



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2025 Week 7

Dear All

What a busy week we have had leading up to half term!



In PE this week Reception played the fox and rabbits game. The children had to move carefully around the hall, jumping into an empty hoop (rabbit hole) when the fox appeared. The children showed really good listening skills, moved carefully and followed the rules. They also showed resilience when they were caught out!

Also showing great resilience were the Year 6 football team. Despite a heavy defeat at 14-0, the children gave it their all to the very last minute—and demonstrated great sportsmanship. The Netball team also worked well, winning their match 12-0.

Well done to both teams.

On Thursday, Years 5 and 6 took part in the Restart a Heart Campaign. They learnt to undertake CPR via a live session broadcast by the Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance

Charity. This is a vital skill for them to learn which they practiced on their teddies!

Year 5 have also been busy making their rockets to launch. They followed their plan,



built and evaluated these in DT. The children selected appropriate resources, measured materials accurately and worked together.

I was delighted to accompany Year 4 to Butser Ancient Farm where they learnt about life in Celtic and Roman Times. They developed their jewellery making skills, willow fence making, chalk designs and took part in an archaeological dig!

Another highlight was sitting in a roundhouse with the glow of the fire!



And fire seemed to be a theme of my week! On Friday morning, I helped Year 2 demonstrate how the fire spread so fast in the Great Fire of London as they burned their houses. The children created their houses in DT replicating the houses back in 1666, they were also able to remember their learning from a fire workshop we had from our local fire brigade. The children were super excited and had lots of fun!



The first discos of this academic year have happened this week too. The children had a lovely time dancing and relaxing with their friends. We hope they all had a good time.

Finally, we wish Miss Caires all the best as she begins her maternity leave after the holiday. We look forward to sharing baby news soon.

Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday—see you on the 3rd Nov!

Mrs Mace



In our final week before half term, we have focused on 'Growth and Change'.

The children have enjoyed sharing their baby photos with each other during circle time and they also had fun guessing whose baby photos belonged to which member of staff!

We have explored measurements by comparing the height of the children as well as using cubes to measure our feet size.

We have sequenced images of a person's life cycle from baby to an elderly person. This activity encouraged discussions about similarities and differences; it supported their understanding of the world, and promoted the use of new vocabulary such as grow, change, older and younger. We also sequenced growth from a seed to a flower using cards and the children have explored potting flowers in our tuff tray.

We have grown cress seeds and some children made honey spiced biscuits in the hut.

In a Talk for Writing focus activity, we innovated the 'Our House' poem; we also learnt a new poem called 'Autumn Leaves'. In our daily Little Wandles rhyme time, we have explored the song 'Down at the Station'.



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

- 13.10.2025— Email to Yrs1-6 re Parents Evening
- Email to Yr R re Parents Evening
- Email to Yr 6 re Secondary School applications
- Email to Yr 5 re Lantern making
- 14.10.2025— Email to whole school—new menu
- Email to Yrs4-6 re Autumn Event
- Email to Yr 1 re PSHE letter

Attendance

- 1st place: Donaldson (1) - 98.28%
- 2nd place: Browne (2) - 98.26%
- 3rd place: Rashford (4) - 97.93%
- Whole school: 95.96%

HALF TERM—Monday 20th Oct– Friday 31st Oct**School returns Monday 3rd Nov**

Mon 3 rd Nov– Fri 7 th Novem-	Year 6	Bikeabiliy	
Tues 4 th and Wed 5 th Novem-ber		Acropad in school	PE KITS REQUIRED– SEE DOJO FOR SESSION DAY
Tues 4 th November & Thurs 6 th November	Years 2-6 Year 1 Don-	Parents consultations (no clubs this week)	
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Fri 7 th November 8:25am - 8:50am		PTA bottle donation for tombola FULL OWN CLOTHES DAY	BOTTLES Drop off at small dining
Mon 10th Nov		ODD SOCKS DAY—ANTI BULLYING WEEK	
Mon 10th Nov	Year 5	Lantern Making Workshop	
Tues 11 th Nov	Year 6	WW2 Day – dress up	
Wed 12 th Nov	Year 3	Greek Day – dress up	
Fri 14 th November		Children In Need	£1 donation on Arbor
Tues 18 th November & Thurs 19 th November	Reception	Parents consultations	
Fri 21 st November 8:25am - 8:50am		PTA unwanted gifts for Secret Santa donation SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH	UNWANTED GIFTS Drop off at small dining
Fri 28 th November 8:25am - 8:50am		PTA chocolate donation FULL OWN CLOTHES DAY	CHOCOLATE Drop off at small dining
Fri 28 th November		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	
Wed 10 th December 12:00pm-1:00pm		Primary School Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Jumper DAY with OWN CLOTHES)	£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			Refreshments will be on sale
Thurs 18 th December 9:00am-9:30am 9:45am-10:15am	Years 1, 2 & 3 Reception	Christingle	
Fri 19 th December 12:00pm 1:05pm 1:10pm 1:15pm	Nursery Reception Years 1 & 2 Years 3 – 6	End of Term Finish	



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Travelling Book Fair During the week commencing
3rd November – 7th November 2025**

We are delighted to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be available after school in the small dining hall from **3.05pm-3.30pm** on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**. Whilst on **Tuesday and Thursday** you can access the fair outside Mrs Mace's office during our parent consultations.

The Book Fair offers a range of books for all ages, from £2.99. Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure.

This is a cashless fair. The QR code will be on display for making payment. Books will be displayed for you to browse. Books purchased will be available to collect from the book fair itself.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mr Poulloin

Today your child learnt how to save a life
Now you can too

Join us at a **time that suits you**, to learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator with our **FREE sessions**:

- Interactive **30-minute live-stream** sessions (Thursday 16 October only)
- **Live in-person** sessions (see our website for details)
- **Pre-recorded** sessions to watch on-demand at a time that suits you

Everyday in the South East **25 people** experience a cardiac arrest and sadly **only 1 in 10 survive**. This could be someone you know.

Sign up now, it's in your hands
aakss.org.uk/restart

It costs **£1.2 million** each year for us, your local air ambulance charity, to respond to the most critical cardiac arrest patients across Kent, Surrey and Sussex. We're not part of the NHS. Help us keep flying and be there to save lives. **Donate now.**

aakss.org.uk/donate

Registered Charity No: 1021367

Figures: Resus Council UK and SECAmb Annual Cardiac Arrest Report April 2022-March 2023

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 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