

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2025 Week 13

Dear All

The final day has finally come upon us. On Monday evening, the Year 6s showcased their amazing show Peter Pan. The singing and acting were both phenomenal and my gosh did the children rise to the occasion. Seeing them shine and work together was such a proud moment.

On Tuesday morning, we held their final assembly and their Year 6 Leavers'. Understandably, there was many a leaky eye from both pupils and parents. It only seems like yesterday that they were entrusted to us—some back in Reception. Having navigated their time with us—moving from the old Infant Site (where Acorns is now) to 3 lockdowns with Covid and then having to settle back into 'our new normal' - they are certainly resilient. We couldn't have been more proud of them and know they are ready to start their next journey in secondary school.

Congratulations to the children who have achieved 100%

attendance since September too! They received certificates and prizes in assembly yesterday.

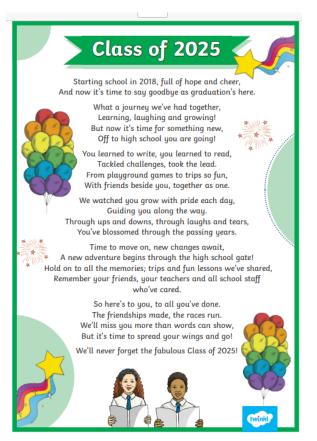
A huge thank you to the PTA who have been very active this year supporting the school. We look forward to the events they are planning for next year.

Finally, a big thank you to our parents and carers who have supported the amazing team we have here at Hamsey and Acorns and for the kind words and gifts. We wish all the staff who are leaving us, the best of luck and look forward to welcoming our new staff.

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Wishing you a lovely, safe Summer Holiday—see you in September!

Mrs Mace



This year's winning

team is **DIAMOND!!**

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.







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

18.07.2025—Email to whole school with Ofsted report
18.07.2025—Email to Years R—6—re medication in school
21.07.2025—Email to 2025/2026 years R—6 re Timetables
Rockstars

Attendance

1st place: Inkpen [R] - 100%

2nd place: Donaldson (1) - 95.6%

3rd place: Dahl (4) - 94.2%

Whole school: 89.9%

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.

SCC Schools Bulletin

Measles: how infectious is it?



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 and 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) - 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.

<u>Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</u> Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.



Contact email addresses for your information:

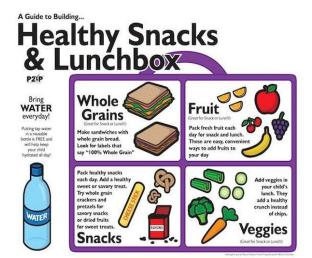
<u>absence@hamseytlt.co.uk</u>—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day) <u>basc@hamseytlt.co.uk</u>—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

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.



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 VOLNTEEER. 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

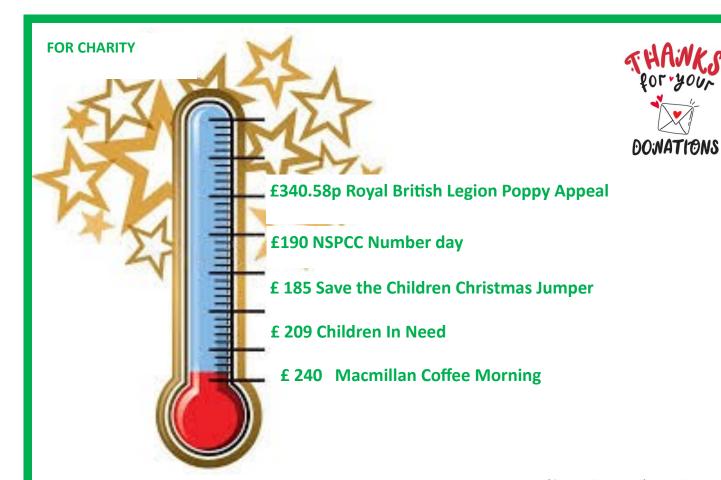


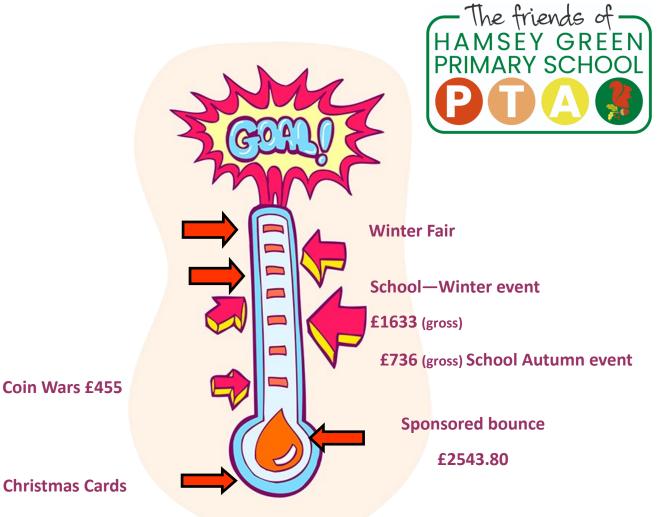
School Uniform

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.

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 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