



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2026 Week 7



Hamsey Green Primary School



Dear All

We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break? It seemed to go by very fast! This week, we have definitely seen early signs that spring is around the corner— with the school's spring flowers starting to bloom. We have reminded the children that they are for only looking at and enjoying their scents whilst in the beds as they are also sources of food for our insects— so therefore, are not for picking. Can you spot how many species of daffodils we have?

We have had a musical week! In Year 2 this week, they have been getting creative by playing instruments accompanying a piece of reggae music as part of our Charanga Music scheme. The children had lots of fun and are excited to add even more to their piece next week!

Children in Years 5 and 6 had the most amazing experience on Wednesday. For the first time, we participated in the Young Voices Choir, singing at the O2! We took 24 of them to the O2 arena on the train and tube during the afternoon, for a rehearsal with 9000 other children and then a performance to parents, carers and families. The Arena was electric! Not only was it such a proud moment to hear them sing a mix of medleys from sea shanties to Wicked, to reggae, gospel and hip hop, we had compliments from members of the public on how well our children travelled (they even used escalator etiquette of standing on the right) to how well behaved they were at the venue— although we all felt we had lucked out as we were allocated seating in two private suites!

Our netball and football teams played matches yesterday; our netball team won and our football team came 2nd. Well done to all who represented the school, we are very proud of you!

The Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics results came back over half term and we were pleased to say we came 4th!

Next week is book week. We are looking forward to seeing the photos of children reading in interesting places, reading in their buddy classes, the book swap on Wednesday, dress up for Book Day and the M&M production of the Railway Children on Thursday! Don't forget tickets for Breakfast With My Child on Friday morning, are only on sale on Arbor up until next Wednesday.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Thursday 12th March 6.30pm-7.15pm FACE TO FACE IN THE SCHOOL HALL PARENT WORKSHOP 2— EDUTHING (led by our Tech provider)





It was great to see our Acorns Nursery children eagerly return to nursery after the half term break.

During the break, the children were given a challenge to visit their local library or to sign up to join after our library topic during the last week of term. It was great to see via the tapestry photos that many of our nursery children enjoyed this task!

We have explored Chinese New Year this week. We used the story of 'The Great Race' to explore this celebration and the children have enjoyed our Chinese Restaurant in the home corner; taking on different roles such as customer, chef, and waiter. They even got to make their own vegetable spring roll wrap for snack this week.

Through numerous craft activities, the children have made their own lanterns, money envelopes, puppets and horse pictures. They have copied the style of Chinese writing and they have used brushes in rice trays to copy Chinese numerals. They also played Chinese dragon number sequencing and ordering games on the whiteboard.

We explored what animal represented the year the children and staff were born in and as this year is the year of the horse, some children had fun working on their fine motor skills to wind wool onto a tube as fast as they could to feed string through a horse's mouth as well as using chopsticks within their play.

We launched our new Talk For Writing story 'The Little Green Dinosaur' which we will continue to explore for the rest of this term. We also focussed on 'Uu' in our daily Little Wandles Phonic sessions.

As the weather has been surprisingly good, they have also enjoyed lots of outdoor play experiences.



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.

23.02.2026—Email re Parent's evening reminder to those who have yet to book a time slot

Email to Yrs R-6 re school dinner booking reminder

24.02.2026—Email to Yrs R-6 re Railway Children theatre show

25.02.2026—Email to Yrs3-6 re School Sports Kit return

26.02.2026—Email to whole school re Breakfast with my child

Email to whole school re Red Nose Day

27.02.2026—Email to Dodd Class

Attendance

1st place: Butterworth [R] - 100%

2nd place: Dahl (4) - 99.04%

3rd place: Blackman (5) - 98.5%

Whole school: 96.59%

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 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.

Tues 3rd March	Small dining hall 2.15-2.45pm	Parent Drop in—Big Green Week—can you help??	
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 7:30am-8:30am		Continental Breakfast with your child	Bookable on Arbor in advance only until 4th
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 Arbor
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	

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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—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day)

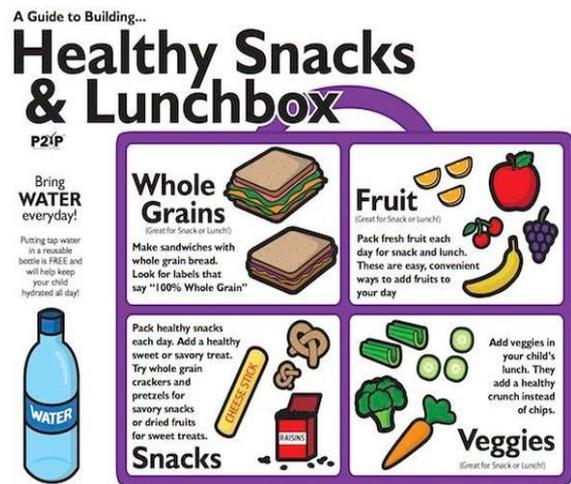
basc@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

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.



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.

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