



### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It was lovely to visit St Stephen's Church this week, together with children from Years 5 and 6. I would like to thank those parents for providing food offerings for a collection at the church, where donations will go to the Haslemere Food Bank. Here is a link to their website if you would like to know more about this local service: <https://haslemerefoodbank.com>

The Year 5 children also enjoyed their pumpkin carving activities this week and of course the PTFA Silent Disco was a huge hit as well! Please watch out for more information on the new and exciting PTFA events planned for the end of term, including the 'Reindeer Run'!

After half-term, we will begin the run up to Christmas and I wanted to promote with all children an invitation for us to enter our local MP Gregory Stafford's Christmas Card Competition. Some of you will remember that Shottermill Juniors won this competition last year as well as some runner up entries. Hopefully we can repeat this success as we enter again this year. Christmas Card designs for this competition should be no larger than A4 size with the child's full name and school written on the back of the piece of artwork. The deadline for children to return their entries to us at school is [Wednesday 5th November](#), so please do encourage children to complete their designs over the half-term break, which I hope will also be a restful and relaxing time for all our families.

We look forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 3rd November.

### DON'T FORGET

The Child and Family Health Surrey Immunisation Team is visiting us on [Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November](#) to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray to all children in Years 3-6. Please complete the e-consent form by 4pm on [Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November](#) by visiting: [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) and entering your school's unique code **SR124979**. If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine, then please fill in the 'No' box.

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## PTFA NEWS

A huge congratulations to 6W, who raised an incredible **£282** for the school with their class treat sale last week! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success, and to everyone who bought something. The next class treat sale will be led by 4ZH on Friday 21st November.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously with their mufti day goodies today. The PTFA will use them to create some brilliant hampers and everyone will have a chance to buy raffle tickets to try and win one. More info coming after half term!

The PTFA silent disco was a huge success last night, thank you to all of the children who came along and impressed us with their dance moves! Thank you to the parents who helped on the night too. If you'd like to hear about other PTFA helper opportunities like this, please join our PTFA Whatsapp group at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FErNxtCWz9Q3ZFwyV7Fctz>



## POPPY APPEAL

From Tuesday 3rd November children will be able to purchase poppies and other poppy related merchandise in exchange for a donation to the Poppy Appeal. These items can be purchased at lunchtime from the playground.

Donations to the Poppy Appeal helps provide practical, financial and emotional support to our Armed Forces community. So however their suffering may start, your support can help to stop it. Wearing a poppy helps to show you care and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### WOW – WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Along with the Infant School we are taking part in an exciting initiative to encourage more children to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school each day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel/cycle/scoot, ‘Park and Stride’ or hop off) at least once a week for a month they will get rewarded with a badge. It’s that simple! Please see the link below for an information video:

<https://youtu.be/op0zWJw1Hs0>

### What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

### What if we can’t walk to school?

If driving, ‘Park and Stride’ to help your child earn their WOW badges. ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest of the way (recorded as ‘other’ on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn’t an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils’ needs. This includes pupils becoming WOW Ambassadors, leading assemblies, creating active travel notice boards, and other activities within the school day.

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
AUTUMN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WORLD CAR FREE DAY (22 SEPTEMBER)</li> <li>• NATIONAL FITNESS DAY (24 SEPTEMBER)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: SYCAMORE GAP</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUTUMN WOW TOP TEN (1-31 OCTOBER)</li> <li>• INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: MUSIC</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROAD SAFETY WEEK (16-22 NOVEMBER)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: JUMPING IN PUDDLES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILLUMINATION STREET WEEK (1-7 DECEMBER)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: MOUNTAIN CLIMBER</b></p>
SPRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION OPENS</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: BOARD GAMES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPRING WOW TOP TEN (2-27 FEBRUARY)</li> <li>• CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK (9-15 FEBRUARY)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: SKIING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WOW BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION CLOSES</li> <li>• WORLD BOOK DAY (5 MARCH)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: BIKE RIDE</b></p>	
SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NATIONAL WALK TO WORK DAY (3 APRIL)</li> <li>• EARTH DAY (22 APRIL)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: PAINTING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NATIONAL WALKING MONTH</li> <li>• WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK (DATE TBC)</li> <li>• MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK (11-17 MAY)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: CAMPING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SUMMER WOW TOP TEN (1-30 JUNE)</li> <li>• GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK (6-14 JUNE)</li> <li>• CLEAN AIR DAY (20 JUNE)</li> </ul>  <p><b>BADGE: FOOTBALL</b></p>	

### The WOW badges

There are 11 new WOW badges to be earned, one for every month of the school year. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts.

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**THE HILLS FIREWORKS**

On behalf of the friends of Woolmer Hill and Beacon Hill please see the attached flyer for their annual firework display.

This year's event takes place on Saturday 8th November from 4pm - 7pm, at Woolmer Hill School. All the details including the timings, and a link to purchase tickets are available here:

[The Hills Fireworks 2025 | November 08, 2025](#)

**THE HILLS  
FIREWORKS**

**AT WOOLMER HILL SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025  
4PM - 7PM**

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## KEY DATES FOR 2025-2026

October	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	HALF-TERM
November	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Morning tours for prospective parents: 9.30am or 11am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Optional flu vaccinations
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Stone Age day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	6H – Haslemere concert at St Christopher’s Church
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	6W – Haslemere concert at St Christopher’s Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	4ZH PTFA treat sale after school
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAYS
December	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	3N PTFA treat sale after school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Jumper day and Mufti. Christmas Lunch and Pantomime
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reindeer Run
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term: 1.30pm finish

*Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.*

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