



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 6



Dear All

The sun is shining down on us for the fair this afternoon– we have some very excited children here! The PTA have organised an extravaganza of fun and we are very grateful to them for all of their hard work. A huge thanks to the staff and children who have also worked hard to make their enterprise stalls for everyone to enjoy.

As usual we have led a very busy week to the end of half term. We have been celebrating Walk to School Week! I have to say, the first few days needed a lot of encouragement in the freezing 10 degrees temperature– however, we have arrived at the other extreme at 25 degrees today! Walking to School Week coincided with the Year 3 Feet First Program they have participated in. The children went around the grounds, into the carpark and in the surrounding area to learn how to stay safe when walking about. I definitely saw one group having great fun identifying staff cars and if they were electric or ran on fuel! Well done to all Year 3!



On Tuesday, at Hamsey, we hosted nine schools in the Year 5/6 netball rally. The team played amazingly–not just collaboratively but with great sportsmanship. I was extremely proud to be able to crown them as Netball Rally Winners 2026 but also as the Netball League Winners 2026! The trophies have come home again!



Year 5, travelled back in time to the times of Henry VIII, visiting Hampton Court. They navigated the maze, learnt about King Henry and his six wives, and even learnt about the Suffragettes!!

On Thursday, we again hosted the Year 5/6 football rally. Again the team showed great resilience and worked well as team too and have represented the school very proudly. Both Year R and Year 2 kicked off the year group assemblies spectacularly. I cannot believe that it has been nearly a year since Inkpen and Butterworth started with us and to see them shine, singing and sharing their first year of learning was magical. Year 2 completely turned the hall into a Victorian Museum– taking their adults back in time to explain what it was like to be a Victorian– even treating them to a Victoria Sandwich in the 'café'! I can't wait to see the other year groups assemblies. Well done to both year groups for the hard work that went into them.

*Wishing you all a lovely half term holiday*

*Mrs Mace*



This week in Nursery, the children had a wonderful time exploring the topic of insects. They enjoyed learning new facts about different creepy crawlies and took part in a range of creative activities inspired by nature. In arts and crafts, the children made colourful spiders, they threaded beads to make caterpillars, and they created insects using leaves.

The children took part in a variety of insect-themed activities. Some children decorated beautiful butterfly biscuits, while others enjoyed matching spotted ladybirds to numbered bug hotels, helping to develop their counting and number recognition skills in a fun and engaging way. The children also sorted insects into groups, learning to identify similarities and differences between a variety of insects and bugs.

Working together as a group, the children created a Talk for Writing story about a sparkly ladybird. They shared their ideas, used their imagination and enjoyed bringing their story to life together. To help prepare for the school summer fair, the children made delicious flower biscuits and old-fashioned lemonade. They were very proud of their creations and enjoyed working together to contribute to the fair.

We have also focused on letter Zz during our daily Little Wandles Phonic sessions.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc., please contact the office at [office@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto: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.

- 15.05.2026—Email to whole school re EBSNA
- 21.05.2026—Email to whole school with letter from Mrs Mace
- 21.05.2026—Email to Year 4 re British Wildlife Centre
- 22.05.2026—Email to Year 4 & 5—open event at Waringham Secondary



### Attendance


- 1st place: Browne (2) - 99.09%
- 2nd place: Inkpen [R] - 98.93%
- 3rd place: Rashford (4) - 98.62%
  
- Whole school: 95.21%

### 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.

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| Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May        |                     | HALF TERM   |                                     |
| Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June     | Yr 4                | National Multiplication Check Assessment week                     |                                     |
| Wednesday 3rd June                     | Yr 1                | Bodiam Castle trip  |                                     |
| Thursday 4th June                      | Yr 3                | Chessington Zoo trip  |                                     |
| Monday 8th June– Friday 12th June      | Yr 1                | National Phonics Check and Yr 2 re-check week                     |                                     |
| Monday 8th June 4-5pm                  | Yr 3&4              | Multiskills Comp at Woodlea                                       | Selected pupils more info to follow |
| Thursday 11th June                     | Yr 4                | British Wildlife Centre trip                                      |                                     |
| Thursday 11th June 4-5pm               | Yr 1&2              | Multiskills Comp at Woodlea                                       | Selected pupils more info follow    |
| Friday 12th June                       | 3.15-5.30pm         | Reserve date for Summer Fair                                      |                                     |
| Monday 15th– Wed 18th June             | Yr 6                | Residential trip  |                                     |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June           | 3pm                 | PTA for children- ‘loved ones’ gift sale- small dining hall       |                                     |
| Friday 19th June 8:45am                | Yr 4                | Class assembly  |                                     |
| Friday 19th June 2pm                   | Yr 5                | Class assembly  |                                     |
| Monday 22nd June 8:45am                | Yr 3                | Class assembly  |                                     |
| Monday 22nd June 2pm                   | Yr 1                | Class assembly  |                                     |
| Thursday 25th June                     | KS1 & 2             | Resiliency workshops in school                                    |                                     |
| Monday 29th June 4-5.30pm              | KS2 selected pupils | DISTRICT SPORTS FIELD EVENTS                                      | Selected pupils more info to follow |
| Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July | Yr 6                | Warlingham Transition days  |                                     |
| Thursday 2nd July 4-6.00pm             | KS2 selected pupils | DISTRICT SPORTS TRACK EVENTS                                      | Selected pupils more info to follow |
| Friday 3rd July                        | Acorns & Hamsey     | TANDRIDGE LEARNING TRUST ART EXHIBITION AT THE TRUST SITE         | more info to follow                 |
| Monday 6th July                        | New Rec 6-7pm       | New reception 2026 parent meeting                                 |                                     |
| Wednesday 8th July                     | 8.45-10.00am        | EYFS (Reception) SPORTS DAY                                       |                                     |
|  | 10.00-10.30 am      | Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards |                                     |
|  | 10.15-11.30 am      | KS1 (Y1 and Y2) SPORTS DAY  |                                     |
|  | 11.30-12.00 pm      | Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards |                                     |
|  | 11.00– 11.30am      | Acorns Nursery (pupils only at Acorns site) SPORTS DAY            |                                     |
|  | 1.00– 2.30pm        | KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) SPORTS DAY                                |                                     |
|  | 2.30-3.00pm         | Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards |                                     |
| Thursday 9th July 4-5pm                | Girls Football Team | Rally at Hamsey   | Selected pupils more info to come   |

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| Friday 10th July 11-12pm     | KS2      | Swimming Gala at Whitgift  | Selected pupils more info to follow   |
| Monday 13th July             |          | Class Swap Day- new 2026 Rec and Butterworth   |   |
| Wednesday 15th July 9am      |          | Wednesday Rock Steady assembly   |   |
| Friday 17th July 9am         |          | Friday Rock Steady assembly  |   |
| Friday 17th July 11.30am     |          | Acorns Graduation  |   |
| Monday 20th July             | 8.20     | PTA Second Hand Uniform donation drop off  |   |
| Monday 20th July 6-7.30pm    | Yr 6     | Year 6 parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Play  |   |
| Wednesday 22nd July          | Rec-Yr 6 | Summer Festival  | £4.00 per ticket – snacks and drinks included – bookable on Arbor (to follow) |
| Thursday 23rd July 9-10.30am | Yr 6     | Leaver's Assembly  |   |
| Thursday 23rd July           | PRIMARY  | Year 6 parents/carers invited for The Leaver's Assembly<br>Rec-Year 5 OWN CLOTHES DAY<br>END OF TERM EARLY FINISH PTA ICE-CREAM SALE |   |

One of our Year 2 parents is a diabetes specialist nurse and is raising money for diabetes. She will be undertaking the **One Million Step Challenge** from 1 July to September. [https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/venitas-fundraising-page2027?edit=page&utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=dssb-EM&utm\\_content=MPC](https://step.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/venitas-fundraising-page2027?edit=page&utm_medium=FR&utm_source=dssb-EM&utm_content=MPC) If you would like to support her, please click on the link. Thank you.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched the [Switched on to privacy](#) campaign. This is designed to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about online privacy.

## 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.

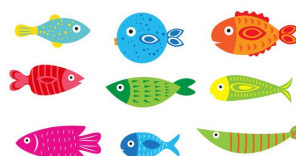
Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



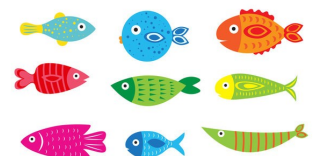
### Swimming request

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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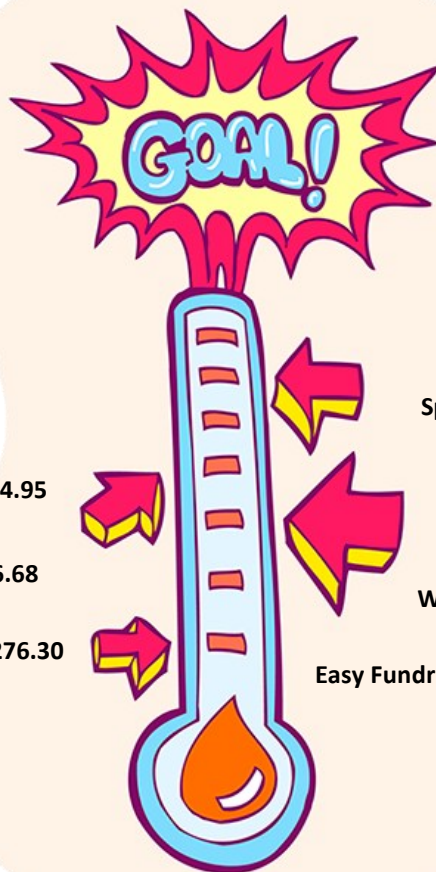
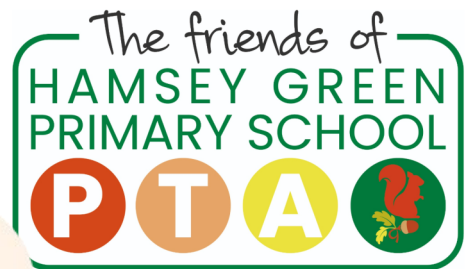


Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35



Gifts for your loved one £294.95

Easter Events £206.68

Clothes bin and uniform sales £276.30

Sponsored Bounce £2,285.01

Winter Fair £3,006.32

Winter events £471.50

Easy Fundraising £264.78

**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**

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



**Snacks**

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.



**Veggies**

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.



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](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**

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