



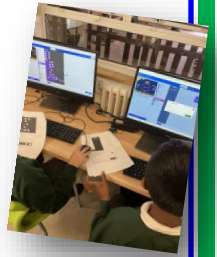
# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2025 Week 12

Dear All

Our final full week of term has been completed— just 2 days left before we break up! This week, we have hosted Warlingham students on their work experience hoping to inspire them to develop the passion for education that we have. They have been based across KS2 and Acorns and we are sure they have had a great experience.

On Monday, some of the Year 5s attended Riddlesdown Collegiate to undertake a STEM day (Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics). The children learnt about natural selection and natural habitats in a workshop with live birds of prey! The children learnt how to crack code and how AI works. They had a session with Joe Bones where they re-built a skeleton!



We hope you enjoyed the year groups showcasing their learning this week too. Thank you also, for those of you who were able to stay and listen to our annual school feedback. The QR code has been shared via class Dojo should you wish to let us know what has gone well and if there is anything else we could work on next year.

We were all very excited to have our new climbing frame partially installed this week too. This was kindly purchased by the PTA who have worked so hard this year to raise funds for the school. A huge thank you to them all. We are still waiting the delivery of other playground items— hopefully they will arrive before the start of Autumn term!

The whole school and some of our Acorns have been enthralled watching Year 6s' dress rehearsals of Peter Pan. It truly is an amazing production and will entertain their families on Monday night!

A huge congratulations to our Girls' Football team who played a match on Tuesday against Audley. Although some of them had not played in a while or were new to the team, they absolutely smashed it— winning both their matches but also showing great sportsmanship!

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 were challenged in a CPFC workshop, developing skills and teamwork. The children learnt about the history of the club and how the club supports children and young adults learn different sports. The children were asked to state how the club could encourage more people to come to games. The coach said that the children's ideas were amazing, and he will take them to his corporate meeting!



The annual Teams Quiz was also a hit! Next week we shall find out which team has won the cup!

Finally, in between the rain showers, our Summer Festival happened. The children had festival art activities, large games to play such as Twister and Snakes and Ladders, tug of war, beat the goalie, soak the teachers, disco vibes and rounders, and parachute games— all whilst snacking on ice-creams!



And to round off a fabulous week, we have received our Ofsted report! We will be sharing this with you as soon as possible but it certainly brought huge smiles to the staff and governors too—especially as we received it before we broke up! We have shared it with the children today and they were as proud as we were.



Next week, a short update will be sent out with the Year 6 winners and the Team winner.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Mace*



This week, we have explored fairies and gnomes. Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed playing with a small world fairy garden area and have explored this topic in a variety of creative and malleable experiences, including rice play and clay as well as through collage and painting. The children made their own magical fairy wands using flowers, ribbons and natural resources and they also used petals and leaves to create magical potions. We have also enjoyed fairy stories in Forest school before making magical fairy dens with natural resources.

We have encouraged the children to think creatively by coming up with their own fairy names and suggesting jobs a fairy or gnome might do within an enchanted woodland. This has created some fantastic talk for writing stories using the five-sentence story structure.

We have played lots of games that involve numbers, shapes and measuring and we have continued to enjoy the daily outdoor time in the shade of the sensory garden. Timmy the tortoise has enjoyed the freedom to stretch his legs and walk amongst the children on the playground too!

We have focused on the end sound 'nk' in our Little Wandles phonic sessions and our rhyme time sessions have been linked to the song 'Miss Polly'.

#### Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day suncream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days



With the warmer weather now upon us, it's the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging everyone to be 'Wildfire Aware' this season to protect Surrey's beautiful open spaces [Wildfire](#) - [Surrey County Council](#)

#### Communication this week

- 14.7.25—Email to Yrs 1-6 re external Autumn clubs
- 14.7.25—Email to Yrs 3&4 re Autumn football club
- 17.7.25—Email to incoming Yr R—re maths research project
- 17.7.25—Email to Yrs R-5—re trips/academic workshops for 2025/26
- 17.7.25—Email to Yr 6—re Production



#### Attendance

- 1st place: Bunzl (3) - 99.7%
- 2nd place: Inkpen [R] - 97.8%
- 3rd place: Blackman (5) - 97.5%
- Whole school: 94.3%

**Monday 21st July 6-7.30pm** Year 6 Leavers Play

**Tuesday 22nd July 9am** Year 6 parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Assembly

**Tuesday 22nd July Time TBC** Acorns Graduation, parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Assembly

**Tuesday 22nd July** Last Day of Summer term EARLY FINISH 12PM ACORNS, 1.10pm REC, 1.15pm KS1 & KS2

**ALL CHILDREN TO BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM**

### **Academic Year 2025/2026**

**Monday 1st September** Trust Inset Day

**Tuesday 2nd September** School Inset Day

**Wednesday 3rd September** School Inset Day

**Thursday 4th September** Start of Autumn term for Years 1-6

Home visits for Reception / Nursery stay and play

**Friday 5th September** Home visits for Reception / Nursery stay and play

**Monday 8th September** New Reception start

**Monday 20th October—Friday 31st October** Half term (two weeks)

#### School Dinners

From 1st September 2025 the cost of a hot meal will be increasing to **£2.90**, for children in Years 3-6; unless eligible for free school meals.



The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has recently published updated details showing an increase of measles cases and outbreaks in England. Most cases being diagnosed are in unvaccinated children 10 years old or younger.

There has also been an increase in measles in Europe and worldwide over the last year. With summer arriving and the onset of travel for holidays or to visit family, UKHSA are highlighting that this could lead to an increase of measles in England

[Measles outbreaks continue with risk of holidays causing surge - GOV.UK.](#)

Measles spreads very easily and can be a nasty disease, with complications that may lead to hospitalisation and life-changing consequences for some.

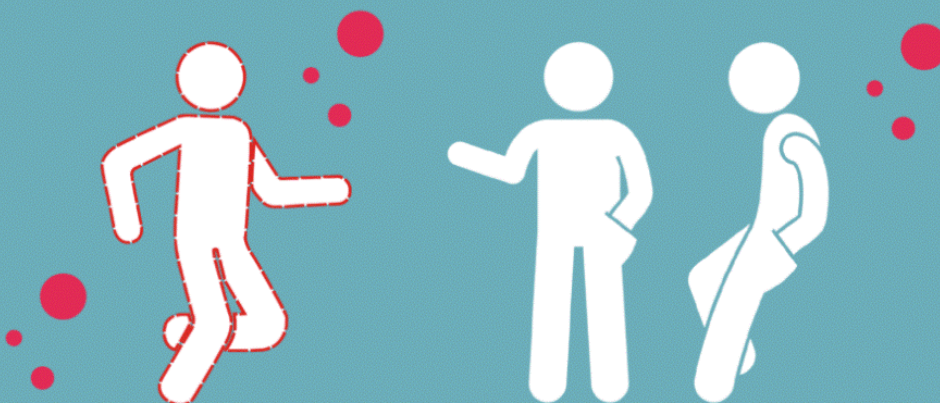
[What is measles and why is it so important we're all up to date with our MMR vaccine? – UK Health Security Agency](#)

Please check that your children and all your family members are protected against measles. It is never too late to catch up with the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The vaccine is safe and effective. Around 99% of those who have had two doses will be protected. For further information please visit [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS.](#)

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## Measles: how infectious is it?

**Measles is one of the most infectious diseases in the world.** It can be passed very easily from person to person.




### 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.** 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. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://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**

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Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



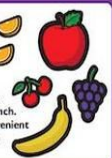
**Whole Grains**

(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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share)



**School Uniform**

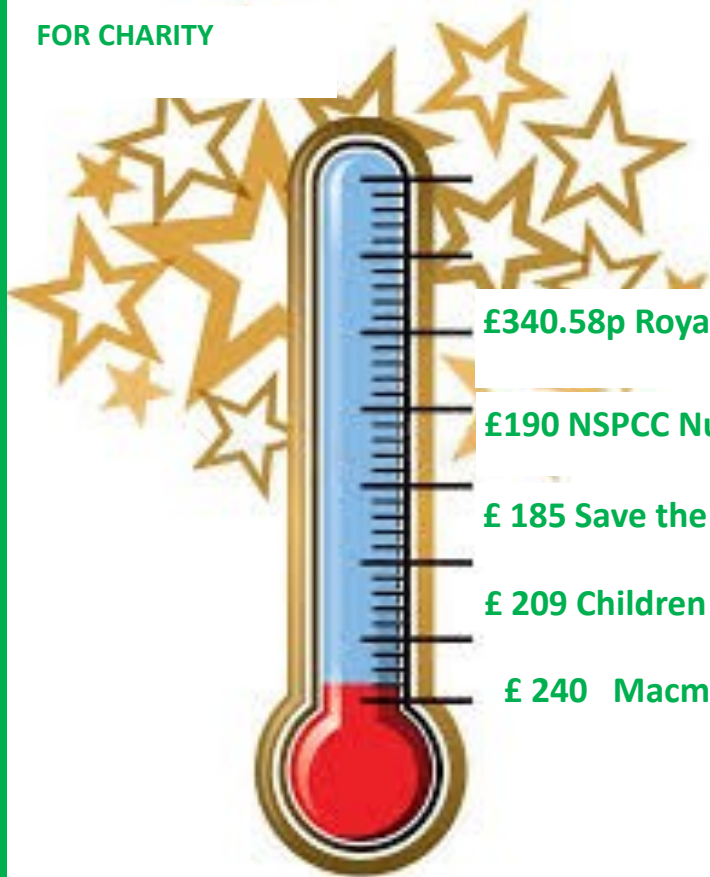
We are depleting our school stock of uniform. We now only stock very small sizes of cardigans. All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. [Hamsey Green Primary School | Price & Buckland](#) Please be aware 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.

**Order by 1st August for home delivery before start of term.**

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

FOR CHARITY

THANKS  
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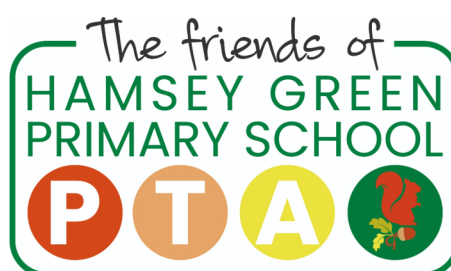
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£190 NSPCC Number day

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

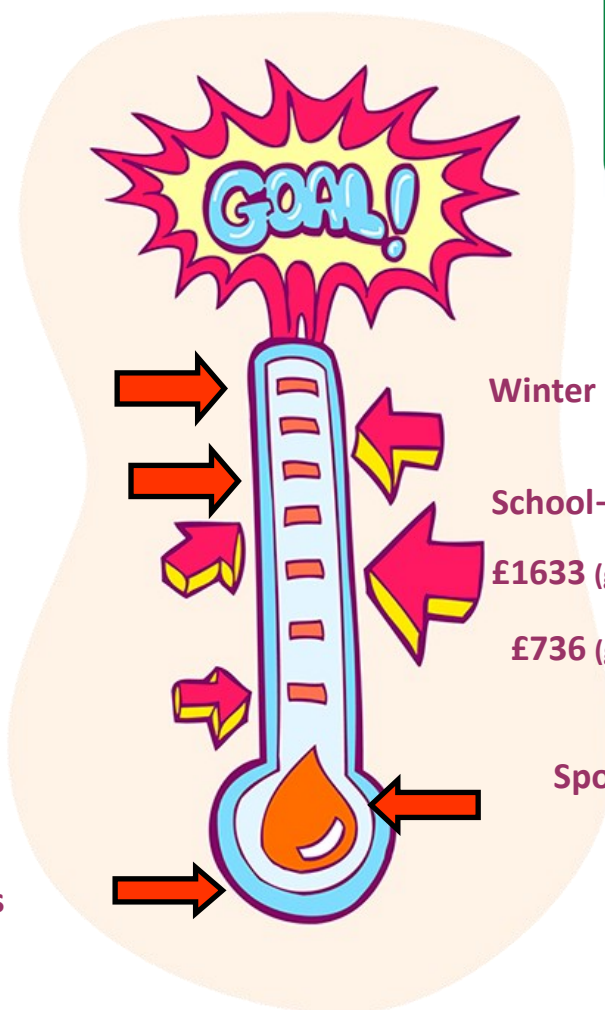
£ 209 Children In Need

£ 240 Macmillan Coffee Morning



Coin Wars £455

Christmas Cards



Winter Fair

School—Winter event

£1633 (gross)

£736 (gross) School Autumn event

Sponsored bounce

£2543.80



**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