



In A Nutshell

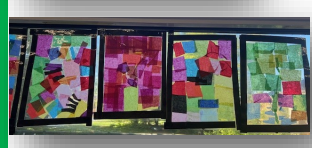
Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 3

Dear All

This week has been an especially busy one for our Reception Classes. On Tuesday, they headed out to Gatton Park, listened to the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar and then played games! They enjoyed having a picnic lunch and then explored all things muddy and hunted for minibeasts! The children loved all of the activities and walked a very long way, so there were a few naps on the coach back! On Thursday, they had a visit from the dental nursing team who helped explain to them the importance of cleaning their teeth twice a day and the better times to have a sugary item to eat or drink. The earlier they have a good routine, the easier it will be to retain.



Following our staff meeting this week, the staff were shown some further ways to enhance music composition. Year 2 challenged themselves and have been learning how to create music in computing! They definitely have some future music producers in the year group! I certainly heard the most wonderful singing in whole school assembly yesterday— if you get a chance ask your child to sing you their part!



Year 1 have made some stunning stained glass windows, with the sun shining through, they are very effective.



We are always pleased when the sun is out and warm so we can enjoy learning in the outdoors. There seems to be some healthy competition starting between the classes as to who can have the most glamorous/relaxing garden area at the rear of their classrooms. Please ask your class teachers if you are able to help them improve their flower beds... I have even seen bunting, flags and bean bags!!



On Thursday after school, I was so proud to take 50 Year 3-6's to the cross country race at Whyteleafe School. It is lovely to see how many children are engaging with competitive sport and how proud they are to represent the school—the numbers have almost quadrupled over the last two years. Well done to Oscar, Kilaaraa and Annabelle who all placed in the top 6!! I whooped for joy, because as a team, we placed second and third in three of the age sections!—what a great collaborative event.

On Friday, Year 4 enriched their topic of India. I was quite excited to be able to cook a vegetable curry with them—and was able to cook it and eat it outside too!



Sun Safety

Wrap – Children are reminded that they should cover up with light clothing if they are going to be spending longer than 10-15 minutes outside

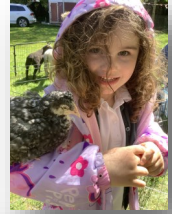
Splat – Children are reminded of the importance of applying SPF 15+ sun cream and drinking plenty of water if they are out in the sun

Hat – Children are reminded of the need to wear a hat for all outdoor activities in the summer term to prevent sunstroke

Wishing you a lovely three day weekend! See you all on Tuesday.

Mrs Mace





What a lovely week we have had at nursery! The children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Karen's Pets and Ponies to support our 'Down on the Farm' topic. The children really enjoyed observing and stroking a variety of animals. Our braver children got to hold a duckling and some lucky children bottle fed the lambs - Stormzy and Banksy!

We have enjoyed exploring the topic of farm life with small world play activities, puzzles and number activities. In small focus group activities, we have learnt more about what happens on a farm and we have talked about cows and where milk comes from. That prompted some interesting replies from the children! The children even got to have a go at trying to milk a cow using our very own nursery milking cow!

We have learned about sheep and how fleece is turned into wool. These discussions have been supported with lots of arts and craft activities and some children enjoyed shearing a sheep using shaving foam!

The children were also given a surprise this week with the arrival of our new mini beasts. At carpet time the children were introduced to our new caterpillars, stick insects and ladybird larvae. In small groups the children were able to observe the setting up of each habitat and talked about how to look after them correctly to help them grow and thrive. We spoke about each of the life cycles of the mini beasts and what changes to look out for over the next few weeks. The children are all very excited to observe the changes and help with their care.

This week, we have focused on the letter Vv during our daily Little Wandle sessions and the children have enjoyed lots of rhyme and blending 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.

- 27.04.2026— Email to Years 3 & 4 swimming trials
- 28.04.2026—Email to Year 3 PSHE letter
- 29.04.2026—Email to whole school re Summer Fair
- 30.04.2026—Email to whole school re well-being transition workshops



Attendance

- 1st place: Rowling (3) - 100%
- 2nd place: Pullman (5) - 98.33%
- 3rd place: Bunzl (3) - 98%


- Whole school: 95.99%

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.

Monday 4th May	Whole School	BANK HOLIDAY	
w/c Monday 4th May	School	Hamsey's Got Talent Auditions—Final on Friday 8th May	
Monday 11th May— Friday 15th May	Year 5	Whitgift Primary project week—more information to follow	
Monday 11th May— Thursday 14th May	Year 6	SAT's week	
Monday 18th May— Friday 22nd May	Whole School	Walk to school week/travel in a more sustainable way	
Tuesday 19th May & Wednesday 20th May	Year 3	Feet First Walking training *	More information to follow
Friday 22nd May 3:15pm—5:30pm	Whole School	PTA Summer Fair	
Monday 25th May— Friday 29th May		HALF TERM	

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.

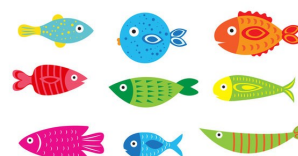
Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



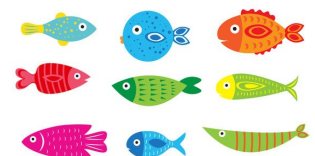
Swimming request

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.



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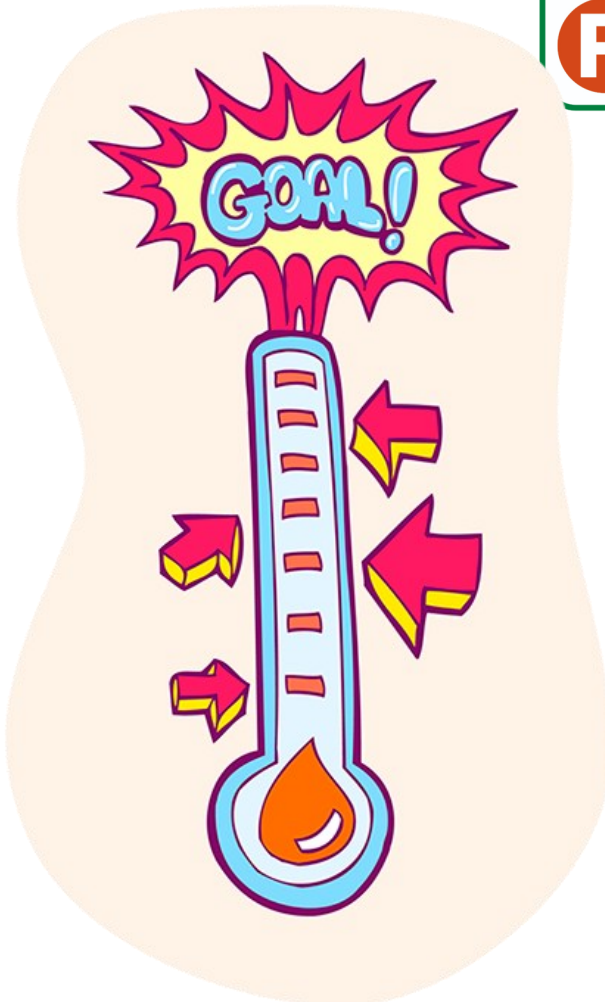
Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

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