



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2026 Week 10



Hamsey Green Primary School



Dear All

This week, we have hosted two Rocksteady concerts– it have been so exciting to see the progress the children have made and their confidence growing! The audience certainly enjoyed bopping along to the music.

Hamsey Green were proud to take part in the Big British Spring Clean. Year 1 and Year 6 as well as the Eco monitors, took part in collecting the litter around the local community. We were amazed that we managed to fill 14 bags of rubbish! The children were very excited to use the new litter pickers which had been kindly donated by the Parish Council and Tandridge Council. We hope that the neighbourhood continues to keep clean! Mrs Plaskitt, the Trust CEO, accompanied our school children; and complimented them on their politeness, turn taking, sharing and remarked at how nurturing our older children were.



Year 3, as part of their topic about Warlingham, visited the local Church to identify key features of a Church, as well as the purpose of the Church in the community. They particularly enjoyed looking around the graveyard, finding Sir Joseph Swans' tomb (did you know he helped invent the luminescent light bulb!) as well as the parish war graves.

On Friday, we finished the week celebrating Red Nose Day. The children looked fabulous dressed in red, thank you for your kind donations on Arbor– you raised **£210** (at time of print)!

Happy Eid to those of you celebrating and wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace





What a lovely week we have had outdoors with the nursery children in the sunshine!

As part of Environment Week, the children have enjoyed playing in our very own recycling centre. They took on the role of a refuse manager, sorting the rubbish into the two labelled bins and guiding peers into this good practice.

Through this topic, we have been thinking about our environment and how we can look after it better. During a water-play activity, the children learnt the importance of keeping our beaches and oceans clean. The children identified objects that would be a danger to our oceans and sea creatures and then they 'cleaned' up the water 'sea' tray.

A lovely group of children became 'Wombles of Warlingham' and went on a litter picking walk around the nursery grounds. They collected three buckets full of litter!

We have discussed why it is important to recycle. The children have recycled paper and plastic waste in a junk modelling activity and we have also reused paper tubes in a cutting activity.

On Tuesday, we celebrated St Patrick's Day with several craft activities. The children also tasted potato bread during morning snack time.

Our younger children have enjoyed lots of gross motor activities outdoors using the large slide, bikes and trikes. They have also enjoyed musical instruments, bucket time as well as tactile play with sand, custard pouches and dried pasta play.

In our daily Little Wandles phonic sessions, we focused on the letter Bb. The children also took part in initial sound games.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc;, please contact the office at office@hamseytlt.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.

- 16.03.2026—Email to Year 1 & Year 6 re Keep Britain Tidy litter pickup
- 17.03.2026—Email to Years R-6 Summer term teacher run clubs
- 18.03.2026—Email to Year 4 with PSHE letter

Attendance

- 1st place:** Inkpen [R] - 100%
- 2nd place:** Dodd (1) - 98.28%
- 3rd place:** Bunzl (3) - 97.24%
- Whole school:** 95.71%

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@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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

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 Arbor
Weds 25th March	Years 1-6	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on Arbor
Thurs 26th March	Year R	Parent's Evening	Sign up will be available on Arbor
Weds 25th March	All	PTA Egg decorating and Egg Rolling competition	
Thurs 26th March 8:30am-9:00am main hall		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	

Following the Eduthing parental workshop last week, please click on the below for the presentation:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAHCDGXPUBU/hsFddJ0ArwUOqwSRrvHSTg/view?utm_content=DAHCDGXPUBU&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h13d56006f1

Maintaining high attendance

At primary school, children who have high attendance (95-100% attendance) in Year 6 are 30% more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who miss just 2-4 weeks of school (90-95% attendance).

Did you know?.....

Schools are charged by the weight for refuse removal? This is why we no longer have receptacles on the school grounds for rubbish. Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



Swimming request

If you have any outgrown swimming costumes or swimming trunks in good condition for children that are year 5 or year 6 age group; we would be grateful to receive them as spares for the school. We are also looking for any beach towels that are in



good condition too. If you have any of these items, please can they be washed and dropped into the school office? Thank you for your help.

FOR CHARITY

THANKS
for your
DONATIONS



Red Nose Day £210.00

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35

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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

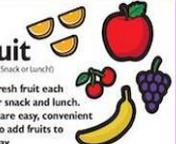
(Great for Snack or Lunch!)
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain!"



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

(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/3GIZF85XRY4MG?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](#) 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. **The order cut off for delivered to your home address is 1st August, in time for the new academic year.** **uniform items to be**

10% discount valid until 18th May 2026—use code THANKS10.

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