



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 7

Dear All

I hope you had a lovely break, although I am sure you were all as shell-shocked as we were following the half term heatwave to returning on Monday to thunder and lightening storms! It really has been a soggy start to Summer 2 at school! I especially take my hat off to both Year 1 and Year 3 who were out on their school trips! Well done goes not only to the children, but the staff and parents who braved the elements.

Year 1 travelled back in time to visit Bodiam Castle, which was built in 1385 by Sir Edward Dallingridge, a former knight of King Edward III. The children learnt how he had added battlements and fortified his manor house to defend the area against the French invasion



during the Hundred Years' War. Despite the heavy rain downpours, they climbed the turrets, peered over the battlements to get a birds eye view of the moat, dressed up and jousted!

Year 3 are learning about wildlife conservation, visiting Chessington Zoo. They learnt about the world's endangered animals, they saw monkeys, gorillas, giraffe, zebra, meercats, antelope and white rhinos! They observed the sea creatures in the SeaLife Centre too. I am sure they also enjoyed going on the rides, Zoofari, The Gruffallo and Room on a Broom- which helped protect them between the heavy downpours!

Next week, we wish our Year 1s good luck in their Phonics Check, Year 2 in their optional KS1 SATs and Year 4 in their Multiplication Times Tables Check- as they are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12 with a six second recall by the end of Year 4! It is also National Bike Week- so we are encouraging children to cycle to school.



*Wishing you a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Mace*



The week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June, Hamsey Green Primary and Acorns Nursery are taking part in Art Week.

Each class has been challenged with creating a part of a final art piece to be displayed at our Trust Hall (entrance next to Acorns Nursery), on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3-4.30pm for families to view.

This year's theme is sustainability, and we can only use recyclable and sustainable materials. We would be grateful for any donations of **washed and cleaned** recyclable materials such as bottle tops, plastic bottle- in different colours, plastic sheets, fabrics, small wood such as lollipop sticks, wire etc that would help inspire us for our SeaLife theme. Please also speak to your child's teachers what they might need!



We were delighted to welcome all of our nursery children back after the half-term break. It has been wonderful to see everyone settle back into nursery routines so quickly and enthusiastically.

This week, we introduced our new *Talk for Writing* story, 'Sharing a Shell'. The children have enjoyed recalling the story, joining in with actions and beginning to learn about the characters and themes of friendship and sharing.

We also had some very exciting developments in our nursery. Over the holiday, our ladybirds and butterflies completed their life cycles; and the children were thrilled to help release them into the outdoors. This provided a wonderful opportunity to talk about growth, change and caring for living things.

Some of the children have been busy baking delicious biscuits and cakes. They enjoyed measuring ingredients, mixing and decorating them; while developing their counting, fine motor and teamwork skills. Best of all, they were very keen to eat their tasty creations!

Using PlayPod (junk resources), the children have also been exploring their experiences of holidays through imaginative play. They worked collaboratively to create different forms of transport for holiday journeys and a variety of accommodation, including hotels and camping tents. This encouraged creativity, problem-solving, communication and cooperative play.

To further develop fine motor skills and independence, the children have been using special activity bean bags featuring a range of everyday fastening skills, including shirt buttons, belt buckles, etc. Through these hands-on activities, the children have been strengthening their hand muscles needed for dressing themselves and practicing important self-care skills that support their growing independence.

In our daily Little Wandle phonic sessions, we have focused on the letter Qq.



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

01.06.2026—Email to whole school—information from PTA

05.06.2026—Email to whole school—Maths Week letter



### **Attendance**

1st place: Donaldson (1) - 98.2%

2nd place: Browne (2) - 97.73%

3rd place: Bunzl (3) - 97.5%

Whole school: 94.64%

## 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](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.

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

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.

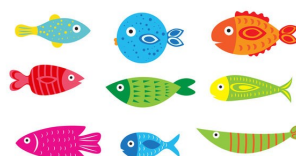
Please can we ask that you take your rubbish home with you and also why are encouraging the children to take their rubbish home to dispose of correctly. Thank you for your help.



### 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

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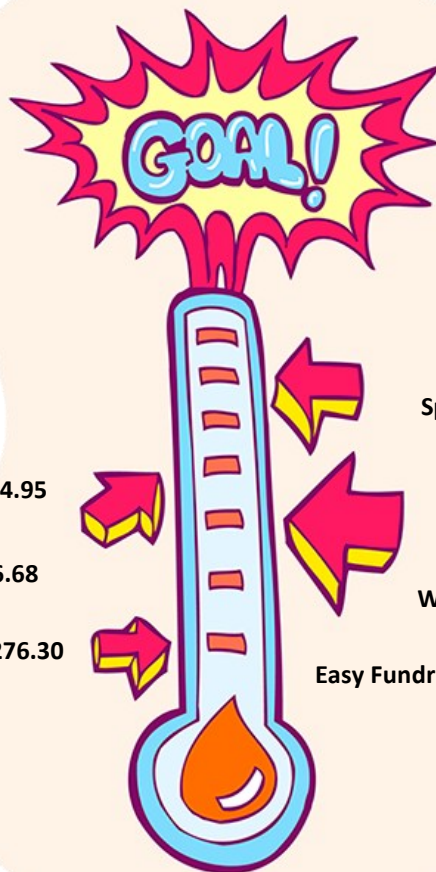
Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35

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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)

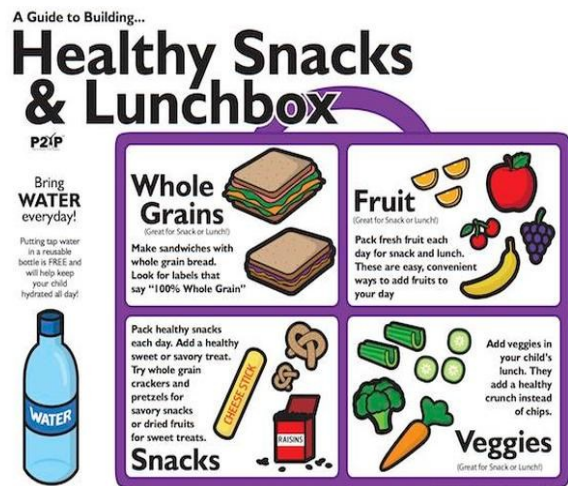
[basc@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto:basc@hamseytlt.co.uk)—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care

[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.**



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.**

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