



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2026 Week 12

Dear All,

As many of you are aware, Mrs Mace has been off this week. She wanted everyone to know that she is now back home and recovering well following her surgery.

On Friday 3rd July, we hosted our Bonfire Bash—without the bonfire due to the hot weather and dry grass! Nevertheless, the children thoroughly enjoyed the event, taking part in games, watching Egypt vs Australia in the World Cup, and, for those who wished, participating in a fire-lighting workshop expertly led by Mrs Palmer and Mr Chew. After enjoying a gourmet meal of pizza and chips, everyone toasted marshmallows to make delicious s'mores.

We started the week with our Year 2 and Year 3 children meeting their new class teachers. It was a great success, and we are excited for you and your children to get to know Miss Holmes and Miss Stubbs even better in September. The rest of the year groups will meet their new teachers on Monday. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception cohort into school that morning.



On Monday, the whole school came together to support the England men's football team as they watched England progress to the quarter-finals with a victory over Mexico.

I would like to thank all of you for being so accommodating with Sports Day this year. We made the decision to move the Year 3-6 events to the morning alongside the Year 1 and Year 2 events due to the hot weather. I appreciate that changing plans and taking time off work at short notice is not always easy, so thank you for your understanding and support. The event ran smoothly, and the children did fantastically in the heat—as did the parents! I would also like to thank the PTA for providing every child with an ice lolly to help everyone cool down at the end of the day.



After all the events, Ruby Team finished in first place, followed by Diamond Team in second and Emerald Team in third. Congratulations to everyone who took part and demonstrated such excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Earlier in the week, our teachers persevered through the heat to present their action research projects to one another, showcasing the excellent practice taking place in their classrooms using Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. If you are interested in learning more about these principles, please follow the link below: [Principles of Instruction: Research-Based Strategies That All Teachers Should Know, by Barak Rosenshine; American Educator Vol. 36, No. 1, Spring 2012, AFT](#)



*Wishing you a lovely weekend!*

*Mr Boffa*



This week, we have enjoyed an exciting Sports Focus Week! Throughout the week, the children enthusiastically took part in a variety of sporting activities, with a mini Sports Day held on Wednesday morning. The children had great fun participating in running races, balancing activities, egg and spoon race, sack races and football skill challenges; demonstrating fantastic teamwork, perseverance and determination. A celebratory ice cream afterwards was enjoyed by all too!

During the week, the children shared their knowledge of sports, and we talked about people's role within the sport. They enjoyed playing various table-top football games, where they developed their turn-taking skills and hand-eye coordination. The younger children practised their listening skills through fun 'Ready, Steady, Go!' games with bikes, learning to listen carefully and respond to directions language instructions to move *forwards, backwards, left and right*. They also focused on recognising numbers 1–5 by taking turns to throw a dice, counting the spots and finding the matching number to stand on.

Some children enjoyed making delicious fruit smoothies and explored a teddy bear themed small world sports table.

On Monday, the children who will be joining Hamsey Green School this September visited their new classroom, accompanied by nursery staff, helping them to become familiar with their new environment ahead of September.

With the continuing warm weather, the children have also kept cool by enjoying lots of water play in the shade of our large trees in the sensory garden.



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.

06.07.2026—Email to Year 2 re class swap

Email to Years R-6 with message from Mr Boffa

07.07.2026—Email to Year 6 re reports

Email to Year 6 re exit survey

08.07.2026—Email to Year R re folders



### **Attendance**

1st place: Donaldson (1) - 98.28%

2nd place: Inkpen [R] - 97.86%

3rd place: Rowling (3) - 95.91%

Whole school: 93.63%

## 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. Alarming, 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.**

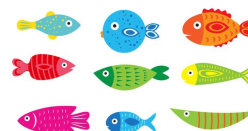
Please also remind your child that if they ever see someone in trouble in the water, they should call **999** immediately and never attempt a rescue themselves.

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](#)

### 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 much needed spares for the school. Thank you for your help.



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).



### 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 considerably 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.

**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

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Bring WATER everyday!

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



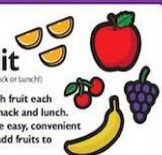
### Whole Grains

(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!

**Recycle 4 Charity**

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!



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| 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 and END OF TERM FOR NURSERY                                                                                                |                                                                               |
| 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><br>Rec-Year 5 OWN CLOTHES DAY<br><br>END OF TERM EARLY FINISH PTA ICE-CREAM SALE |                                                                               |

FOR CHARITY

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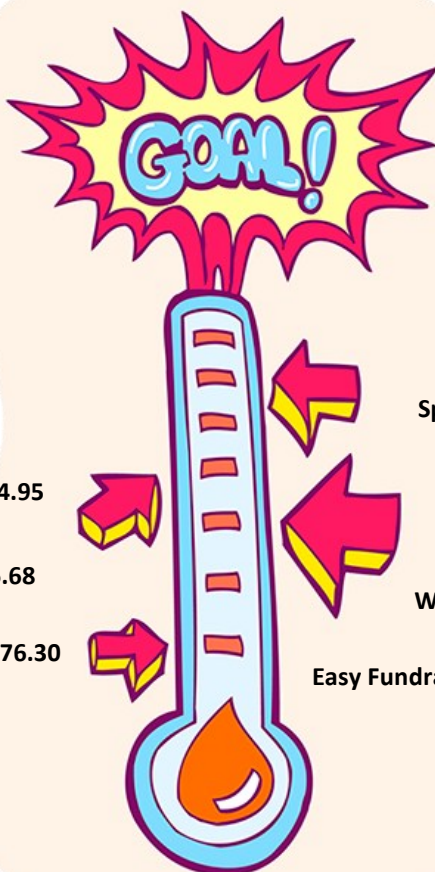
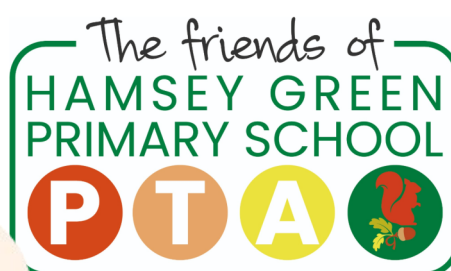


Red Nose Day £223.00 (final amount)

Children in Need £208.00

Save the Children £144.00

Macmillan coffee £275.35



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

**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