



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2025 Week 9



Dear All,

On Sunday, five of the prefects and Head Pupil proudly paraded our wreath for Remembrance Day. It was also lovely to see so many of the children in their uniforms also on parade– all looking so smart.

This week's Anti-bullying Week was launched with wearing odd socks to celebrate our individuality. As we all know, respect and kindness are vitally important, and these were the themes we focused on– using them for the Power for Good to encouraging young people to create positive change. They learned about what do we mean by 'kindness' and why is it important, the science of kindness– the impact it has on our physical and mental health, as well as the different ways we can show kindness. We are hoping they will share these with you. Over the next two weeks, 3Discovery are also working with classes to design posters and videos to promote Anti-Bullying using iPads. I popped into Year 6 who were about to film theirs using green screen technology!!

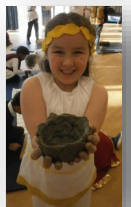


On Monday, Year 5 pupils spent the morning constructing the most amazing lanterns out of willow, glue and tissue paper! This task certainly used their resilience and creativity! They have taken a few days to dry and the children are excited to parade them on Saturday! Many thanks to Mr Scott and the Parish Council Volunteers for their support in making them.



On Tuesday, the school fell silent for two minutes for Remembrance Day, the children did this amazingly and respectfully.

Year 6 also had their WW2 Workshop about life in the 1940s. They learnt about air raids, rationing, evacuation, played 1940 games, The Battle of Britain as well as looking at weaponry.



It was Year 3's turn on Wednesday to go back in time to Ancient Greece! Their workshop included 'pulling' carts, Greek games, learning more about Gods, war and weaponry, as well as ancient stories. Both Year 6 and Year 3 looked the part in their costumes!

Finally, well done to children in Year 4 who attended the hockey session at Caterham School on Thursday. They were brilliantly behaved learning new skills. I think they also enjoyed the biscuits they were given for hard work!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend and hope to see many of you at the Lantern Parade at the Warlingham Lights Turn On, on Saturday!!

Mrs Mace





This week, we have focused our light and dark theme on 'night and day'.

We have explored how we use light. The children explored the use of light by using torches in the blackout tent. They were given coloured shapes to explore colour, create a multicoloured picture as well as colour mixing. They also enjoyed using a light box which shone onto the wall. The children were given clear coloured shaped building blocks, magnetic blocks, figures and animals to create a construction in front of the light box. They explored how to construct, thinking about height and depth in their building as well as how to best use the lightbox to show their work in the form of shadows. They also explored how to create silhouette hand puppets. The children also created their own playdough cakes with play candles.

On Tuesday, we recognised Remembrance Day in a very simple way. The children made poppy biscuits, created poppy prints with potatoes and played with rice presented in the form of a poppy. They also observed a period of silence, thinking about people who have helped to keep us safe.

We explored Rangoli pattern making with assorted shapes and the children created their own designs of Mendhi patterns on a template of their hand.

We have continued to learn our Talk For Writing story and as a group, the children worked together to adapt the story into a five-sentence story. They also created their own story in small groups.

In Little Wandles Phonic sessions, we have focused on the letter Aa and in rhyme time, we have focused on the rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc., please contact the office at office@hamseytl.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.



10.11.2025—Email to Yr 3 re PHSE letter

12.11.2025—Email to Yrs R & 6 re height and weight screening

13.11.2025—Email to whole school re commemorative coin

Email to whole school re PTA Winter Fair

If you have yet to do so, please complete the parent survey by clicking the link below:

[Autumn Parent Survey 2025 – Fill in form](#)

Attendance

1st place: Dahl (4) - 98.52%

Joint 2nd place: Rowling & Bunzl (3) - 97.24%

Whole school: 95.34%

Fri 14 th November		Children In Need spotty OWN CLOTHES DAY	£1 donation on Arbor
Tues 18 th November & Thurs 19 th November 3:00pm - 6:00pm	Reception	Parents consultations	
Fri 21 st November 8:25am - 8:50am		PTA unwanted gifts for Secret Santa donation SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH CRAZY HAIR	UNWANTED GIFTS Drop off at small dining hall
Fri 28 th November 8:25am - 8:50am		PTA chocolate donation FULL OWN CLOTHES DAY	CHOCOLATE Drop off at small dining hall
Fri 28 th November 9:00am – 10:15am		Dragon's Den Assembly	
Mon 1 st December	Whole school	Flu Vaccinations	
Fri 5 th December 3:15pm-5:30pm		PTA WINTER FAIR CHRISTMAS COLOURED OWN CLOTHES DAY	
Wed 10 th December 12:00pm-1:00pm		Primary School Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumper DAY with OWN CLOTHES) Class Christmas afternoon activity	£1 donation on Arbor
Fri 12 th December 2:50pm-4:00pm 3:00pm-4:30pm	Reception Years 1-6	Winter Event Winter Event	£4.00 per ticket – snacks and drinks included – bookable on Arbor
Mon 15 th December 9:00am 2:00pm	Years 1&2 Years 5&6	Christmas Play Christmas Concert	Refreshments will be on sale


Tues 16 th December 9:00am 1:30pm	Reception Years 3&4	Christmas Production Pantomime	Refreshments will be on sale
Wed 17 th December & Thurs 18 th December 9:20am-10:15am		Acorns Nursery Christmas Carols	Refreshments will be on sale
Thurs 18 th December 9:00am-9:30am 9:45am-10:15am 10:45am-11:15am	Years 1, 2 & 3 Reception Years 4,5 & 6	Christingle	
Fri 19 th December 12:00pm 1:05pm 1:10pm 1:15pm 4:00pm	Nursery Reception Years 1 & 2 Years 3 – 6 ASC	End of Term Finish	

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.

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.

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!



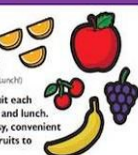
Whole Grains

(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



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

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