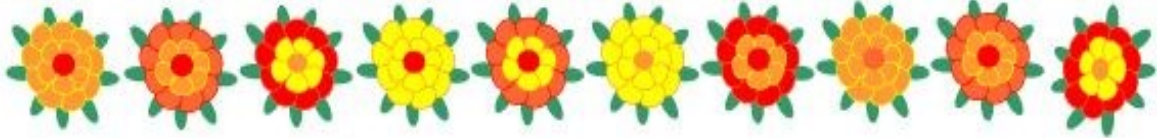




In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2025 Week 2



Dear All

What a scorcher this week has been! Thank you for ensuring the children have a hat (preferably one which covers their necks) and sun cream on. Please do read the guidance on sun safety to help protect the children in hot weather. If it helps—Mr Boffa spoke to all the children about wearing sunhats and suncream in Assembly and this was the outcome...!



Wrap – Children are reminded that they should cover up with light clothing if they are going to be spending longer than 10-15 minutes outside

Splat – Children are reminded of the importance of applying SPF 15+ sun cream and drinking plenty of water if they are out in the sun

Hat - Children are reminded of the need to wear a hat for all outdoor activities in the summer term to prevent sunstroke

On Monday, some of our Year 4 children attended a workshop in Maths with other schools in attendance. We were so proud of them from their quick mental maths recall and reasoning skills applied to problem solving which they received many compliments. They represent Hamsey Green very well!



On Tuesday, the first of the annual school trips began. Reception headed out to Gatton Park where they were learning about minibeasts, exploring the outdoors and listened to the Very Hungry Caterpillar story. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were very engaged in their learning.



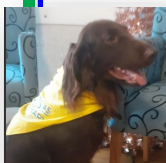
On Wednesday, Year 2 went back in time to the Victorian age, when they visited Victorian Rural Life Museum. They had great fun learning about what it was like as a Victorian child.



On Thursday, I had another proud moment. One of our former prefects, William, returned to visit us as an Upper Sixth Student at Waringham. He came to demonstrate the prototype he built with forest school in mind, for his A-Level entry in Design Technology. It is always lovely to hear how successful our previous students have become and to know he is off to a top DT University. I wonder if we will see him or another one of our past students on Dragon's Den one day?!



I know many of you remember Bailey, my dachshund, who used to come into school. The joy animals bring to schools, in terms of well-being, is greatly documented (please see attached information.) I am really excited to let you know that we have made links with a Pets As Therapy handler, who will be supporting Hamsey with their dog, Lylak. Lylak will hopefully visit every other Tuesday. She has visited us already and was very excited sniffing about my office!



Please could you complete the permissions/allergy form for your child to be near her by either clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/e/wSTQkzCQWG> or using the QR code.



Next week, we are not only looking forward to an extra day having Bank Holiday, but celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day and Hamsey's Got Talent!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week, we introduced our new Talk for Writing story 'Farmer Duck'. We have started to learn some new story actions and story refrains.

Through our animal topic, we have focused on pets. The children have enjoyed talking about their own pets and we created a tally chart from the images they shared with us. The children have also explored pets through craft activities, baking activities, clay play as well as sorting and sequencing activities. They even designed a home for a pet too.

Our role play area was transformed into a vet centre and the children enjoyed taking on different roles within their play.

We have enjoyed getting to know our new tortoise pets - Timmy and Tulip. The children have been busy observing and drawing pictures of them. We even took them on our field so we could observe them outdoors and feed them in the sunshine! Some children also created several short sentence stories based on our tortoises!

One of our parents kindly brought their pet bearded dragon in for the children to observe and even touch if they were brave enough!

We have focused on the letter V in our daily Little Wandles phonics sessions and we have enjoyed exploring the song 'wind the bobbin up' in our daily rhyme time sessions.

Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, 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

- 28.04.2025—Email re VE Day celebrations
- 29.04.2025—Email to Yr 5 re Whitgift Primary Project
- 01.05.2025—Email with menu choices
- 01.05.2025—Email to Yr 3 re PSHE/RSE topic

Attendance

- 1st place: **Dodd (1) - 97.9%**
- 2nd place: **Murphy (2) - 96.9%**
- 3rd place: **Rowling (3) - 96.7%**
- Whole school: 95.08%**

2025 Summer term –Please see our [website](#) for term dates

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

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 in red, white and blue.

Week beginning Monday 12th May— KS2 SATS

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

Tuesday 13th May 2.30pm— PTA/Drop in—focus Summer Fair

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 4 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 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 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)

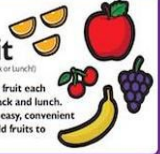
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share



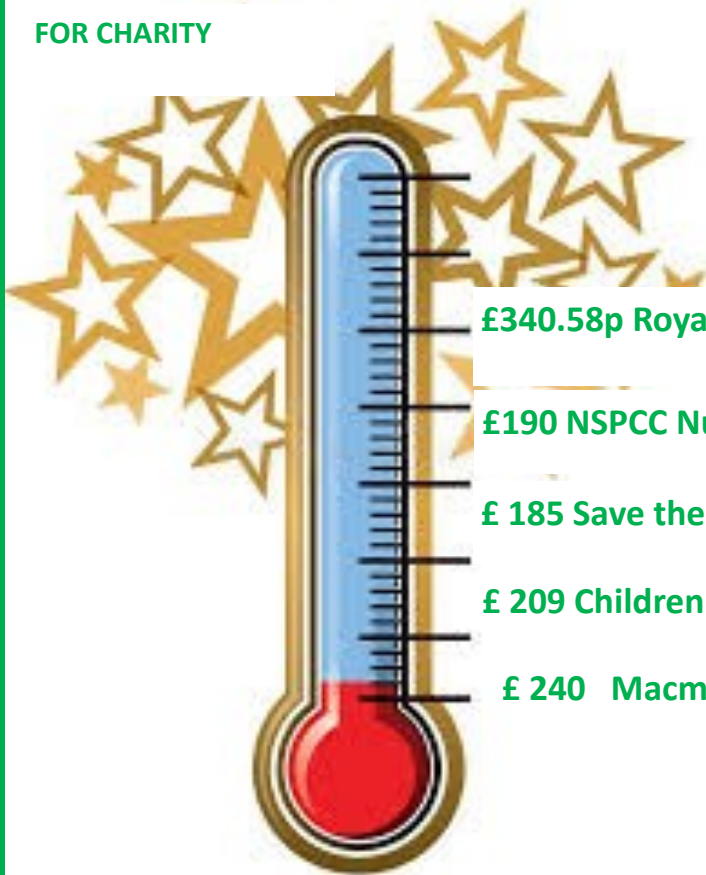
School Uniform

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.

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

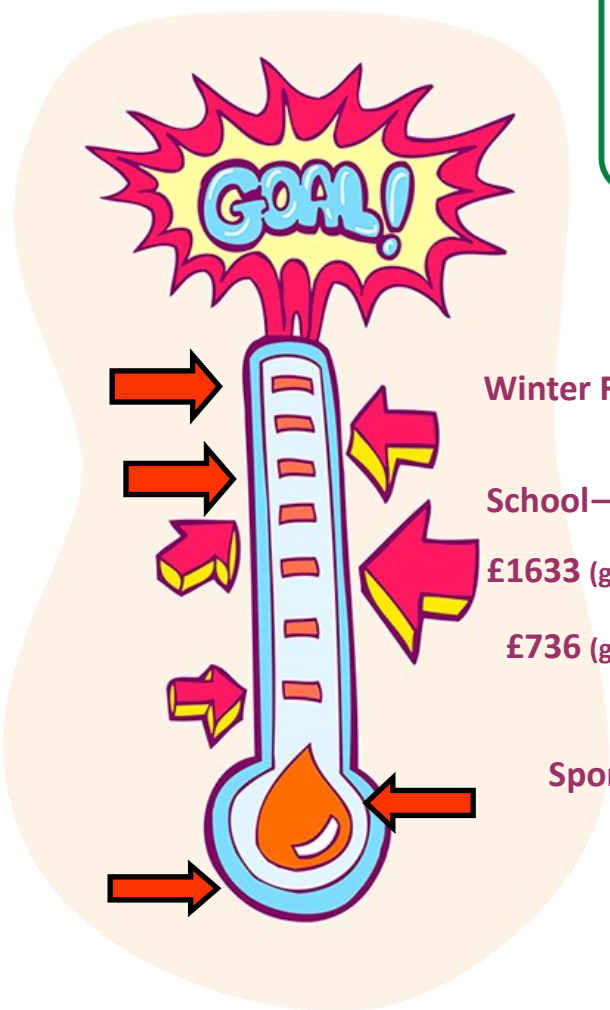
£190 NSPCC Number day

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

£ 209 Children In Need

£ 240 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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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