



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2026 Week 4

Dear All

This week, some of our Year 1's and 2's launched the week with a cross country competition against other local schools. Having listened to the pep talk to the whole school the week before, they exuded great sportsmanship as well as determination. Congratulations to Willow and Saxon who came first and second. The Year 5 and 6 football team played Whyteleafe, coming second. They persevered in the most horrible weather!

A huge thank you to the PTA who have organised a fantastic sponsored bounce. The excitement of the children was high, seeing the size of the bouncy castle! The highest number of jumps in 1 minute this year were:

Reception	Lyla
Year 1	Isabelle
Year 2	Aliana
Year 3	Aaliyah
Year 4	Thomas
Year 5	Lissi
Year 6	Freya

Please pay your Sponsored Bounce money by Friday 6th February.

Please hand any cash to the class teacher in a labelled envelope or transfer directly via bank transfer to the details below.

Account number: 35746860

Sort code:30-98-97

Account name: Friends of Hamsey Green Primary School



Following last week's parent drop in and feedback on workshops you requested, please look out for some new up-coming parent workshop events being offered. Some are around supporting your child coming to school; some targeted at specific year groups, and in line with Internet Safety Week/Day, we have booked in workshops to support your child staying safe online. This is also topical with the government consultation on restricting under 16's on social media and phone restrictions in school. Being safe online affects all our pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 and this will be an opportunity for you to further support safeguarding.

## INTERNET SAFETY DAY 10TH FEBRUARY

PARENT WORKSHOP 1 – **date to be confirmed** 8.45-9.45am & 3-4pm (led by Mr Brown Computing Lead & Mr Boffa Deputy Head) -

PARENT WORKSHOP 2—Thursday 12th March 6.30-7.15pm EDUTHING (led by our Tech provider)

Wishing you a lovely weekend

*Mrs Mace*



Our topic this week has been based around the story, 'Kwame and the Magic Drum'. It is a traditional tale from Nigeria about a child called Kwame who finds a magical drum. The moral of the story relates to the importance of overcoming difficulties, doing good and being united in society.

We used the story with the children to reflect on kindness and they were encouraged to think about what a 'good choice' would be if they could make a magical wish with the drum.

The children created their own rainmakers and drums inspired by the story. They also explored and coloured African style prints.

We used drums in several music sessions; and we have enjoyed listening to and participating in dance sessions with African inspired music.

Linked to Kwame's wish for rain and how the drum helped bring water to his village, the children created their own rain themed artwork using a variety of mediums.

Alongside the craft activities, we talked about the types of houses found in some African villages, especially traditional huts. The children shared ideas about what they might be like to live inside one and compared these homes to their own. We also looked at a globe together, finding both Africa and the UK. The children were fascinated to see how far apart they are and enjoyed discussing how long it would take to travel there — deciding it would take a whole nursery day to get from here to Africa!



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

### 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.

27.01.2026—Email to Years R-6 re Valentines event

27.01.2026—Email to school re menu update

29.01.2026—Email to school re NSPCC number day



### **Attendance**

1st place: Butterworth [R] - 99.31%

2nd place: Browne [2] - 99.05%

3rd place: Inkpen [R] - 98.89%


Whole school: 96.93%

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

Mon 9th February 2:50pm –4:00pm	Reception, 1,2 & 3	Valentine event	£4 per ticket (snack and drink included) payable on Arbor until noon 5th Feb
9th—11th Feb	Year 4	Bikeability for those signed up	This event is now closed for booking
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> February 3:00pm– 4:30pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Valentine event	£4 per ticket (snack and drink included) payable on
<b>Mon 16th—Fri 20th</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>	
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 EDUTHING EXTERNAL COMPANY	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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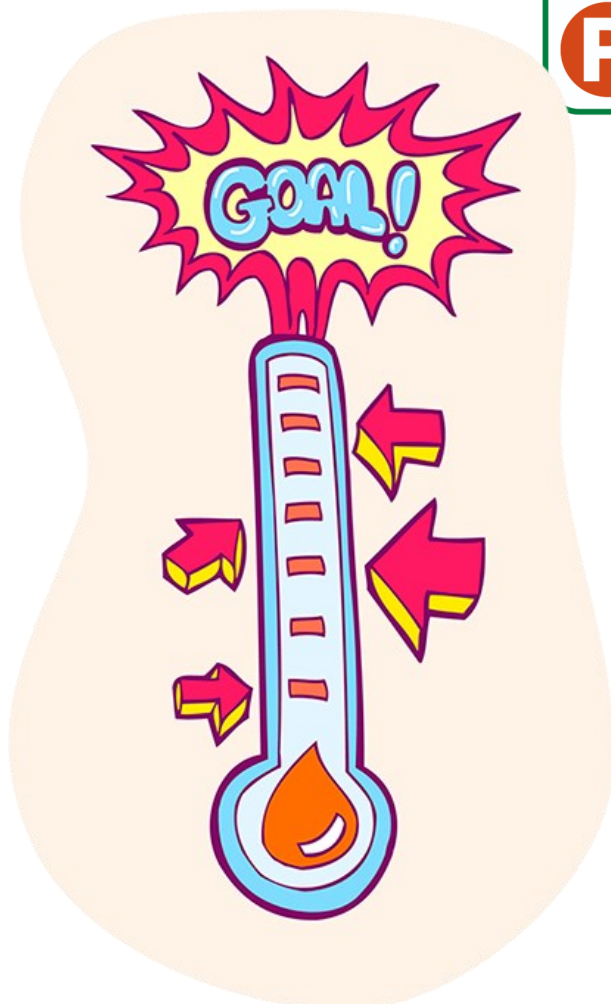


Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35

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**Contact email addresses for your information:**

[absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](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

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Bring WATER everyday!

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



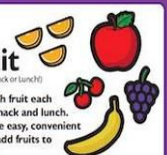
### Whole Grains

(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!

**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**

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.

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