



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 8

Dear All

This week, we have been really proud of our Year 1 children who have worked so hard on their Phonics Check and the Year 4 children who have undertaken their Multiplication Check. Each and everyone of them has given their best which is all we could ask of them. The rest of the school are also in assessment week and have applied resilience to showcase their learning too.

Due to the awful weather we have had, unfortunately the Year 1&2 and 3&4 Multiskills Festival at Woodlea were cancelled. I am sure our selected children would have represented the school well.

This week has also been Maths Week. Each class were extremely excited to have a Maths Workshop delivered by The Problem Solving Company. Problem solving and strategy plays a crucial part in helping understand mathematical concepts through fun ways. Please do ask your children what they learnt and enjoyed about their session.



We are also really excited that so many of you have signed up to join us on the maths parent afternoon today. I am sure you will have a great time sharing and playing with the maths games and puzzles.

Finally, on Wednesday, we celebrated Diabetes Awareness week in school, with an informing assembly led by some of our pupils. Diabetes Awareness Week is an annual campaign designed to increase understanding about diabetes, its challenges, and its impact on individuals and families with the aim to educate, reduce stigma, and highlight the importance of early diagnosis and effective diabetes management. It is also a time to celebrate the strength and resilience of those living with diabetes.

Year 4 had a fantastic day visiting the British Wildlife Centre this week. Despite



the wet and windy weather, the children had a wonderful time exploring the centre and learning about a variety of British animals. They were lucky enough to see otters, a Scottish wildcat, a hedgehog, a stoat and many other fascinating creatures. The children listened carefully to the keepers, asked



thoughtful questions and enjoyed discovering more about the habitats, diets and behaviours of the animals.

Next week, the Year 6s are away on their three day residential to Henley Fort where they will be learning skills such as archery, bouldering and climbing, paddle boarding, operating a canal boat, canoeing as well as experiencing WW2 workshops in the fort. I am really looking forward to spending three days with them—we are sleeping in yurts—so very pleased that the rain will have stopped and it will hopefully be warm and sunny as predicted!!

Wishing you a lovely weekend, see you on my return from residential!

Mrs Mace

Do you know the signs of type 1 diabetes? 

They are the 4 Ts:

- T**oilet
- T**hirsty
- T**ired
- T**hinner



This week, we continued our holiday theme, focusing on different holiday destinations and the experiences we might have when travelling to them.

The children enjoyed a variety of activities linked to holiday preparation. They packed a suitcase with appropriate clothing and resources, thinking carefully about what they would need for either a sunny summer holiday or a colder destination. This encouraged lots of discussion about weather, travel and different places around the world.

Some children enjoyed making their own pizzas and developing their independence, creativity and fine motor skills while preparing their tasty creations. The children also made fruit filled ice cream cones for snack and our younger children made ice cream cone biscuits for their snack!

Throughout the week, we have explored shapes through matching activities and symmetry. The children have also participated in a variety of number activities including counting, number recognition and sequencing games.

Our outdoor undercover area was transformed into a seaside. The children had great fun exploring the beach-themed environment, which included a sandpit beach, a rock pool where they could catch and investigate seaside creatures, a seaside puppet theatre for imaginative storytelling and a café. In the café, the children enthusiastically took on different roles, serving fish and chips and a selection of delicious ice creams to their friends and staff. These holiday-themed activities have inspired imaginative play, communication, problem-solving and collaborative learning throughout the week. We have also enjoyed seeing the children's enthusiasm as they explored these experiences. In our daily Little Wandles phonic sessions, we have focused on words beginning with 'ch'.



If you have any problems with Arbor such as logging in, selecting meal choices etc., please contact the office at office@hamseytl.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.

9.6.2026—Email to whole school re wraparound care provision

9.6.2026—Email re Maths week

11.6.2026—Email to Years R-5 class mixing letter

Attendance

1st place:	Dodd (1) - 99.2%
2nd place:	Morpurgo (6) - 98.9%
3rd place:	Inkpen [R] - 98%
Whole school:	96.13%

Free upcycling activities for primary schools

The Surrey Environment Partnership (SEP) has produced a range of fun and engaging activities for primary school pupils to enjoy in school and at home.

Developed by Wastebuster, a non-profit environmental education programme, the free resources include how-to-guides showing children how to transform everyday items into rockets, bird feeders, windmills and more!

To download the resources, visit the [SEP website](#).



Staying safe around water this summer

As the weather warms up, more young people are spending time outdoors and around open water. Surrey Fire and Rescue Service is reminding families to stay safe around water this summer.

We ask parents and carers to have an open conversation at home about staying safe near rivers, lakes, reservoirs and quarries. While these places may look calm and inviting, they can be extremely dangerous. Cold water shock, hidden hazards, sudden drops and unstable ground can all pose serious risks, even for strong swimmers.

Figures show that between 2019 and 2024, 1,602 people in the UK lost their lives in accidental drowning incidents. 56% (901) of these occurred in inland waters such as rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Alarmingly, around half of those who drown had no intention of entering the water, with slips, trips and falls identified as a leading cause.

We are also seeing an increase in risk-taking behaviour, including swimming in unsupervised areas, jumping into unknown water and accessing restricted locations. These situations can escalate quickly and may be difficult for emergency services to reach.

It's important that young people know what to do if they find themselves in trouble in the water. Teach your child to Float to Live: tilt their head back with ears submerged, relax and try to control their breathing, use their hands and legs to stay afloat, and once the effects of cold water shock have passed, call for help or swim to safety if able.

Please also remind your child that if they ever see someone in trouble in the water, they should call **999** immediately and never attempt a rescue themselves.

Please encourage your child to stay out of unsafe water, follow warning signs and look out for their friends. By talking about the risks and how to respond, we can help keep young people safe around water this summer.


[Water safety \(Surrey Fire and Rescue\) - Surrey County Council](#)

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 15th– Wed 18th June	Yr 6	Residential trip	
Friday 19 th 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 10.00-10.30 am	EYFS (Reception) SPORTS DAY Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards	
	10.15-11.30 am 11.30-12.00 pm	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) SPORTS DAY 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 2.30-3.00pm	KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) SPORTS DAY 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

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 Rec-Year 5 OWN CLOTHES DAY END OF TERM EARLY FINISH PTA ICE-CREAM SALE	

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.

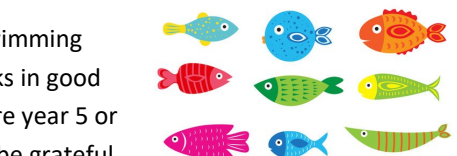
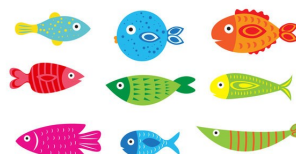
Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



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.

FOR CHARITY

THANKS
for your
DONATIONS



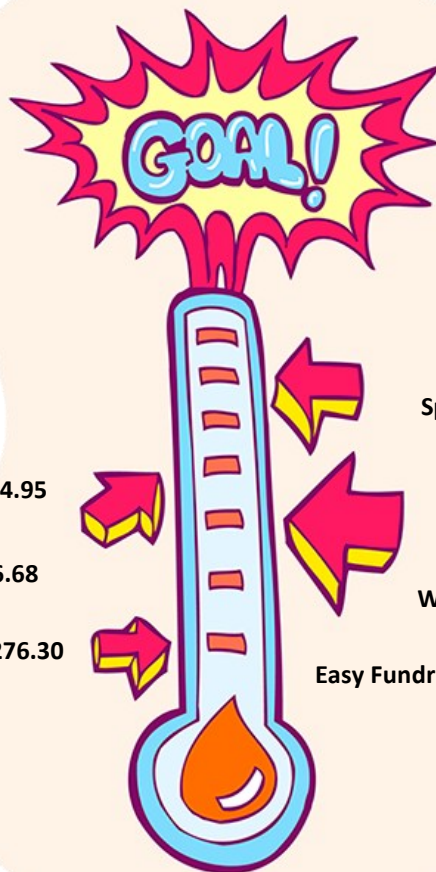
Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
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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—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)

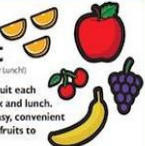
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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



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

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