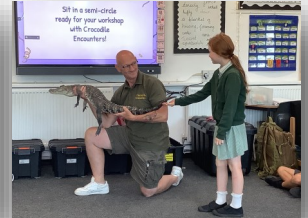




In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2025 Week 11

SPORTS DAY



Dear All

On Tuesday, Year 3 were immersed in reptiles! They were fortunate enough to squeeze in a final workshop this term with Animal Encounters. There was deathly silence in the room as they were introduced closely to some very large pythons, a blue-tongued lizard, a giant African tortoise and a very large crocodile! I did warn Mr Boffa there was a crocodile in school but he thought it would only be a baby one— he was surprised to see the size of it!



Another eventful week, as we complete Sports Weeks with our annual Sports Day. Reception started with demonstrating their riding, balancing and resilience in their first sports day! It was lovely to see them all enjoying themselves. Next up was Key Stage One, enjoying the classic favourite— the egg and spoon race, javelin, hobby horse relay and the changing clothes races. Finally, it was Key Stage Two's turn— adding the obstacle race, bean bag aiming and hockey dribbling to their events. Seeing the children complete not only in their teams—earning lots of points towards the House Cup, which will be revealed next week, but for seeing them run individually. There was a lot of competitive spirit amongst the children— which was equally matched with the grown-ups and toddler races! There will be many sore adults over the next few days!



At the time of writing, the swimming gala team are preparing for their heats. The event is in Whitgift School's Training Pool. We wish them the best of luck!
*Update—Hamsey Green placed 5th! Well done to all of our swimmers!!



On Thursday, we welcomed our new Inkpen and Butterworths in for their class swap morning. They were very excited for their stay and play session and can't wait for them to start in September. The rest of the school also met their new teachers and teaching assistants in class swap too— all were settled, enjoying their learning and setting new routines.

Our Year 3 and Year 5 were amazing with showcasing their learning in their class assemblies! I was so proud of them and great to see how far they have come in a year. Next week, we look forward to seeing the rest of the year groups at their class assemblies.

And finally ... the weather has been much kinder to the campers this year, in the annual Boffa Camp Night! With over 115 children camping on the field tonight, in the heat, I am not sure there will be any sleeping!!



Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace



This week, we have enjoyed a week of sporting activities at nursery. The children have had the opportunity to try different gross motor activities each day including welly throwing, bat and ball games, assault courses, running races and football. We also held our very own sports morning on Wednesday where the children took turns to score a goal, throw and catch, ride bikes, blast rockets into the sky, balance on balancing beams and stepping stones on a mini assault course as well as joining in with an egg and spoon race!

In forest school, the children made natural resource pictures and have enjoyed making mud cakes in the mud kitchen!

Our school leavers enjoyed a visit to Hamsey Green School to visit their new class.

We have focused on "ng" sound in our daily Little Wandles sessions and our song of the week in rhyme time was 'humpty dumpy'.

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

7.7.2025—Email to year 4—re classes for year 5

Emails regarding year 3 workshop, swimming gala, computing workshop sent to individuals.

10.7.2025—Email to whole school re PTA information

Attendance

1st place: Bunzl (3) - 98.3%

2nd place: Morpurgo (6) - 96.4%

3rd place: Donaldson (1) - 96%

Whole school: 93.7%

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 4 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 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

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.

As many of you know, every Summer, Palace for Life deliver Holiday Activities and Food camps at Heavers Farm Primary School. In addition to the free places we have available (sent to the school via Croydon Council) we have the option for non-free school meal children to book a paid place onto the course. Please see link below.

<https://palaceforlifefoundation.sportsfusion.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&ageFrom=&ageTo=&typeId=154®ionId=&venueId>



Supporting parents and carers to keep their children safe online

With ever-changing challenges and so many different resources, it can be hard to keep up to date and signpost parents to the best online safety support.

Both Surrey Police and Kooth (mental health support platform) are offering expert-led, interactive sessions —highly regarded by parents, carers, and professionals alike.

Please share the Surrey Police and Kooth online sessions, and the NSPCC top tips with your parent carer community. Suggested text is provided below.

Build Confidence in Keeping Your Child / Teenager Safe Online

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, and as parents and carers it can be difficult to keep on top of the latest information on how best to do this for your family.

Free online safety sessions led by Surrey Police:

Practical tips on **parental controls**

- The risks of **influencer culture** and **scams**
- How to protect your **child's digital footprint**

Managing **screen time** and **social media use**

Interactive Q&A period – a chance to ask anything about online safety!

Multiple sessions available

Book your place now: [The Digital Dilemma – Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

Free online safety sessions led by Kooth:

Social media: **the law, pros and cons**

Smartphone safety tips

- How **parents and carers can support** their children

How **Kooth's platforms** can help young people manage online challenges

Tuesday 23 July, 6:00–6:30 PM

Register for the webinar here: [Helping Young People Stay Safe on Smartphones and Online - Tuesday 23 July, 6-6.30pm.](#)

For **top tips on online safety**, visit [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

The Surrey Healthy Schools Approach further supports schools with identifying, implementing and developing effective practice, including online safety. Visit [Surrey Healthy Schools | Healthy Surrey](#) to find out more.

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?

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 considerably 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.

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 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!

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

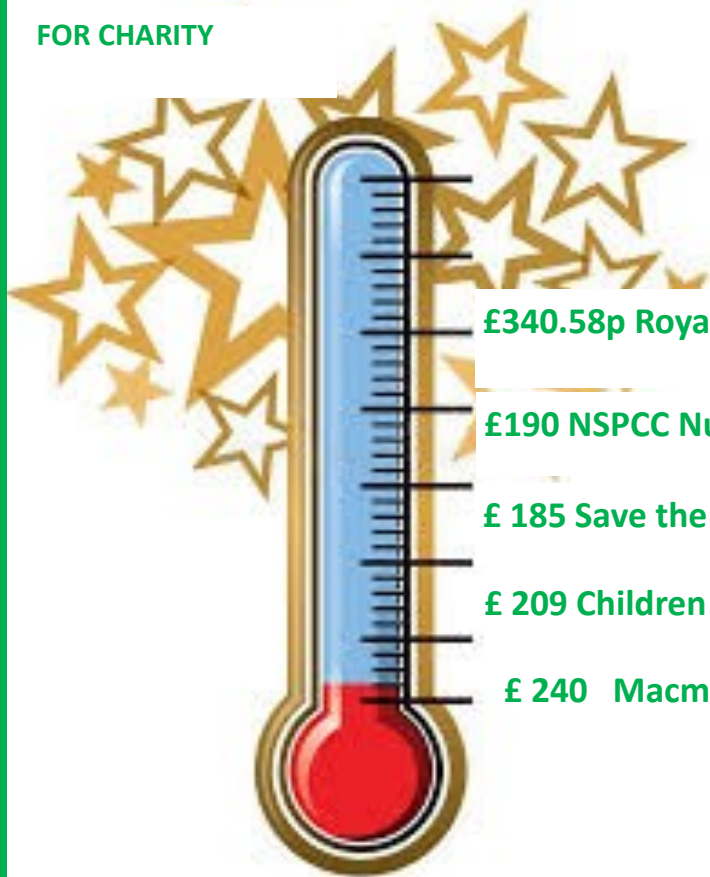
We are depleting our school stock of uniform. We now only stock very small sizes of cardigans. All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. [Hamsey Green Primary School | Price & Buckland](#) Please be aware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

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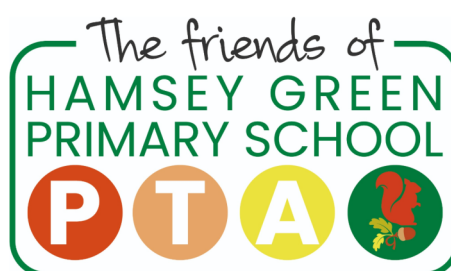
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£190 NSPCC Number day

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

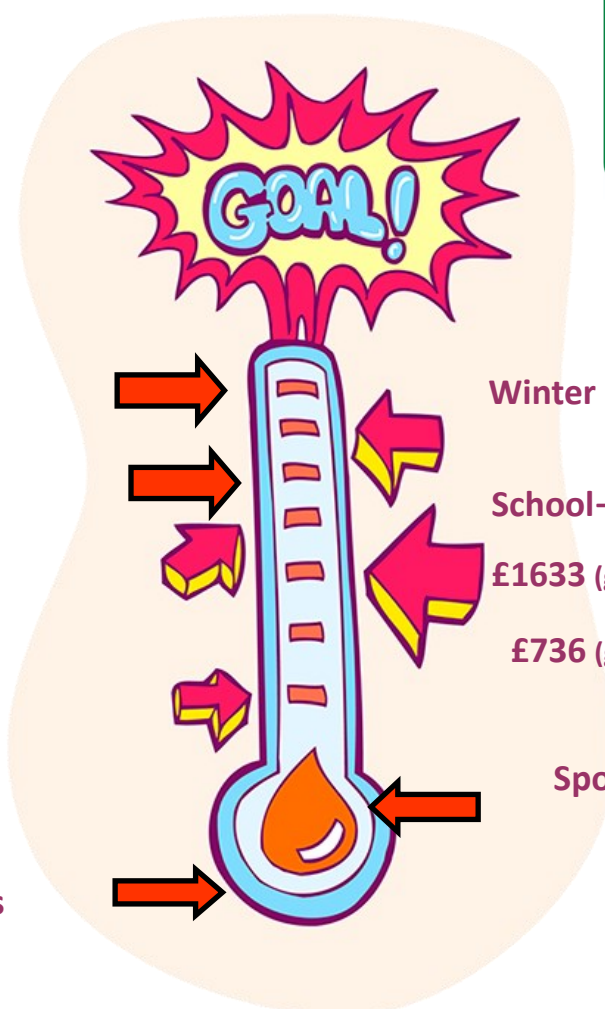
£ 209 Children In Need

£ 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