



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2025 Week 5

Dear All

This week, we have been celebrating the start of Black History Month. The theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. This theme celebrates the resilience, strength, and enduring cultural identity of black communities, highlighting their contributions to history and their unwavering commitment to progress and a more impartial future. We discuss the importance of tolerance and respect in weekly British Values Assemblies. Each class selected an influential black Briton to learn about and share in assembly, such as Dina Asher-Smith and Samuel Coleridge Taylor. Their presentations will be made into a display in the hall to inspire.

Miss Walker, hosted the first workshop of the year on Monday. The focus for this was around 'Autism in the Home'. We are aiming to host many more workshops, which have been requested by parents/carers, throughout the year to help support pupils at home; ranging from emerging SEND (Special Educational Needs), to various curriculum areas such as helping with maths calculations and grammar and punctuation. Please look out for them. Next week, we welcome parents/carers of Year 1 for Phonics Check information; Year 2- end of Key Stage expectations and optional KS1 SATs; Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 KS2 SATs!

Reception have been very busy! They have been learning the nursery rhyme, 'five currant buns', so on Tuesday they baked not 5 but 60! The children followed the recipe, learning about the ingredients, mixing, kneading and icing before taking their buns home to enjoy! I cannot

believe I was not given one to taste!

This week in Year 1, our PSHE focus has been on sharing. We enjoyed reading 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson and discussing the many benefits of sharing with others. To put our learning into practice, we played some fun sharing games together. Dodd class used story maps to re-tell their own versions of 'Knuffle Bunny'. They used the class story map as a base to build their own stories. First they worked independently to create actions for their story. Then they used the actions to tell their new story to their partners and finally a few children chose to share their story to the whole class!

Also, exploring DT skills, children in year 4 have been creating their own versions of Celtic Knots using their understanding of Celtic artwork and scissor skills! I am sure you will agree these look amazing and also use the skills of patience and resilience!

Year 5 are the first year group to go out on a trip this term. They headed to the Science Museum to learn about the Space Race and plants. The highlight of their learning was the Rocket Show. Year 6 have been doing some fantastic gymnastics and have learnt how to safely take out our apparatus in the hall. This week they have been working on matching and mirroring.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace





This week, through our 'All About Me' topic, we have explored 'Our Emotions'.

We focused on the story 'Colour Monsters' and identified several feelings through colours, incorporating many activities including playdough, paint, and food colour monsters.

One sunny afternoon we used the field to have running races, crossing the finish line, and celebrating our 'proud' achievements with our own podium.

We experienced 'calm' with our meditation and mindful moments, used our black-out tent and torches to make 'scary' faces.

Finally, we shared group hugs to feel the emotion of 'being loved'.

Additionally, we have been very excited to welcome Timmy our Tortoise back from his extended summer holiday. Several children were meeting him for the first time.

Communication this week

2.10.2025—Email to Year 6—Bikeability



Attendance

1st place: Pullman (5) - 96.96%

2nd place: Dodd (1) - 96.9%

3rd place: Rashford (4) - 96.55%

Whole school: 95.44%

Upcoming dates Autumn First Half Term

Mon 6th Oct	4pm Donaldson Classroom	Year 1 parents/carers Phonics Screening meeting	
Tues 7th Oct		Individual/sibling photos by Kittle	
Wed 8th Oct	4pm Murphy Classroom	Year 2 parents/carers SATs information	
Wed 8th Oct	Drop off in classrooms	Harvest Festival	Donation of non-perishable goods for the Caterham/Warlingham food banks
Thurs 9th Oct	4pm Morpurgo Classroom	Year 6 parents/carers SATs information	
Fri 10 th Oct	In school	Year 6 to Junior Citizen	
MON 13TH –Fri 17th Oct		NO TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS WEEK DUE TO WINTER EVENTS RUNNING EXTERNAL CLUBS WILL STILL GO AHEAD AS NORMAL	
Mon 13 th October Fri 17 th October	2.50-4pm 3-4.15pm	Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 Autumn Event Years 4, 5 & 6 Autumn Event	£4.00 per ticket – snacks and drinks included – bookable on Arbor from 22/9/25
Thurs 16 th October		Year 4 to Butser Ancient Farm	
Fri 17 th October	8.25-8.50 small dining hall drop off	PTA TEDDY donation for teddy tombola COLOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY (and preloved Christmas jumper drop off/fancy dress costumes)	

Half term

Monday 20th Oct– Friday 31st Oct

School returns Monday 3rd Nov

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK DUE TO PARENTS CONSULATIONS

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