



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2025 Week 3

Dear All

This week, we have been applying our British Values skills, by exercising our rights vote. We were so proud of the Year 6s' presenting their prefect speeches to the whole school! We are excited to announce the Head and Deputy Pupils and prefects who will support the school teams and develop leadership skills, are:



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| Head Pupil        | Liam                                                                           |
| Deputy Head pupil | Sienna                                                                         |
| Prefects          | Layla, Isla, Millie,<br>Thomas, Freya, Sophie,<br>Luke, Lyla, Summer,<br>Elise |



Our class school councillors have also been voted in too!

Year 2 have been very creative- linking to their learning of The Great Fire of London, the children have been mixing different colours to create a background for a piece of art. Along with Year 5, they were very lucky to have a Fire Workshop at school this week too. The children learnt about how to stay safe in an emergency, what to do/ who to call. They all listened so well and worked as a team to problem solve how to stay safe. Well done Year 2!

And finally, we kicked off Times Tables Rock Stars with a real bang! Children arrived to the sound of rock ballads playing across the playground, setting the stage for a fun and lively launch.

In class, everyone was introduced to the website, exploring its exciting features and learning how they can challenge one another to friendly times tables battles.

Mrs. Targett spoke about the importance of knowing times tables and then hosted a thrilling competition between Mr. Chew and Mr. Bianco, each supported by their own team of mathematicians. It was a nail-biting contest — but Mr. Chew's team came out on top!

We can't wait to see how the children use Times Tables Rock Stars to boost their skills and confidence over the coming weeks.

**REMINDER next Friday 26th September (and Thursday 25th September for Acorns in their setting)**— we will be hosting our annual Macmillan

coffee morning in the main hall once children have gone into classes. This will also be held at 2.15pm in the small dining hall. Any leftovers will be on sale from 2.50pm! We look forward to seeing you there and supporting this amazing cause.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace





It has been lovely to welcome more new families to the nursery this week. We have been delighted with how quickly our new children are settled within our nursery!

As we continue with the topic "All About Me", we are getting to know our new children and have explored each child's sense of self by discussing and recording their likes and dislikes. We have explored the sense of touch through a variety of planned focus activities including a sensory tray as well as tactile play with slime, shaving foam play, sand, pasta play and blow painting.

We have continued to enjoy the outdoor areas, and the children have had fun participating in carwash role-play as well as enjoying lots of climbing and balancing opportunities.

Throughout the week the children have explored our sensory room light resources and have participated in turn taking games which have encouraged and supported the children in engaging with new peers to build on positive interactions and friendship.

The children have moved in a variety of ways during our music and movement sessions and have enjoyed our daily singing and storytelling sessions.

### Communication this week

16.9.2025—Email to YrsR-6 re photos

Email re parent courses/workshops

Email to Yrs5 & 6 re secondary school open events

Email re school meal change

17.9.2025—Email to Yr 6 re SATS information evening

Email to Yr 2 re SATS information evening

Email to Yr 6 re Junior Citizenship trip



### **Attendance**

**1st place:** Bunzl (3) - 99.7%

**2nd place:** Rashford (4) - 99.4%

**3rd place:** Browne (2) - 98.8%

**Whole school:** 97.8%

## Upcoming dates Autumn First Half Term

|                                                              |                                                           |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| w/b Mon 22nd Sept                                            |                                                           | Rec in full time                                                                                                                        |                                                                                |
| Thurs 25th Sept                                              | 6-7pm                                                     | PTA AGM                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                |
| Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                  | 8.30-9.30 & 2-3pm                                         | ACORNS Macmillan Coffee Morning<br>(Trust hall)                                                                                         | Donation on the day                                                            |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    |                                                           | Years 4, 5 and 6 cricket workshop day                                                                                                   | WEAR PE KITS                                                                   |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    | 8.30-9.30 & 2.15-3pm<br><br>AND CAKE SALE<br>AFTER SCHOOL | PRIMARY Macmillan Coffee Morning<br>(main hall am, small hall pm)                                                                       | Donation on the day                                                            |
| Thurs 2nd Oct                                                |                                                           | Year 5 to Science Museum                                                                                                                |                                                                                |
| Mon 29th Sept                                                |                                                           | Individual/sibling photos by Kittle                                                                                                     |                                                                                |
| Monday 6th Oct                                               | 4pm Donaldson Classroom                                   | Year 1 parents/carers Phonics Screening meeting                                                                                         |                                                                                |
| Wed 8th Oct                                                  | 4pm Murphy Classroom                                      | Year 2 parents/carers SATs information                                                                                                  |                                                                                |
| Thursday 9th Oct                                             | 4pm Morpurgo Classroom                                    | Year 6 parents/carers SATs information                                                                                                  |                                                                                |
| Wed 8th Oct                                                  | Drop off in classrooms                                    | Harvest Festival                                                                                                                        | Donation of non-perishable goods for the Caterham/Warlingham food banks        |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                     | In school                                                 | Year 6 to Junior Citizen                                                                                                                |                                                                                |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> October | 2.50-4pm<br>3-4.30pm                                      | Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 Autumn Event<br>Years 4, 5 & 6 Autumn Event                                                                   | £4.00 per ticket – snacks and drinks included – bookable on Arbor from 22/9/25 |
| Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> October                               |                                                           | Year 4 to Butser Ancient Farm                                                                                                           |                                                                                |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | 8.25-8.50 small dining hall drop off                      | PTA TEDDY donation for teddy tombola<br><br>COLOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY<br><br>(and preloved Christmas jumper drop off/fancy dress costumes) |                                                                                |

### 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 considerably 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](mailto: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.

**Contact email addresses for your information:**

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

[basc@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:basc@hamseytlt.co.uk)—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

[office@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto: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.**

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!



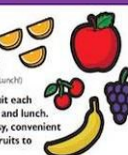
**Whole Grains**

(Great for Snack or Lunch)  
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



**Fruit**

(Great for Snack or Lunch)  
Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



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**



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

**Veggies**

(Great for Snack or Lunch)



**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](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