

12th December 2025



Hoe Valley School



Welcome to our final newsletter of the term!

Our school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was a fantastic treat and the talent on stage was absolutely spectacular! From the Oompa-Loompa dances to the crazy, colorful costumes, everyone member of the cast and crew gave it their all and I was so proud of everyone involved. Big thanks to our incredible cast, crew, and set and prop designers for making this a show to remember—everyone deserves a golden ticket for their hard work! Parents are still able to order the official production photos from Victoria Davies Photography by [clicking here](#).

This December, our Year 7 and Year 8 students have taken part in a wide range of International Schools activities, including Christmas card exchanges and digital festive messages with schools in Slovenia, Slovakia, Germany, Lithuania, Ukraine and Greece, to name but a few. Our Maths faculty have also launched a joint statistics project with a partner school in Cologne, comparing how students in both countries travel to school. These valuable experiences are helping our students develop language and cultural awareness, wellbeing, and a strong sense of global community, preparing them to live and work in a global world. We look forward to growing these international partnerships even further next year.

On Thursday 4th December, a group of Year 12 and Year 13 students visited St Peter's Hospital, where they had an interesting and engaging talk with a member of the team about breaks, fractures, and more, as well as practising their bandaging skills on each other! The students talked to a number of professionals, such as a head maternity nurse about her experiences and why the job is so rewarding. They also learnt about speech and language therapy and some of the interesting and complicated ways that speech can be affected and what the department does to help patients.

As is traditional, our school Christmas Tree in the school Reception area was decorated by our Student Leadership Team. It always marks the start of the festivities in school and this year was no exception - we think they have done a wonderful job!

Over the last couple of weeks, students have been taken on their year group's reward trips. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all visited the Guildford Spectrum for a session of Ice Skating, a game of bowling, and a spot of pizza for lunch. The Year 11s went to Woking Superbowl for a game of bowling and lunch. Lastly, our Year 12 and 13 students visited AirHop for a bounce and pizza!

On Wednesday 10th December we held our annual school Christmas Lunch for students and staff, as well as Christmas Jumper Day in aid of our school charities. From members of the Senior Leadership Team support our fabulous in-house Kitchen Team with serving lunch, to the tinsel, candy canes and reindeers, school was awash with festive knits, festive tunes and smiling faces! Donations in aid of Save the Children can still be made online via your [ParentPay account here](#).

We are delighted to let you know that our Spring 2026 Enrichment Programme is available to [view here](#) on our website. As you can see, there are masses of enrichment activities happening throughout the term, ranging from Debating Club to Basketball and Board Games during lunch times, as well as a whole range of sports, Film Studies, Tech Crew, Mandarin Lessons, and revision sessions after school. I am absolutely sure that there is something for everyone and I would encourage every student to sign up for at least one club.

Congratulations to Vihaan and Vivaan in Year 8 who have both passed their Piano Grade 1 exams with Merit - we look forward to hearing your next performances!

At the end of this newsletter, there are 2 important flyers; one from Woking Food Bank and one from Woking Police. Please take the time to read them both.

I am immensely proud of our students' hard work and conduct this term and would like to wish them and you all a very merry Christmas. Best Wishes,
Ms Owoh



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Y12 & Y13 at St Peter's Hospital



Christmas Lunch and Jumpers!



The boys from Years 7 to 10 who haven't been able to break into the first 11 had a chance to compete in tournaments at Winston throughout the past couple of weeks. All of them have shown excellent effort and it has built a good mentality in getting back to training after Christmas.

This week saw the start of the Girls tournaments, and also the House Competitions for this half term in PE. The Girls are competing in Football whilst the boys are taking part in a Basketball Competition.

Dates for the Diary

05/01/2026	Start of Spring Term 2026
05/01/2026	Year 12 and 13 Mocks Begin
09/01/2026	Yes Futures World of Work Day
12/01/2026	Year 11 Mocks Begin
16/01/2026	Yes Futures Coaching
23/01/2026	Year 10 GCSE Urban Fieldwork Trip
23/01/2026	Yes Futures Workshop and Graduation
28/01/2026	Year 9, 10 and 11 UKMT Maths Challenge
29/01/2026	Year 8 Preference Taster Day
30/01/2026	Year 12 and 13 Pinewood Festival Trip

HOUSE POINTS!



9,638



8,780



8,600



8,212



7,968



Woking Foodbank opening times Christmas 2025

Monday 22nd December

Open 10.30 - 12.30 The Lighthouse, Woking

Tuesday 23rd December

Open 12.30 - 14.30 Salvation Army, Sythwood

Wednesday 24th December

Open 10.30 - 12.30 The Lighthouse, Woking
14:00 - 16:00 Mascot Hub, Sheerwater

Thursday 25th December

Closed

Friday 26th December

Closed

Monday 29th December

Open 10.30 - 12.30 The Lighthouse, Woking

Tuesday 30th December

Closed

Wednesday 31st December

Open 10.30 - 12.30 The Lighthouse, Woking

Thursday 1st January

Closed

Friday 2nd January

Open 10:00 - 12:00 Salvation Army, Sythwood

From Monday 5th January

All centres open as usual

CHRISTMAS WELLBEING

DECEMBER 2025



A Message to Our Parents & Carers

Christmas can be a joyful time, but it can also bring pressure, worry and big emotions – for adults and children. Routines shift, finances may feel tight, and the darker winter days can impact energy and mood.

This newsletter provides local support, wellbeing tips, free services and Barnardo's programmes available in Woking and the surrounding areas. You are not alone – help is here if you or your child need it.

Warm wishes,
Miss Johnson
Mental Health Lead

PARENTAL WELLBEING TIPS

- Keep expectations realistic – Christmas doesn't need to be perfect.
- Maintain simple routines: meals, sleep and quiet time help reduce stress.
- Use gentle check-ins with your child – worries often show as behaviour.
- Share the emotional load – speak to friends, family or support services.
- Notice your own needs – children model what they see.
- Plan for both activity and rest days.
- Reach out early if things start to feel overwhelming.

If You're Worried About Your Child's Mental Health

Signs include changes in sleep, withdrawal, loss of interest, anxiety, anger, school refusal, self-harm concerns.



LOCAL SUPPORT IN WOKING

Free Christmas Lunch Delivery – 24th December

Gaskin's Christmas Lunches – Free Meals Delivered to Your Home
For anyone in need: families, students, the lonely, vulnerable or homeless.

- Delivery between 12–3pm
- Within 10 miles of Guildford
- Volunteers also welcome

Book:

www.freechristmaslunch.com

Email:

info@freechristmaslunch.com

Contact:

Marta – 07855 846597

Local Support for Families

The Lighthouse Woking

Free support with food, hygiene items, baby bank, clothing, community café, warm spaces.

Woking Foodbank

Emergency food parcels for families in financial difficulty. School can help with a referral. Safe Haven Woking (6–11pm, Daily) A calm, safe place during mental health crisis for both adults and young people.

Woking Mind

Wellbeing groups, walking groups, peer support for adults.

Club4 (FSM Holiday Activities & Food)

Free activity & meal programme for children eligible for free school meals.

Crisis Support

Shout – Text SHOUT to 85258

Samaritans – 116 123

**Young Minds Parent Helpline –
0808 802 5544**

Childline – 0800 1111





Barnardo's Support for Parents & Carers

Parenting Wellbeing Service – 1:1 support, guidance, volunteers.

Keeping Your Child in Mind – Empathy, boundaries, expectations.

Parent Drop-In – Thursdays 9.30–4pm term time.

Parent/Carer Wellbeing Group – 1st & 3rd Thurs

Stronger Relationships – Arabic speakers, online.

Talking Teens – Parent support course.

Nurturing Programme – 10-week course.

[All course details can be found here.](#)

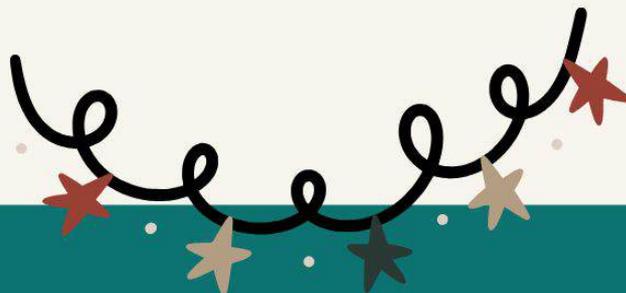
Barnardo's Community Wellbeing Team (8–18)

Support for anxiety, low mood, friendships, emotional regulation, confidence.
Includes 1:1 sessions, holiday check-ins, B-Connected group.

Community Hubs – Free weekly drop-in

Woking Hub: St Andrew's Church, Thu 10–12.

Support with finances, mental health, parenting & perinatal support.





E-Scooter Use

An advice message from the Woking police Safer Neighbourhood Team.



Despite being able to buy these both online and in shops, here in the UK, privately-owned electric scooters (e-scooters) are illegal to use on public roads, pavements and other public spaces (including parks, car parks etc).

They are classified as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and therefore require a licence, insurance and safety standards to be met, which privately owned e-scooters typically

don't have.

If you are 16 years old or younger and found to be in possession of an E- Scooter the bike will be seized and a Youth Engagement Warning will be given to the young person. You will only be giving one warning and if appropriate the Scooter may be returned to an appropriate adult.

Only e-scooters hired as part of an approved government backed rental trial are legal to use on public land, and in those cases only within the specific trials area.

Of note we do not have any of these trials in the Woking borough.

If caught using an e-scooter, other than on private land, you could face a number of consequences including;

- a police issued fixed penalty of £300 and 6 penalty points on your driving licence for having no insurance, noting if it goes to court then unlimited fine.
- Up to a £1000 fine and between 3-6 penalty points for operating a motor vehicle without the correct licence.

You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- riding on a pavement: fixed penalty notice and possible £50 fine.
- using a mobile phone or other handheld mobile device while riding: £200 and 6 penalty points.
- riding through red lights: fixed penalty notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points.

- drink driving: the same as if you were driving a car, you could face court-imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment.

If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

And the above offences are likely to mean that the e-scooter is seized and then possibly crushed or at best held in the vehicle pound with the owner charged for its release.

And please note that if you are over 18 and caught by Surrey Police on an e-scooter, it will be seized and crushed.