creative, Be Courageous

The half term has whizzed by and we look to be all set for a warm half term holiday. Enjoy your time as a family and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 2nd June.

As always, thank-you for your continued support with all we are trying to achieve at North Heath!

Best wishes,

Nicky Chesshire

Dates for 2025-2026

JUNE 2026			
Monday	1	INSET day	No pupils on site
Wednesday	3	Filming our new North Heath video	All pupils
Weds - Fri	3,4,5	Y4 Multiplication Check	Year 4 pupils
Thursday	4	Invictus Visit to North Heath – Olympian visit	All pupils
Monday	8	9-10:30 Robin Class cookery	Y3 Robin + parents
w/b Mon	8	Phonics Screening	Y1 and Y2
Thursday	11	9:00am Y5 Fox Class Assembly	Y5 Fox Class parents
Sunday	14	North Heath Parkrun	All/any pupils!
Mon/Tues	15/16	Book Nook reading Visit	All classes
Tuesday	16	6:30pm – Meeting for YR Sept 2026 parents	YR 2026 parents
Thursday	18	9:00am Reception Assembly – Hedgehogs and Rabbits	Reception parents
	18	12pm-4pm – Girls Cricket Tournament	Y5/6 team + parents
Monday	22	9-10:30 Starling Class Cookery	Y3 Starling + parents
Monday	22	3:15 – 4pm Y1/2 2026/27 Stay and Play (details to follow)	Pupils + parents
Tuesday	23	3:15 – 4pm Y1/2 2026/27 Stay and Play (details to follow)	Pupils + parents
Wednesday	24	Key Stage 1 Sports Day	All Reception and KS1 parents
Wednesday	24	Y3/4 Cricket at Billingshurst	Y3/4 Cricket team
Thursday	25	3:15 – 4pm Y1/2 2026/27 Stay and Play (details to follow)	Pupils + parents
Friday	26	District Sports all day	KS2 athletics team + volunteers
Monday	29	YR 2026/27 Stay and Play	New parents and pupils
JULY 2026			
Wednesday	1	Secondary School Transition Day Primary meet your new teacher 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	PM – School’s 50 th Anniversary Celebration	TBC
	10	3:15pm Records of Achievement sent to parents	All pupils + parents
Sunday	12	Friends of North Heath Summer Festival	All Welcome!
Wednesday	15	5:15-6:45 – Open Evening	All parents and pupils
Monday	20	6pm - Y6 Leavers Performance	Y6 + parents
Wednesday	22	3:15pm End of Term – Happy Holidays!	All pupils
SEPTEMBER 2026			
Tues/Weds	1	INSET Days for Teachers	No pupils on site
Thursday	3	First Day for pupils	Y1-Y6 return to school
Tuesday		Fairthorne Manor Residential + Y6	

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