



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 10



Dear All

Spring is definitely returned in the later part of this week, with the children really enjoying their time on the field!

Bunzl Class have been very excited, using their school value of 'nurturing' as they have been hatching quails eggs. They have had to be especially quiet near the incubator and their patience paid off on Wednesday, when the chicks started to emerge!



Year 3, have also been out and about learning about the local community under their Warlingham Topic. This week, they walked to Warlingham Church to find out about inside of the church and it's religious and historical artefacts as well as to their graveyard. Did you know that the yew tree growing in the grounds dates back 2400 years ago and that Sir Joseph Wilson Swan (1828 -1914) who invented, amongst other things, the electric light bulb, has his memorial tomb there too!



On Thursday, Year 6 also had a great time watching the dress rehearsal of The Forbidden Plant, Warlingham School and Sixth Form's drama play. They were mesmerised by the actors stage presence and the singing. We hope this will inspire them for their end of year play.



As part of our topic Under the sea, Reception looked at the work of Vincent Scarpace and his fish pictures. Inspired by his art, we used our skills to trace, colour wash, print and decorate our own designs.

I hope you all enjoyed the yummy cakes at the Red Nose Day cake sale. To date, we have raised £195 from this event and £194 from our mufti day. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week, we have focused our 'Up in the Air' theme around birds, bees and butterflies.

Through our maths focus, we have recreated symmetry through mirror imaging pattern making on butterflies and we have explored shapes to identify that hexagons create the best patterns to represent honeycomb. We also had fun combining an IT focus with numbers by using our 'bee bot'. The children investigated how to programme it through counting and distance awareness. (This also worked on trial and error!) We then attached a pen to it to programme it to draw!

We have investigated how honey is made, as well as how bees pollinate the flowers, and the children got to try some honey on bread at snack time.

We have enjoyed a creative week using paint in a variety of ways. The children even made their own 'Peely Wally's' from our Talk for Writing story for a wall display. Later in the week, we innovated our Talk for Writing Story to change the main character and animals in the story.

We have shared our knowledge about birds and the children have enjoyed several fine motor activities using tweezers to pick up string worms to feed our pretend birds.

### Communication this week



- 20.03.2025—Email to year 3—Walk to Warringham
- 20.03.2025—Email to whole school—Red Nose day reminder
- 20.03.2025—Email to Yr1-6—Gymnastics summer term
- 20.03.2025—Email to Yr1-6—Kidslingo summer term
- 20.03.2025—Email to Yr R—LPA summer term
- 20.03.2025—Email to Yrs3-4—LPA summer term

### Attendance

- 1st place: Morpurgo (6) - 99.13%**
- 2nd place: Murphy (2) - 99%**
- 3rd place: Bunzl (3) - 98%**
- Whole school: 96.06%**

**2025** Spring term 2—Please see our [website](#) for term dates

(Please check as these dates may differ from provisional dates sent out)

**Thursday 27th March** Year 4 SES Water Talk

**Wednesday 2nd April 9am** —Wednesday Rock Steady group assembly

**Monday 31st March– Thursday 3rd April** Parents Consultations– sign up on Arbor

**w/c Monday 31st March**— Book fair after school (please also see separate attachment)

**Wednesday 2nd April** Eggcellent Egg Decorating Competition—bring your egg to classrooms in the morning– more info to follow

**Wednesday 2nd April** Eggcellent Egg Rolling Competition—SAME EGG AS ABOVE more info to follow

**Thursday 3rd April 8.30am** main hall PTA Easter Bonnet Parade –more info to follow

**Friday 4th April 9am**—Friday Rock Steady group assembly


**Friday 4th April - PTA Easter Raffle** –more info to follow

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




**Pupils in Years R, 1 & 2 receive free fruit/  
vegetables *daily* from the Government fruit and  
vegetable scheme. The fruit and vegetables are  
delivered to the school and are seasonal to what  
is available. The children are given this fruit at  
break time.**

### 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.** 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.

### 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.



### 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)

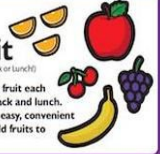
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

### 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. We now only stock very small sizes of cardigans. 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.

*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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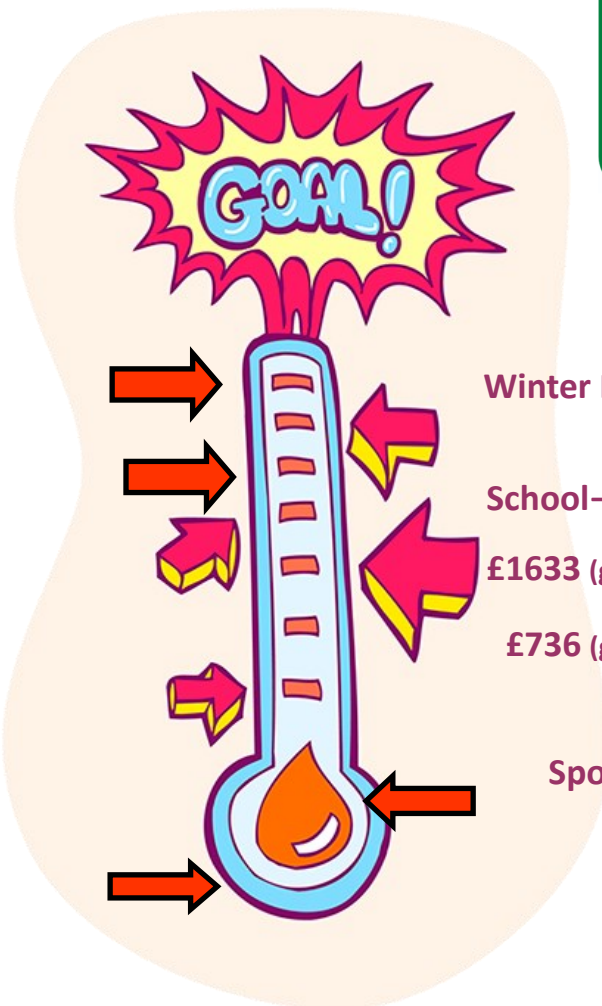
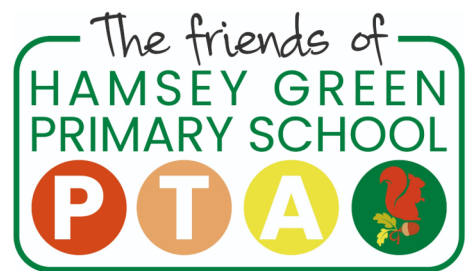
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£190 NSPCC Number day

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

£ 209 Children In Need

£ 240 Macmillan Coffee Morning



Coin Wars £455

Christmas Cards

Winter Fair

School—Winter event

£1633 (gross)

£736 (gross) School Autumn event

Sponsored bounce

£2543.80

**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