

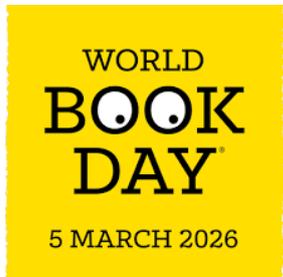


In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2026 Week 8



Hamsey Green
Primary School



Dear All

What a fabulous week for a book week! The sun has shone and we have been able to celebrate outside.

I hope you have enjoyed the challenge of finding the most intriguing place to read a book! The children looked amazing in their costumes/pyjamas and the school had a lovely, happy vibe.

On Thursday, we were delighted to have M&M Productions come back to perform for us. This year, they danced, sang and acted to the classic story of The Railway Children. We hope that this has inspired them to read the story— especially KS2 as they should be exposed to these classic stories.



As part of book week, the children were organised into their buddy classes. The younger children were very excited to be able to share a book with one of the older children. It was lovely to see how caring and nurturing all the children were.

It was also great to hear your feedback during our parent coffee afternoon on Tuesday. We are aiming to organise a Big Clean of the grounds during the afternoon when we break up for Easter. This will tie in with the Big Clean we are participating in, in the local community. If you are able to spare some time/offer resources to help us, please see the PTA flyer for more details.

Our sports teams did well yesterday evening. Our football team won their match and our netball team did well and came close to winning their match. Well done to all who participated!



Next week is Science Week at school. The theme is 'curiosity' so I am sure they will all be waiting eagerly to see what experiments the children will be doing!

Finally, it was a very busy Breakfast With My Loved one this morning— we served 199 their brekkie! We hope you enjoyed the experience of being able to sit and relax with your child.



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)**



Buddy Reading



Extreme Reading!



The Railway Children & workshop





As spring has finally started make a show with some sunny days this week, the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor play.

Our topic for the next few weeks is 'Dinosaurs', which links to our Talk For a writing story 'The Little Green Dinosaur'.

Throughout the week, the children worked on a project to construct a papier-mâché volcano which they then painted before we set off a lava eruption using a vinegar and bicarbonate of soda solution!

We have used different resources to measure the length of dinosaur footprints; and we have sorted 'big' and 'small' items.

We also explored dinosaurs through literacy. The children have enjoyed listening to lots of dinosaur stories and some children worked together to create a T-Rex five sentence story. Some children made dinosaur biscuits and others enjoyed exploring dinosaurs through small world play where they constructed dinosaur habitats. There were also lots of painting, printing and malleable activities.

On Thursday, the nursery celebrated World Book Day. The children looked great in their costumes! The nursery staff also took part, dressing as crayons from the book 'The day the Crayons quit' by Drew Daywalt.

In our daily Little Wandles phonic sessions, we focused on the letter Rr and in rhyme time we explored the song 'pat-a-cake'.



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.

- 02.03.2026—Email to whole school re ADHD workshop
- 03.03.2026—Email to Yr 3 re FEET First walking training
- 03.03.2026—Email to Yr 2 re Museum trip

Attendance

- 1st place: Butterworth [R] - 99.37%
- 2nd place: Morpurgo (6) - 99.09%
- 3rd place: Murphy (2) - 98.42%
- Whole school: 96.53%

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.

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 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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THANKS
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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.

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



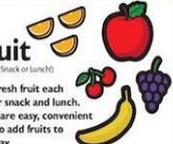
Whole Grains

(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



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