



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2025 Week 10

Dear All

What a scorcher it was this week! Keeping 30 bodies in a room cool is quite a challenge in 33+ degrees but a huge well done to the staff and children who embraced the heat and sweatiness! We all enjoyed the game of hunt the shade during break and lunchtime.

On Monday, in the heat, some of Key Stage 2 pupils proudly represented the school on District Sports Field Events. They have been learning the long jump, triple jump, standing jump, distance throwing with rounders and cricket balls as well as the high jump. It always astounds me how high some people can jump. One school had a Year 3 jumping 1m over the bar to our Lewis in Year 6 who jumped a whopping 1.24m high! Some could say nearly as tall as me! The resilience and determination of every child was amazing.

On Thursday, we were also proud to host the District Sports Track Events. The stamina to run 600m or 300m in this heat was admirable, as well as the grit in the sprints and relays— which definitely encompassed collaboration. To top it off, other staff complimented the behaviour and team spirit of our children to me- I was so proud!

On Wednesday, Mrs Jordan and I met the new Reception parents who are starting with us in September. I am sure it will bring back fond memories for you all—it is surprising how time flies when they start school. Our Acorn children had a wonderful time coming to play today for a stay and play session and we look forward to meeting them again with our new Butterworth and Inkpen classes next week.

Having had Ofsted, our teachers wanted to have a swap around! We are very pleased to announce the classes for next year on the next page. As you know, our class names are named after famous authors so some classes have had a change of name; as recommended authors in Talk for Writing. Class swap will take place on Thursday 10th July 2025, where your child will be able to spend time with their new teacher. Our current Butterworth will be meeting their new teacher on Tuesday 8th July.

In the Primary, we welcome Miss Richards to Butterworth, Mrs Wadsley to Dodd, and Miss Burton to Pullman. Mrs Usherwood will be commencing maternity leave and Miss Caires will be on maternity leave from Autumn 2. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Cole, Mrs Caruana, Mr Cauthery, and Emily at Acorns—we wish them all best in the future for their next endeavours.

After school on class swap day, your new teacher will be available for you to meet and greet in their new rooms from 3.10-3.25. Please note, we also are having a massive swap around, not only of teachers but of the school classrooms too. As our final single form entry year finishes, we will require an additional classroom, this will be built over the summer holidays. The Year 1 and hopefully the Year 5/6 toilets will also be refurbished over the summer. I have attached a map so you can see where the classes are moving to.

Mrs Key will continue in her role as ELSA too.

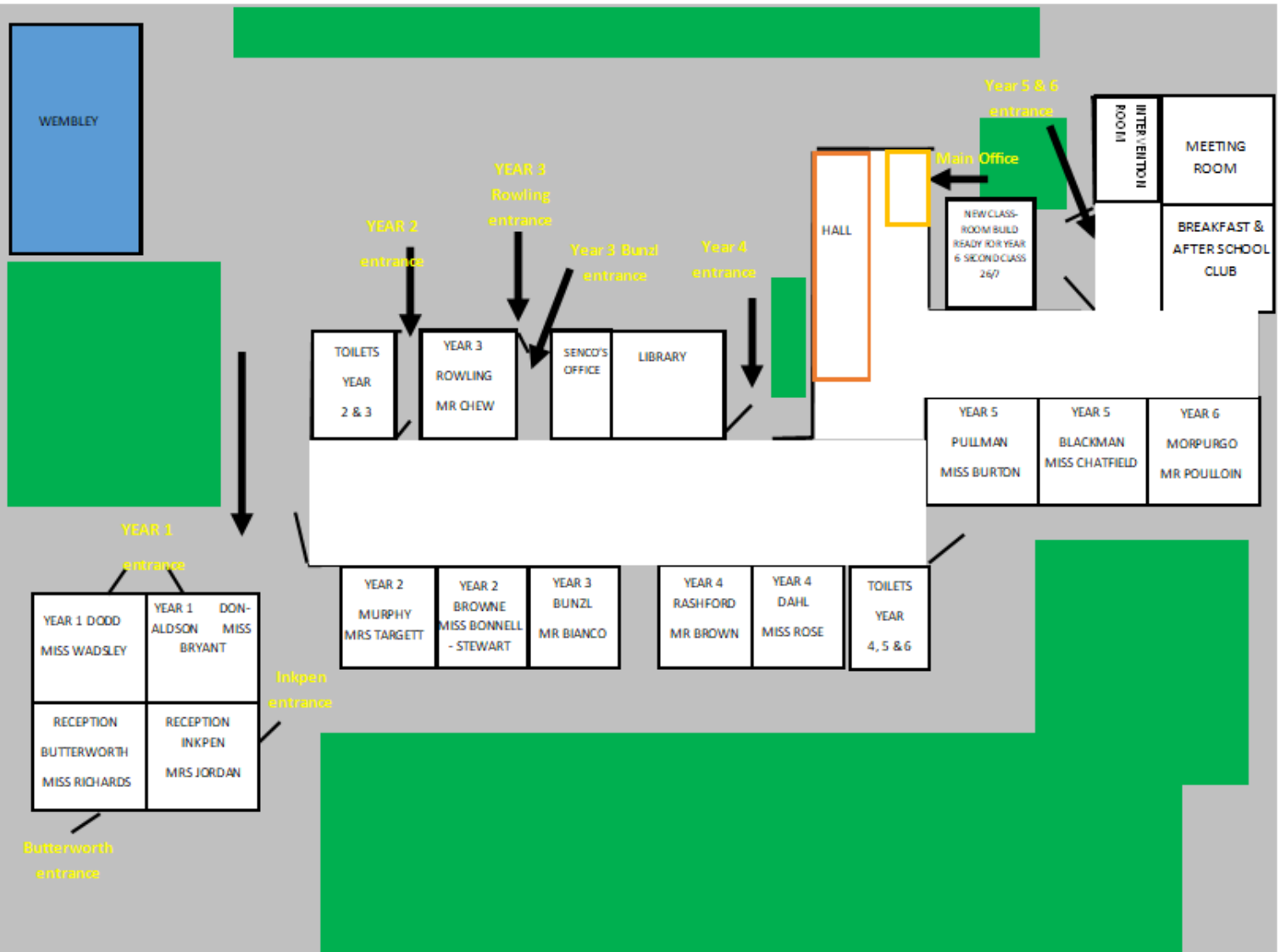
Next Wednesday, we look forward to seeing you all at Sports Day! And a good luck to all our KS2 pupils in the swimming gala too.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Mace*



| Year        | Class Name  | Teacher  | Teaching Assistants   |
|-------------|-------------|--|---|
| Nursery     | Acorns      | Trudy, Sue, Lisa, Emma, Selina, Vivienne, Lizzie & Tracey  |   |
| Reception   | Inkpen      | Mrs Jordan (Assistant Head)  | Mrs Wright  |
| Reception   | Butterworth | Miss Richards  | Mrs Cini  |
| Year 1      | Dodd        | Mrs Wadsley  | Mrs Booker & Mrs Rose   |
| Year 1      | Donaldson   | Miss Bryant  | Mrs Harhara   |
| Year 2      | Browne      | Miss Bonnell-Stewart   | Miss Formosa<br>Miss Bassi & Mrs Shelley  |
| Year 2      | Murphy      | Mrs Target   | Mrs Irons, Mrs Stagg (Tues, Wed & Thurs and Mrs Bailey (Mon & Fri)  |
| Year 3      | Bunzl       | Mr Bianco  | Mrs Palmer  |
| Year 3      | Rowling     | Mr Chew  | Mrs Robins  |
| Year 4      | Dahl        | Miss Rose  | Mrs Rowe (Mon-Thurs)<br>Miss Sasha (Fri)  |
| Year 4      | Rashford    | Mr Brown   | Miss Moylan (Mon. Tues, Thu, Fri) Miss Sasha (Wed & Thurs)<br>Mrs Stagg (Tues, Wed & Thurs) & Mrs Brown (Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri) |
| Year 5      | Blackman    | Miss Chatfield   | Mrs Stanley & Miss Esther   |
| Year 5      | Pullman     | Miss Burton<br>(Miss Caires will be in class as well in the mornings and will cover PPA in the afternoons until the end of Autumn 1) | Mrs Kerwood, Mrs S,   |
| Year 6      | Morpurgo    | Mr Poulloin  | Mrs Gooding & Mrs Burke   |
| Headteacher | Mrs Mace    |  |   |
| Deputy Head | Mr Boffa    |  |   |
| Sendco      | Mrs Walker  |  |   |





This week, we have had lots of fun with water play and bubbles to keep the children cool in the extreme heat. The car wash station was also very busy in our sensory garden!

We have talked about starting school with our school leavers, particularly as there have been lots of school visits this week. We have also explored this through arts and craft activities, where the children created collage images of their new school uniform or what they would like it to look like! We have also talked in simple terms about a school day using various stories, making links with the nursery day.

Some of the children have enjoyed exploring garden plants. After discussing their texture and scent, the children made imprints with them by rolling them in clay, using a rolling pin.

Throughout the week, we have explored numbers, shapes and measurements using the whiteboard for interactive games as well as problem solving activities, such as measuring and comparing the height of items. We have also enjoyed playing sound discrimination games with environmental sounds.

We have innovated our Talk For Writing story 'Supertato' as the children were encouraged to change the story characters into fruits!

Our sound this week in Little Wandles has been "th" and we have explored the song 'hickory dickory dock' in rhyme time.

#### 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

- 1.7.2025—Email to Yr R-6—Summer end of year event
- 1.7.2025—Email to Yr R—Year R work
- 3.7.2025—Email to Yr 3—Year 3 reptile workshop
- 4.7.2025—Email to Yr 6—RSE letter

#### Attendance

- 1st place: Blackman (5) 98.5%
- 2nd place: Bunzl (3) 96.5%
- 3rd place: Dahl (4) 95.4%
- Whole school: 91.9%

**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** Camp night

**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 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.




### 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**

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**

(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 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**

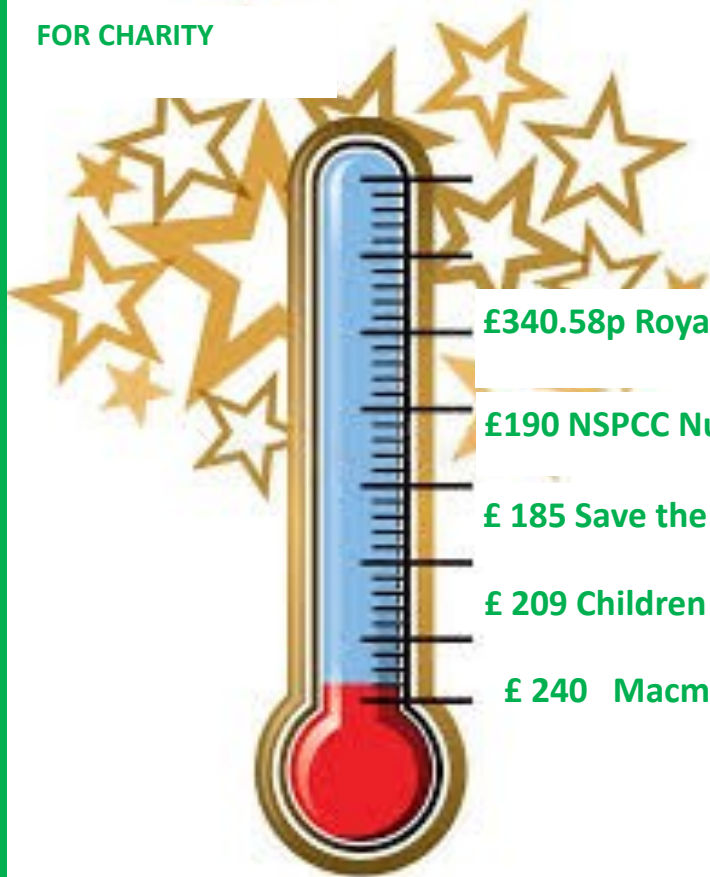
We are depleting our school stock of uniform. We now only stock very small sizes of cardigans. All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. [Hamsey Green Primary School | Price & Buckland](#) Please be aware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

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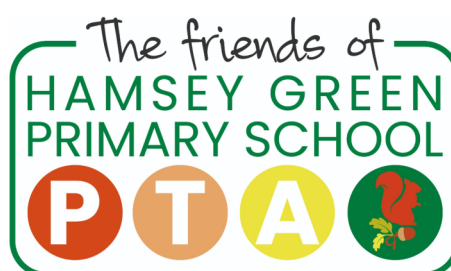
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£190 NSPCC Number day

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

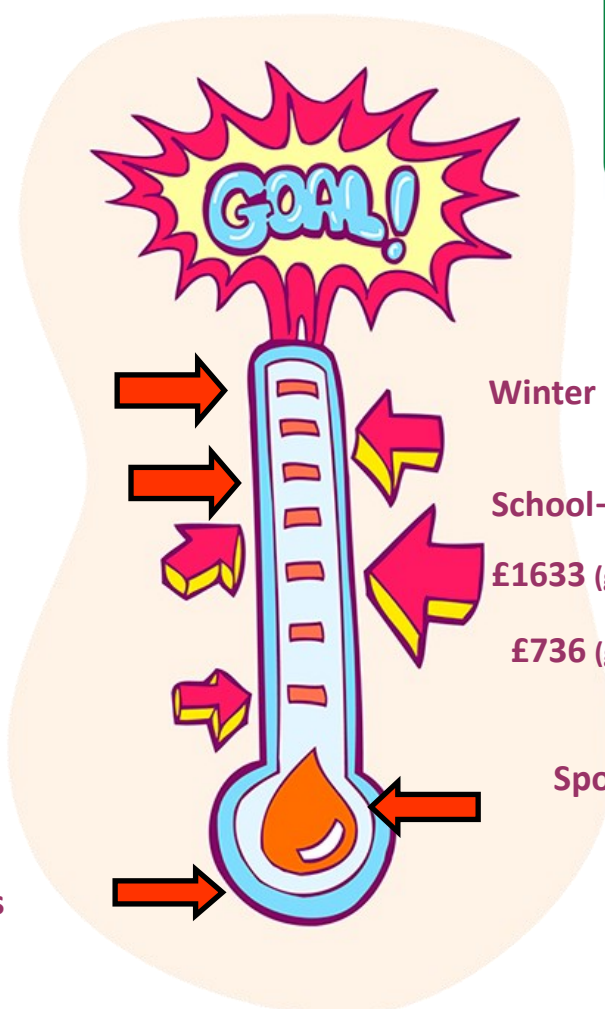
£ 209 Children In Need

£ 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