



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 12



Dear All

I hope you are all eggcited about breaking up for the Easter holiday today! This week, we have been celebrating in school as usual with eggcellent fun activities! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising these events.

Some years had a presentation from the company who are refurbishing the Hamsey Green playground, behind Verdayne Gardens. This linked to our learning on sustainability, as the refurbishment is being undertaken using recycled materials. Next term, we have been invited to see the works on the playground!



On Tuesday, the Easter bunny helped launch the Great Easter Egg Hunt. The children had great fun searching for the clues to win a chocolate egg. On Wednesday, there was a double competition with the 'best dressed' egg and the 'whose egg can roll the furthest! Would you believe a hard boiled egg could roll over 4m from a carefully angled tube?! Well done to all the winners... there was a lot of competitive spirit. On Wednesday, we also thoroughly enjoyed the first Rock Steady assembly. The children were bopping along to the tunes!



On Thursday, the children looked amazing with their Easter bonnets to parade. It always surprises us as to how ingenious into what a bonnet can be made in to!

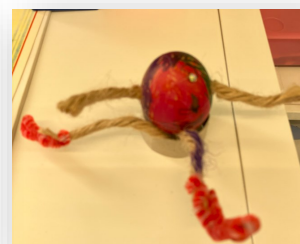
Thank you for attending parents consultations this week too. We hope that the pupil target sheets and the end of year statements for subjects will help you to support your child into their final term of the year. Also on Thursday, our Year 4s, proudly represented Hamsey Green at the Whitgift Spring Music Festival at Fairfield Halls. We were mesmerised by the corps of drums, learnt about the Big Band orchestras and inspired by all Whitgift students musical talents.

Finally, first off this morning, we were all entertained again by the Rock Steady ensemble performance. Again the progress and skills demonstrated were phenomenal. This was followed by the Easter Egg raffle sponsored by Paul Meakin. The eggs have had to be kept under lock and key from Mr Boffa!

Please do make a note of all the Summer Term dates on the following pages. There are a lot of events going on and wanted to give you all as much notice as possible. Keep checking the weekly newsletters though in case of any changes!

Wishing you all a lovely SUNNY holiday!

Mrs Mace





This week, we have introduced our Little Wandles story book of the week 'Car, car, truck, jeep'. We have read the story each day, exploring the text with the children. We have also explored the book through a variety of focus led activities linked to the text.

The children have enjoyed using a construction vehicle sensory tuff tray, incorporating coloured sand and glitter for textures plus tunnels and bricks to construct with.

We created our very own 403 roleplay bus and the children have had fun taking on the role of a passenger or bus driver with simulated bus journeys being played on the whiteboard. They even had their own Oyster cards and a touch payment unit!

Boats were added to our water play tray and the children have explored various vehicles both indoors and outdoors with activities linked to maths-based learning, creative play and knowledge and understanding of the world.

We created a new road system on the playground for the bikes and scooters and the children enjoyed using the carwash station with water and sponges.

We recognised the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr. The children looked at different ways patterns are used to decorate objects, biscuits, and even hands with henna.

As 67% of parents/carers responded in our last survey to say they were unsure of their child's academic levels at the last parents' consultation, we have:

provided parents/carers with the end of year expectations as you see your child's class teacher. We hope you find this useful.

ATTAINMENT

BELOW (WTS) means not on track for the end of year

EXPECTED (EXS) means on track for end of year

ABOVE (GDS) means above year group expectation

PROGRESS

This is from their starting points from the beginning of the year.

Communication this week

28.3.2025—Email to whole school—re Internet workshops

31.3.2025—Email to Yr6—re residential

31.3.2025—Email to YrR—re trip

31.3.2025—Email to Yr2—re trip

31.3.2025—Email to school only—summer term clubs



Attendance

1st place: Bunzl (3) - 98%

2nd place: Donaldson (1) - 97.4%

3rd place: Blackman (5) - 97.3%

Whole school: 94.5%

2025 Spring term 2—Please see our [website](#) for term dates

(Please check as these dates may differ from provisional dates sent out)

Monday 21st April BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 22nd April—pupils return for Summer Term

Wednesday 23rd April —ST GEORGE'S DAY—RAINBOWS, BROWNIES, CUBS, SCOUTS, GUIDES CAN WEAR THEIR CLUB UNIFORM TO SCHOOL

Friday 25th April —PTA EVENT quiz night—more details to follow

Monday 28th April—selected students to Maths Day

Tuesday 29th April—Year R to Gatton Park

Wednesday 30th April—Year 2 to Rural Life Museum

Friday 2nd May PTA non uniform day—in exchange for themed hamper gift tbc

Monday 5th May—Early Bank Holiday

Week beginning Monday 5th May -HAMSEY'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS- FINAL ON FRIDAY 9th MAY

Thursday 8th May— VE celebrations. 1940s style/party wear dress up

Week beginning Monday 12th May— KS2 SATS

Week beginning Monday 12th May- Year 5 to Whitgift Primary Project

Friday 16th May —PTA non uniform day— in exchange for sweets donation (no chocolates please)

Monday 19th May—class photos taken

Friday 23rd May 3.15-5.30 PTA Summer Fair/bouncy castles—more info to follow - NON UNIFORM DAY

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May Half Term

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

MONDAY 2ND JUNE—PUPILS RETURN

Thursday 5th June—Year 3 to Chessington Zoo

(Friday 6th June—summer fair back up day)

Monday 9th June –13th June—Year 1 Phonics Check Week

Tuesday 10th June—Year 1 to Bodiam Castle

Wednesday 11th June—Year 5 to Hampton Court

Thursday 12th June—Year 4 to British Wildlife Centre

Monday 16th June– 18th June—Year 6 residential to Henley Fort

Friday 20th June– Wheels Day organised by Year 5 Sustainability Project!

Tues 24th & Wed 25th June—Year 6 transition days at Warlingham School

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd July—Year 6 transition days at De Stafford

Friday 27th June—INSET DAY

Monday 30th June & Thurs 3rd July– District Sports—selected KS2 pupils

Wednesday 9th July

8.45-10AM REC SPORTS DAY & 10-10.30 SNACK

10.15-11.30 KS1 (YRS 1 & 2) SPORTS DAY & 11.30-12 SNACK

11-12 Acorns Sports Day (pupils only)

1.15-2.30 KS2 (YRS 3-6) SPORTS DAY 2.30-3PM SNACK

Thursday 10th July Class swap/New Reception intake visiting

Friday 11th July 9am Year 3 Showcase Assembly

Friday 11th July 2.15pm Year 5 Showcase Assembly

Monday 14th July – Year 5 to Riddlesdown STEM project

Monday 14th July 9.00am Year 2 Showcase Assembly

Monday 14th July 2.15pm Year 1 Showcase Assembly

Tuesday 15th July 9am Year 3 Showcase Assembly

Tuesday 15th July 2.15pm Reception Showcase Assembly

Wednesday 16th July 9am– Wednesday Rocksteady Group Assembly

Thursday 17th July 2.50 –4.30 (4.20 Rec) Summer Festival –payment on Arbor info to come

Friday 18th July 9am– Friday Rocksteady Group Assembly

Monday 21st July 8.20-8.40 PTA Preloved Uniform donation drop off

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 the Summer term EARLY FINISH 12PM ACORNS, 1.10 REC, 1.15 KS1 & 2


Acorns-Year 5 NON UNIFORM DAY

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 maintain the registers for all clubs and need 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 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.

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)

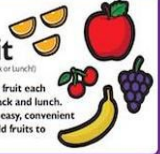
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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

(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 VOLUNTEER. 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!



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/l/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.

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

FOR CHARITY

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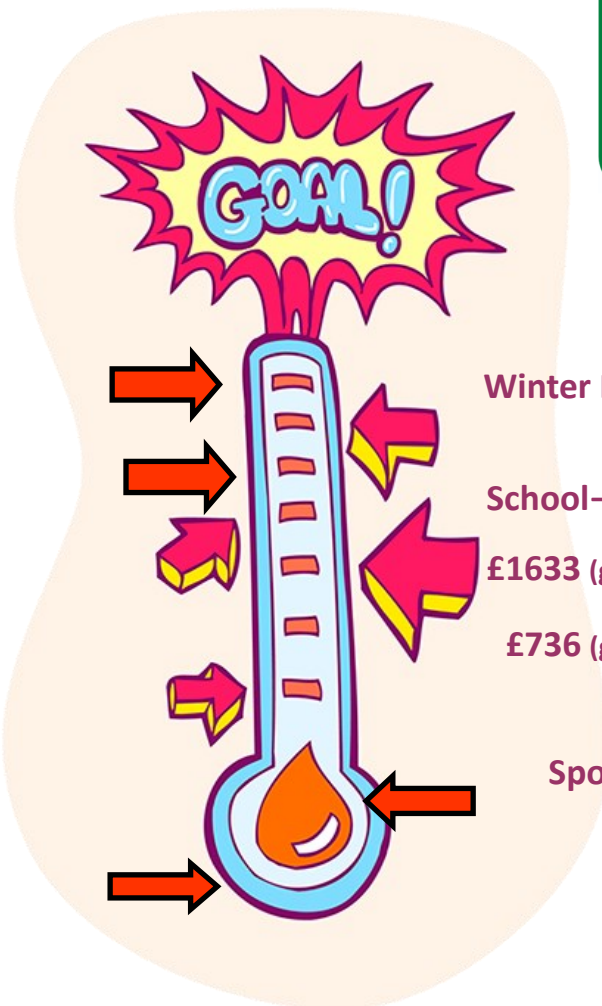
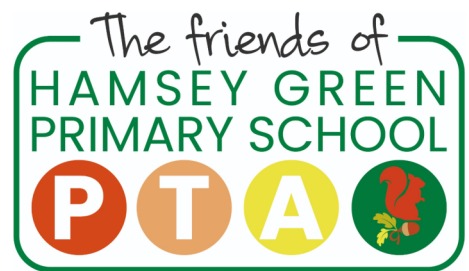
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£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