

In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 14

Dear All

The summer holidays have finally arrived!! Just in time by the look of the road works that have started outside the schools... something to be mindful in September!

Yesterday, we said congratulations to all our graduating Acorns children as they embark on their next adventure in Primary School. Today, we say goodbye to our Year 6s. They have been a lovely year group, working collaboratively and with great humour which was demonstrated in their leaver's speeches, there was not a dry eye in the hall. We wish them all the best in Secondary school and am sure they will take our motto 'together we learn for life' with them. As they signed their shirts and posed for end of year photos, it was a contrast to the rest of the school who were wearing their pyjamas!

Congratulations to the children who have achieved 100% attendance since September too! They received certificates and prizes in assembly yesterday.

A big thank you to our parents and carers who have supported the amazing team we have here at Hamsey and Acorns and for the kind words and gifts. We wish all the staff who are leaving us, the best of luck and look forward to welcoming our new staff. A huge thank you to the PTA who have been very active this year supporting the school. We look forward to the events they are planning for next year.

Wishing a lovely, safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 5th September 2024.



Mrs Mace

YEAR 6 AWARDS 2024

Highest Attendance	Ella & Jacob	Reading Award	Lily
Art & Design	Daryl-Leigh	Writing	Kirsha
Sports Award	Temi	Maths Award	Cerys
Science Award	Ella	Achievement Award	Riley
Effort Award	Jacob	Drama Award	Leonora
Citizenship Award	Teddy & Rhys	Music Award	Noah



This year's winning team is **DIAMOND!!**

Class of 2024

Starting school in 2017, full of hope and cheer,
Moving on in '24, the Paris Summer Games year.

What a long journey we've had together!

Learning, laughing and growing,
But now it's all change, a new challenge,
It's off to high school you're going!

The past few years with the pandemic have
sometimes been quite tough,

With staying at home, missing friends and all the online stuff.

Despite it all, you've been more resilient than we had ever hoped,
You've shown that, "You've got this!" so we know how well you'll cope.

September will bring changes: new faces, new classrooms, a new start,
But have confidence in all you've achieved so far – take heart!

Hold on to all the memories; trips and fun lessons we've shared,
Remember your friends, your teachers and all school staff
who've cared.

Recall times table facts, sentence types, what you've learned in SPaG,
Keep in mind your listening skills, you've got this in the bag!

But mostly remember how much you are valued – you're superstars
that's for sure!

We'll never forget the fabulous Class of 2024!



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Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

26th July SCHOOL CLOSURES 1.05 RECEPTION 1.10 KS1 & KS2 4PM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Provisional AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

2nd September TRUST INSET Day

3rd September INSET Day

4th September INSET Day

5th September—Pupils return Years 1-6

5th & 6th September—New Reception home visits

w/c 9th September—New Reception pupils staggered start

Monday 9th September— 6-7pm Year group Curriculum Evening/Meet and Greet—sign up on Arbor

20th September 6-7pm —PTA AGM

27th September—Macmillan coffee

14th October—Reception and Year 1 & Year 2 Autumn event

15th October—Years 1 –6 Parent consultations

17th October— Years 1-6 Parent consultations

18th October—Years 3-6 Autumn event

18th October—PTA colour mufti—colour donation for each class for children to wear colour mufti—details to follow

21st October—1st November—two week half term



In our final week at Acorns Nursery, we would like to reflect on what an amazing year we have had! We have introduced Little Wandles Phonics, we continued to develop our Talk For Writing programme, learning 6 new stories and poems. We introduced our parent funded construction area in our sensory garden and we developed a roleplay area on our playground for our bikes with a carwash, road signage and road crossing systems. We have also created more opportunities for the children to take part in cooking activities throughout the year.

This week, we have enjoyed lots of fun activities and games before our Graduation Day on Thursday. The children enjoyed a fun morning with lots of activities outside, including 2 bouncy castles. We then held a leaving ceremony where the children sang their leaving day song - "We've Come a long Way", especially created for our nursery with accompanying music, before receiving their graduation certificate, crown and gift with their Keyworker and Mrs Mace.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our nursery children for an amazing year and we would like to wish our school leavers a fond farewell as they move on to school. We would also like to wish you all a lovely summer break and we shall look forward to seeing our returning children alongside our new families in September.

Acorns Nursery



Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email absence@hamseytlt.co.uk or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1). Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult **each day** a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Attendance

1st place:	Inkpen [R] - 94.8%
2nd place:	Kinney (3) - 93.4%
3rd place:	Pullman (6) - 92.9%
Whole school:	89.9%

Communication this week



Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintains the registers for all clubs and needs to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance.



Children should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, down the driveway or through the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Please ask the children to dismount and ensure you supervise your children whilst they are on them. Adults have reported some children are riding on the school grounds that is likely to cause an accident or damage to cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking & Road Safety

We have been made aware of some inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park**

considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution.



A number of parents have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Tithepit Shaw Lane at drop off and collection times. Please complete the road safety assessment form for Surrey to assess the road. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) - please select Road Safety Outside a School. Should anyone be interested, there is a vacancy for Road Crossing Patrol for outside the school. This is a paid vacancy through Surrey County Council.

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The cost of school meals will be increasing from 1 September 2024 to £2.80 per meal.

Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days



Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

Please remember we are a nut free school—this includes spreads that may contain nuts.

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



Whole Grains

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

Snacks

Fruit

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.

We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!

Recycle 4 Charity



We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share



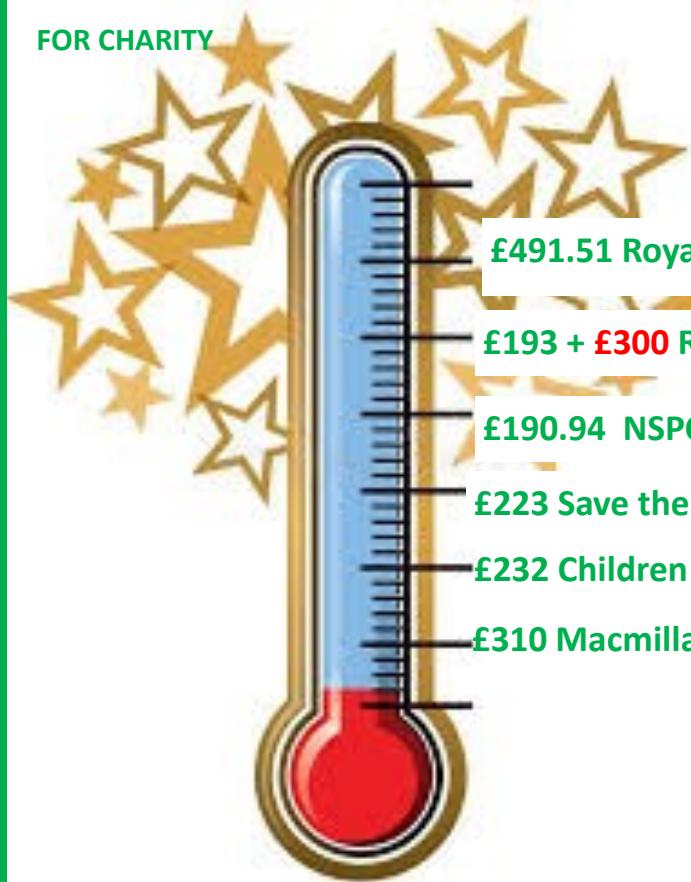
School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!

FOR CHARITY



£491.51 Royal British Legion

£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

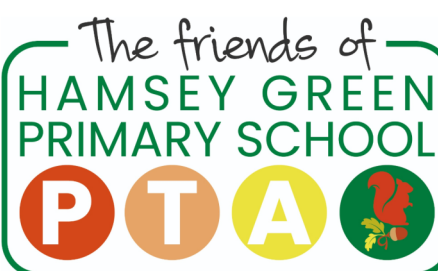
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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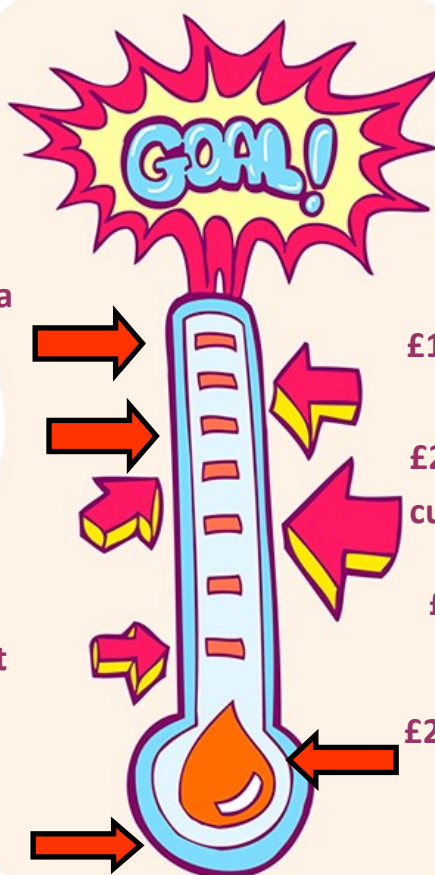
£ 115 Breakfast with a
loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards,
cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the **first five days of each exclusion**. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then 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.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179
North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777