

# Newsletter

## Oct 2025



A huge welcome to all the new families who have joined Horsley school – and welcome back to the rest of you! The FHS works to enhance the primary school experience for children by providing items that they would not have without our financial support. It fulfils a social role for families and the wider community in a semi-rural environment by offering a range of events to suit different tastes and budgets.

### Your Committee:

- **Tanya Wallington** – Chair
- **Phil Hawkins** – Treasurer
- **James Turner** – Treasurer
- **Anna Marsh** – Secretary
- **Rosa Barratt** – Secretary

We oversee the running of events and raising money for our current projects, mainly the playground redevelopment (more on this further on). We couldn't exist without an army of helpers. From grant writers to designers and ad hoc event volunteers to coordinators who may have a little more time to spare – we thank you all for your support.

### Monsters Ball



A firm favourite of all children at Horsley – the Monsters Ball! This year taking place in the church on:

**Friday 17th October,**  
**4.45-5:45pm KS1 (Foxes & Badgers)**  
**6-7pm KS2 (Otters & Owls).**

This frightful evening encourages children to wear their spookiest fancy dress (or whatever they fancy). There will be a disco, pizza dinner and a tuck shop. Back by popular demand – the adults bar!

**Please note, parents/carers need to stay on site and always remain responsible for their children.**

### Save the Date! Burns Night Ceilidh

**Saturday 24th January.** Dust off your dancing shoes and join us in Horsley Church for a night of Scottish cheer! We'll be serving up hearty haggis, neeps and tatties, with a veggie option too. A local band and caller will guide you through the steps and keep everyone on their toes. The bar will be open, so grab your friends, bring your dancing shoes and let's make it a night to remember!

## Fireworks

We're sorry to share that our much-loved village fireworks event will not be going ahead this year. The FHS made this difficult decision after careful consideration. There are a number of reasons behind the pause this year, including time commitments elsewhere - particularly as we focus our efforts on delivering some long-awaited improvements to the school playground.

We know this event is a highlight of the community calendar and will be missed. With that in mind, we're already looking ahead to next year and will be rallying support for a new organising committee to help bring the fireworks back with a bang(!) in 2026.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

## Harvest Festival

"Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green!" Yes, it's that time of year again. The FHS will be at the Harvest Festival on **Friday 17th October**. This is during the morning assembly, so come for a hot drink and a breakfast treat and help us kick-start the year with a great first event. If you can provide a sweet treat for us to sell, please contact Anna Marsh.

## Helpers Group Sign Up



Join the helpers  
whatsapp group  
here!

If you're interested in helping in some capacity, you can chat to a committee member or sign up to the helpers whatsapp group where opportunities will be communicated e.g. we need someone on the bar, 6-8pm on X date. There is no pressure once you have joined the group and chat is kept to a minimum!

It might not feel much has changed, but lots has been happening behind the scenes! We have a list of works which need to be completed and equipment to be bought. This is being broken down into a few stages so we can seek the appropriate levels of funding. We are pleased to be working with a local company who are kindly offering to support the project. We'll keep you up to date with the latest developments!

## Project Playground Update

## 🎄 Christmas 🎄

We're pleased to be holding a refreshments bar at the two Nativity performances -  
**Tuesday 16th December, 2pm**  
**Wednesday 17th, 6pm.**  
Come armed with an appetite and festive cheer!

## Thank you for your support!

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