



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2026 Week 6

Dear All

This week, we have been raising awareness of Children's Mental Health week. The children have been coming in to classrooms with calming music and have received additional PSHE lessons on the importance of emotional regulation, reduced screen time, being outdoors and getting lots of sleep. They have also had a special assembly, through the NSPCC, relating to the theme of Stay Safe and Speak Out. Reception have been discussing things that keep them happy and healthy and have participated in some mindful breathing videos when coming in from lunch to help the transition to learning and have noticed a difference in how this has helped to calm them down. KS1 have been identifying and naming emotions and looking at different strategies to help them cope; and KS2 have built on this to identify early warning signs of stress or worry and creating plans which work for them if they feel overwhelmed. We hosted a Mindworks Parent Workshop on supporting children who have anxiety coming to school as well as Supporting Internet Safety—both of which were well received! Please look out for further workshops coming.



As part of our topic on 'Home Sweet Home', Reception have made houses out of 'junk'. They practised their skills of folding, joining, cutting and sticking to build a house. They then used paint, pencils and collage materials to decorate them. Finally the houses were put together as a street!

Year 5 children had the exciting opportunity to visit the Royal Institution in London for an *Inside Maths* experience. The children listened to mathematicians, authors and engineers who explored the many exciting ways mathematics can be applied in the real world. They learned how origami is used in medicine and space exploration, showing how maths plays a vital role in innovative problem-solving. After taking part in a mathematical puzzle trail, the children contributed to creating a whole-group tetrahedron, successfully breaking last year's record!



All linked to Mental Health—being outdoors and active, Year 4s were very excited to take part in their Bikeability Level 1. They learnt how to be safe looking after their bicycles and heads, as well as skills needed for riding a bike safely.



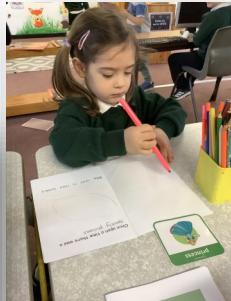
On Thursday afternoon, 12 pupils from Years 3-6 participated in the KS2 Cross Country event—in the rain and thick mud! I was so impressed with their resilience to run 1.2km around the track as well as their sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done to Oscar and Sierra who came second and Aurora who came third in their races.

And today, I also had the pleasure of taking 26 Year 5 and 6s to the Sports Hall Athletic competition. We worked hard as a team to gain as many points as we could and unfortunately, due to a technical issue with their computers, we will have to wait where we placed. We will let you know as soon as we hear. Everyone returned to school with smiling faces, so clearly they all had great fun!



And finally, ending the week with all Valentines Events successfully enjoyed, we wish you a lovely half term.

Mrs Mace



In our final week at nursery before half term, we have explored our Little Wandles story of 'Lulu goes to the library'.

Throughout the week we have enjoyed reading and looking at fiction and non-fiction books. The children have enjoyed bringing in their own stories to read too.

Several groups of children took a trip over to Hamsey Green School to visit the library and one group enjoyed listening to a story read by Mrs Mace.

The hut was converted into a library role-play area and the children enjoyed taking on the role of a librarian or customer. They also learnt what a barcode was and how they could scan a library book.

The children made bookmarks as well as their very own books and story maps using the Talk for Writing 5 sentence story structure. The children came up with some great ideas for their stories.

The children had fun completing home-made storybook jigsaws made from images from our favourite nursery stories and they enjoyed looking at photos of staff members holding a book to guess 'who was behind the book'. They also used puppets to support their storytelling skills and they sequenced familiar stories using picture cards.

In addition to the library topic, we also explored the meaning of Valentine's Day by talking about people we love. We made cards and chocolate treats with the children.

In our daily Little Wandles phonic sessions, we focused on the letter Ee, along with sound games and action activities. We also explored the song Ring a Roses in rhyme time.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc; please contact the office at office@hamseylt.co.uk in the first instance and not the class teacher. The office staff can usually solve any issues very quickly!

If your child has an asthma inhaler in school—please come and check with the office that what we have is adequate should your child need to use it during the school day. We have had quite a high need of children needing to use their inhalers over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your co-operation.

Communication this week



If you receive a letter that is addressed to another student, please return it unopened to the school office. Thank you for your help.

- 9.2.2026—Email with letter to Year 6
- 10.2.2026—Email to whole school re IT parent workshop
- 10.2.2026—Email to Year R—re parents evening
 - Email to Years 1-6—re parents evening
- 11.2.2026—Email to whole school re continental breakfast
- 11.2.2026—Email to Years R-6 re theatre production
- 12.2.2026—Email to whole school from PTA
- 12.2.2026—Email to Year 5 re swimming
- 13.2.2026—Email to Years R-6 re karate
- 13.2.2026—Email to Years R-6 re World Book Day events

Attendance

1st place:	Rashford (4) - 98.12%
2nd place:	Pullman (5) - 97.73%
3rd place:	Dahl (4) - 97.55%
Whole school:	95.09%

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. This is applicable even if you have put your hazard lights on. 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. [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@hamseylt.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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

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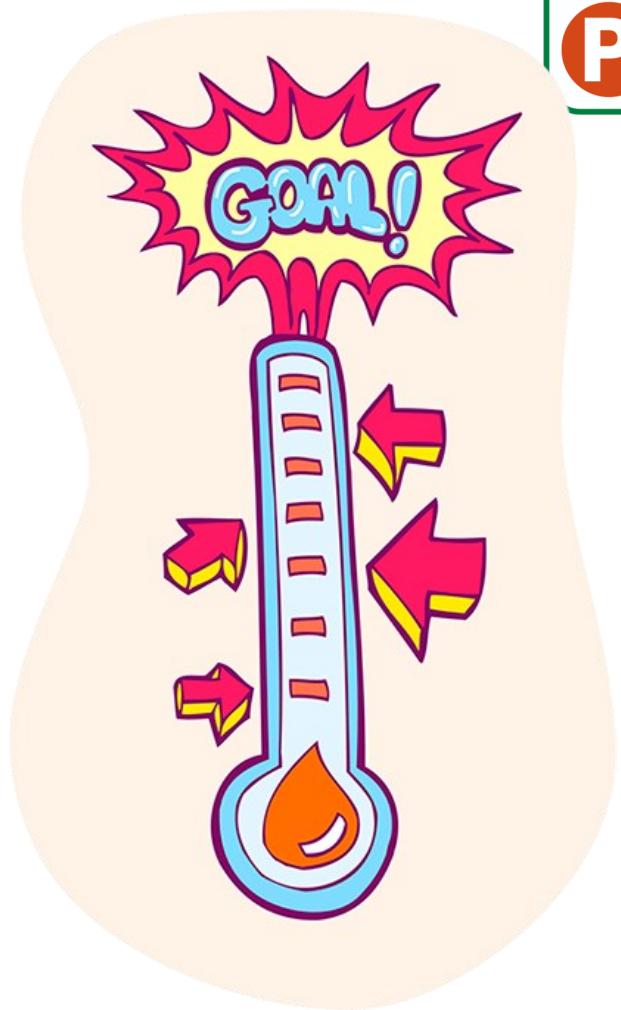
Mon 16th—Fri 20th		HALF TERM	
Wed 25th February	Year 5 & 6	Young Voices o2 choir	This event is now closed for
Wed 4th March	Year group book swap	Bring a book in to swap with someone in classes/year groups	
Thurs 5th March		World Book Day M&M Theatre Production	Dress up £4 per ticket for theatre will be payable on Arbor
Fri 6th March		Continental Breakfast with your child	Will be bookable on Arbor
Thurs 12th March	all	Online safety workshop for parents/ carers	FREE More details to follow
Weds 18th March 9:00am-10:00am		Rock Steady Assembly for those on a Wednesday session	
Fri 20th March	All	RED NOSE DAY OWN CLOTHES DAY	Donation will be payable on Arbor £1
Mon 23rd March	Year R	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on
Tues 24th March	Years 1–6	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on
Weds 25th March	Years 1–6	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on
Thurs 26th March	Year R	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on
Weds 25th March	All	PTA Egg decorating and Egg Rolling competition	
Thurs 26th March		PTA Easter Bonnet Parade	
Fri 27th March		PTA Easter Raffle	
Fri 27th March		Break up for Easter Holidays 12pm Acorns 1.10pm Rec 1.15pm Years 1—Year 6 4pm ASC	

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for your
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Contact email addresses for your information:

absence@hamseyltt.co.uk—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day)

basc@hamseyltt.co.uk—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

office@hamseyltt.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

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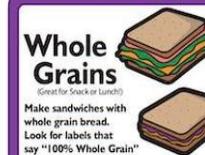
Bring WATER everyday!

Placing tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



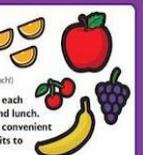
Whole Grains

(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 or 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



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Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

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Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)



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/3GZF85XRY4MG?ref_=wl_share

School Uniform

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](https://www.priceandbuckland.com/hamsey-green-primary-school) 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 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