



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 13

Dear All

Well, we didn't quite make it through the final as winners but England certainly showed the children the importance of resilience, digging deep when it counts and optimism! On Friday evening, we hosted the KS2 Camp Night! The weather was kind, but cold but this did not put us off! Pizza, a huge camp fire, toasting smores, continuous games and fun was had. Events like this cannot go ahead without staff giving up their time to organise, entertain and for staying awake all night, so a massive thank you to them all—as well as helping the Scout leaders assemble and putting down tents (in the rain!)



This week at Hamsey, the big Hide and Seek game happened. By all accounts it was great fun and the children demonstrated great team spirit together. Well done Said for organising this as well as the 90s dress up day! There were plentiful bucket hats out— just as well as it is so hot today!

We hosted Warlingham students on their work experience across both Acorns and the Primary, hopefully encouraging them in their chosen carer paths. We were grateful for them giving their time.

The whole school were entertained by many assemblies this week too. We had two amazing Rock Steady concerts. The progress of the children really is phenomenal and lovely to see the audience joining in with them. Year 6 also put on their dress rehearsal performance of School O Vision—we can't wait to show the parents on Monday evening. There are sure to be lots of laughter!



I am also proud to say we passed our annual safeguarding audit. The children were able to explain how to keep safe on line, what they needed to do if they were concerned or worried, what made them happy at school and our procedures were all in place. Well done to the Hamsey and Acorns teams.

At the time of writing, we are also excited to host the Hamsey Festival! The children are excited to be able to chill, choosing from organised games, tug of war, parachute games, mini golf, beat the goalie, festival art and many more activities... and I am sure that at least one of the teachers will be on the soak the teacher area!

Leading up to the last week next week, please remember to check your child's PE kit is taken home. We will be sending their books, bits and bobs too. We will not be able to keep hold of anything left behind. Next Friday is a PJ mufti day—something we are all looking forward to after such a long term! Thank you to those who responded to the PE kit survey. Of those who voted, 82% voted to come to school in their PE kits on the days the children have PE. Your reasoning was time saving for children and teachers so more PE lesson time, prevents lost kits and ensures all children have a kit to wear and reflected views of pupils changing in front of others. 5% for Rec/EYFS only. We have listened to you and will implement this across the school from September. PE timetables will be shared in the first week back.

Wishing a lovely weekend— final push now until the end of term!

Mrs Mace

## Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

- 22nd July– 3pm** PTA preloved uniform sale in hall
- 22nd July 6pm** Year 6 Leavers Play
- 25th July 11am** Acorns Leavers Graduation
- 25th July 12pm**—Acorns finish for summer
- 26th July** PJ MUFTI DAY YEARS R-5
- 26th July 9am** Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly (Year 6 can change after break in to their PJs!)
- 26th July SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.05** RECEPTION **1.10** KS1 & KS2 **4PM** AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

## Provisional AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

- 2nd September** TRUST INSET Day
- 3rd September** INSET Day
- 4th September** INSET Day
- 5th September**—Pupils return Years 1-6
- 5th & 6th September**—New Reception home visits
- w/c 9th September**—New Reception pupils staggered start
- Monday 9th September**— 6-7pm Year group Curriculum Evening/Meet and Greet—please sign up on Arbor
- 20th September 6-7pm** —PTA AGM



This week, as we come to the end of our transport theme, we have focused on transport old and new as well as transport from around the world. We have investigated more unusual modes of transport such as transportation which is used on snow, or which include the use of animals.

We have made the most of our forest school area, making several trips this week with different groups of children enjoying music and stories amongst the trees as well as tree bark rubbing fun. We also created daisy art opportunities with the children.

We welcomed Mrs Jordan and Miss Kavanagh (soon to be Mrs Usherwood) who visited our setting to see those children moving onto their classes in September.

We also finally got to hold our sports day! The children had great fun accessing numerous different sporting activities before enjoying a nice ice pop to cool down after all the fun!



Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.

### 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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

### Attendance

**1st place: Rowling (3) - 96.7%**  
**2nd place: Donaldson (1) - 95%**  
**3rd place: McKee (2) - 94%**  
**Whole school: 92%**

### Communication this week

15.07.24—Email to Year R-6 Spanish club autumn term  
 15.07.24—Email to Year 1-6 Flexi Flicks club autumn term  
 15.07.24—Email to whole school PTA uniform sale  
 17.07.24— Email to Year R –6 re summer event  
 17.07.24—Email to Year R-5 re Cool Milk  
 18.07.24—Email to Year R-5 with end of year parent survey  
 18.07.24—Email to Year 6 with parent exit survey  
 18.07.24 –Email to Year R-6 re end of year reports



### 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 maintain the registers for all clubs and need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance.



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

We have been made aware of some 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.**



**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. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.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.**

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The cost of school meals will be increasing from 1 September 2024 to £2.80 per meal.

### Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days



### Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack 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.**

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!



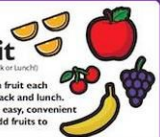
### Whole Grains

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



### Fruit

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

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



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

**CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.**



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)



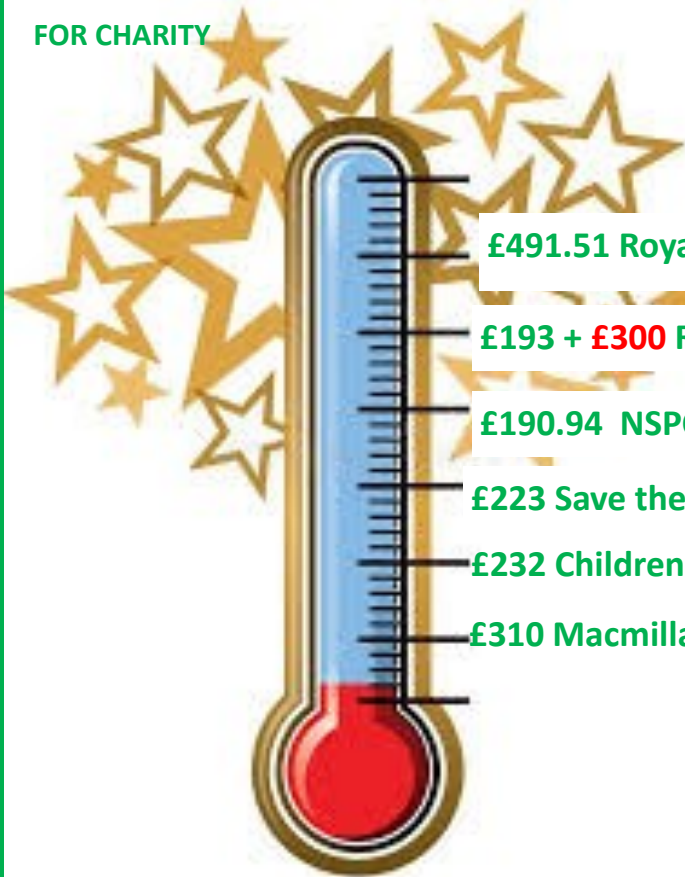
### School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

**Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!**

FOR CHARITY



£491.51 Royal British Legion

£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

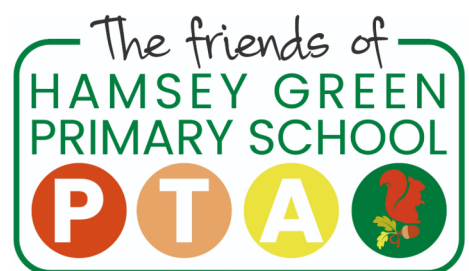
£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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DONATIONS



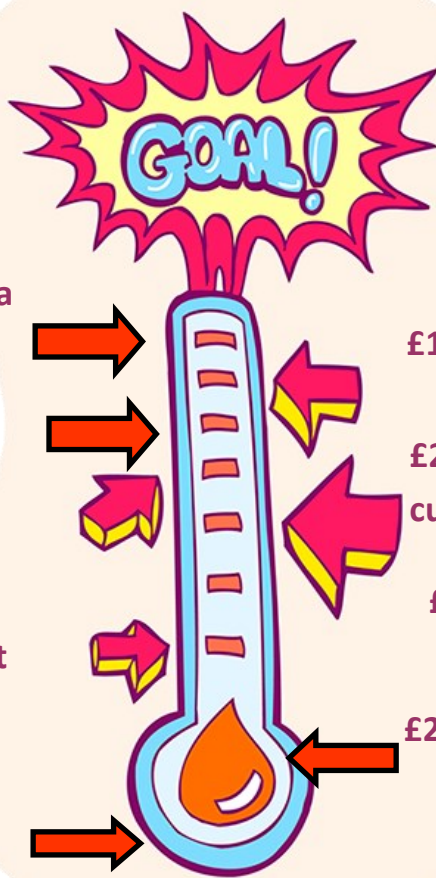
£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards, cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

**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