



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2025 Week 14

Dear All

We have finally made it to the end of term and this week has flown by!

I am sure you will agree that the concerts and plays were phenomenal! The acting, singing and comedy timing in some cases was perfect. It certainly got all of us in the Christmas spirit—from both Reception and Acorns Christmas songs and Talk for Writing Christmas story innovations, to Year 1 and 2's show 'Baarmy Bethlehem', to Year 3 and 4s 'Wizard of Oz' extravaganza to the Year 5 and 6s carol concert, it was a pleasure to welcome so many people through the doors. Watching them all warmed our hearts.

On Thursday, in the darkness apart from the fairy lights and their Christingles, we celebrated the meaning of Christmas, reflecting on the importance of being grateful, good manners as well as the rewards people get by giving to others. We were also able to take time to think in the chaos of the holiday build up—and ways that they could help at home—you might like to ask them what they plan to do before they forget! This is one of our favourite assemblies, full of awe and wonder.

From all the staff at Acorns and Hamsey, we wish you all a happy, safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2026!!



Merry Christmas

Mrs Mace





In our final week at nursery, the children have been busy continuing to enjoy lots of festive fun! In the hut, some of the children have enjoyed festive baking, making iced bauble biscuits and chocolate crispy wreaths.

There have been lots of fine motor festive activities such as making a snowman using playdough, threading Christmas trees, and practising scissor skills to cut strips of paper to create Father Christmas' beard. The children also used small spoons to fill pots to create stacking snowmen.

We have used different shapes to create Christmas trees, and we have worked on our number skills using dice to match to a key chart to draw a snowman.

After only a few weeks of practicing with the children, we finally got to showcase our Christmas songs and Talk for Writing Story 'Father Christmas needs a Wee!' to all our parents on Wednesday and Thursday this week. We were so proud of how well the children performed.

We also enjoyed party games, dancing, and balloon fun on the last morning!

On behalf of all the staff at Acorns Nursery, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing festive break. We shall look forward to seeing you in 2026!



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc., please contact the office at office@hamseytlt.co.uk in the first instance and not the class teacher. The office staff can usually solve any issues very quickly!

Communication this week

If you receive a letter that is addressed to another student, please return it unopened to the school office. Thank you for your help.



15.12.2025—Email to Year 4 re Bikeability

16.12.2025—Email to Years R-6 re Spring term school dinners

18.12.2025—Email to whole school with early finish times for end of term

Attendance

1st place: Rashford (4) - 96.21%

2nd place: Dahl (4) - 94.6%

3rd place: Rowling (3) - 93.93%


Whole school: 88.43%

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. Thank you for your co-operation.



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

Once again, we have had some phonecalls from neighbouring properties regarding 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. This is applicable even if you have put your hazard lights on.** 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. [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.



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.

To avoid impacting your child's attendance ALL medical/dental/optician appointments should be booked outside of school hours

Thank you for your co-operation.

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



In a Nutsh-elf



The elves on Monday decided to help the kitchen by catching the lunch.....



Tuesday, they filled the cups up in the trophy cupboard and made a terrible mess, they said they wanted to see all the parents coming in for the play.....

Wednesday, the elves saw that Mr Boffa's office was empty so decided to make it very difficult for Mr Boffa to get in there to do any work.....



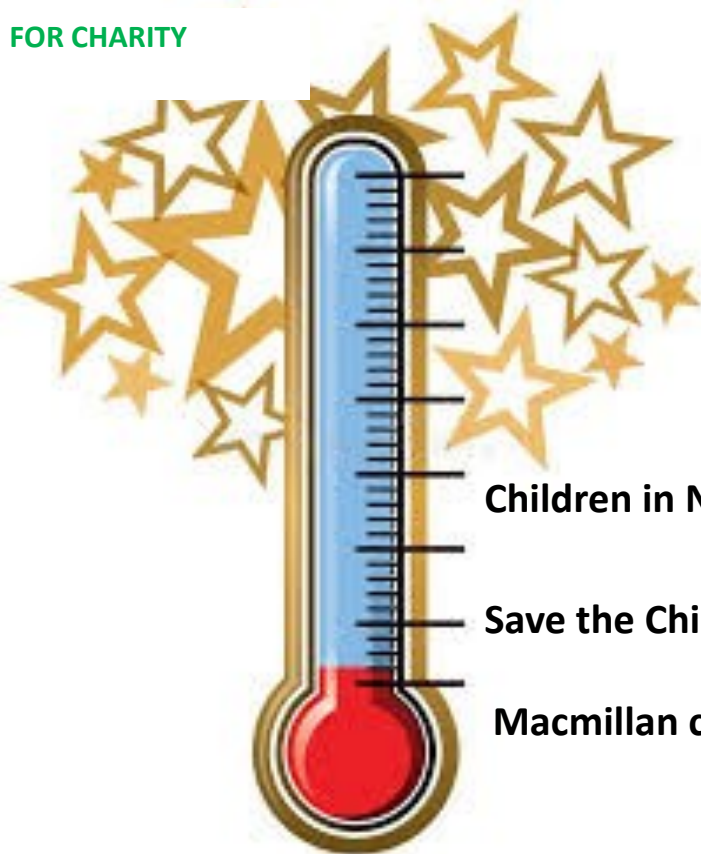
Thursday, the elves joined in with the Christingle celebrations, not sure they found the right fruit!.....

Friday they were doing some exercises ready to help Father Christmas next week. The elves have enjoyed being at Hamsey Green again this year and look forward to seeing all the children next December!



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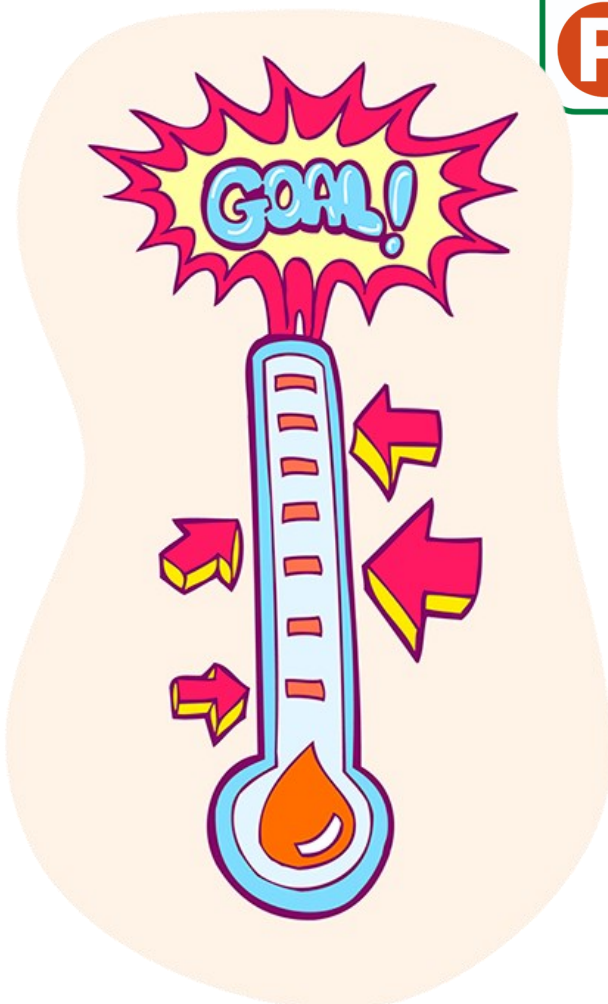


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Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35

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Contact email addresses for your information:

absence@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day)

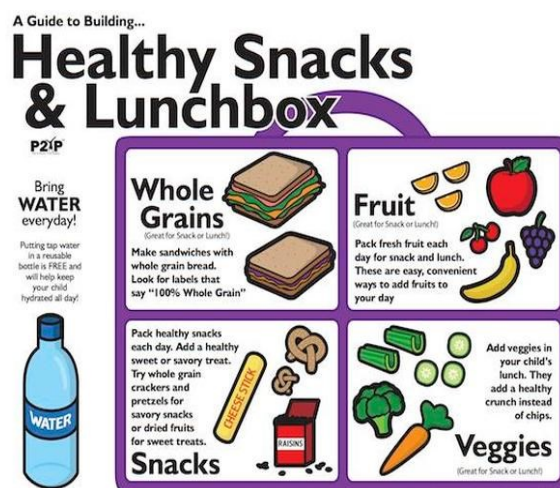
basc@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

office@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all other enquiries

Healthy packed lunches

We've noticed that some of the packed 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 INCLUDING NUTELLA. THIS IS ALSO APPLICABLE FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL TRIPS.



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

All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. [Hamsey Green Primary School | Price & Buckland](#) 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.

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

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