



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 11



Dear All

Hello sunshine this week! The weather has been glorious and the children have enjoyed taking their learning outside as much as possible.



In Reception this week they have been investigating real fish! They looked closely at sea bass, an octopus, shrimps and a sardine; locating their gills, fins, tails etc. and then labelled pictures of the sea bass. They even had a go at drawing it with pencil, learning about how to shade and smudge. We were all relived this activity was outside and it began to smell a little 'fishy!'



Year 3 completed their final trip to Warlingham to learn about our local history and geography. They were excited to hear the local ghost stories around Willy Pits Pond, see where the local inns were and about the blacksmiths who worked in the area, the memorial statue and how the local area has changed from the Domesday Book entry back in 11th century. When conducting their traffic survey, the children were amazed at the amount of traffic that actually comes through Warlingham Village— especially the amount of cars and vans depending on the time of day! As always they were a delight to take out and about.



Year 4 had a workshop with SES water this week. They learnt about the water cycle and how SES water clean the water for us to drink. This also linked to our learning on sustainability, trying to conserve water rather than waste it.

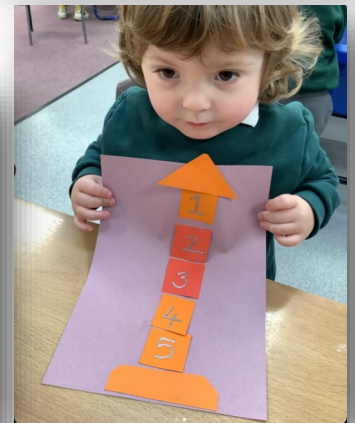
Wishing those celebrating Eid this Sunday a lovely time!

As we move into the last week of term, just to remind you there are a lot of activities happening— please check the dates and also note the early finish time next Friday.



Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week, we have explored the topic 'Up in Space'. The children have been encouraged to share their knowledge on this subject and we have used fact books, pictures and video clips to support their learning.

Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed tactile play to explore this topic with several specially created space tuff trays, sensory trays, various arts and craft activities as well as playing number focus rocket games. We have also enjoyed 'space dough disco' to work on dexterity and fine motor skills and we even made our own junk model rockets.

We have also extended this topic into our Talk for Writing - five sentence story structure where the children have been encouraged to create space themed stories.

The children have had the opportunity to join several cooking sessions to bake moon rock cakes or star fairy cakes. They also experimented with lemon juice to disintegrate homemade moon rocks.

Outside, we have taken turns to blast rockets in the sky! We also used the activity to work on our counting skills and language linked to distance.

We have also used the form of a rocket to practise writing the letters from our name as well as sequencing the numbers 1-5.

### Communication this week



- 24.03.2025—Email to yr 4—Whitgift concert
- 25.03.2025—Email to Nursery—Pets & Ponies visit
- 26.03.2025—Email to yr R—weights and heights reminder
  - Email to yr R—Gatton Park trip
  - Email to yr 2—Rural life trip
  - Email to yrs1&2—Crystal Palace summer term

### Attendance

- 1st place: Browne (2) - 99.3%**
- 2nd place: Blackman (5) - 98.3%**
- 3rd place: Dodd (1) - 97.9%**
- Whole school: 94.5%**

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

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

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

**w/c Monday 31st March**— Book fair after school

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

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

**Wednesday 2nd April** Eggcellent Egg Rolling Competition—more info sent separately

**Thursday 3rd April** main hall PTA Easter Bonnet Parade –more info sent separately

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

**Friday 4th April** - PTA Easter draw –more info sent separately

**Friday 4th April**—End of Spring term—Nursery 12 noon / Reception 1:10pm / Yrs1-6 1:15pm / ASC 4pm


**SUMMER TERM DATES WILL BE ADDED NEXT WEEK**

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 maintain the registers for all clubs and need 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

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)

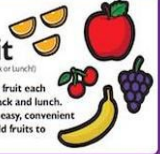
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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

(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)



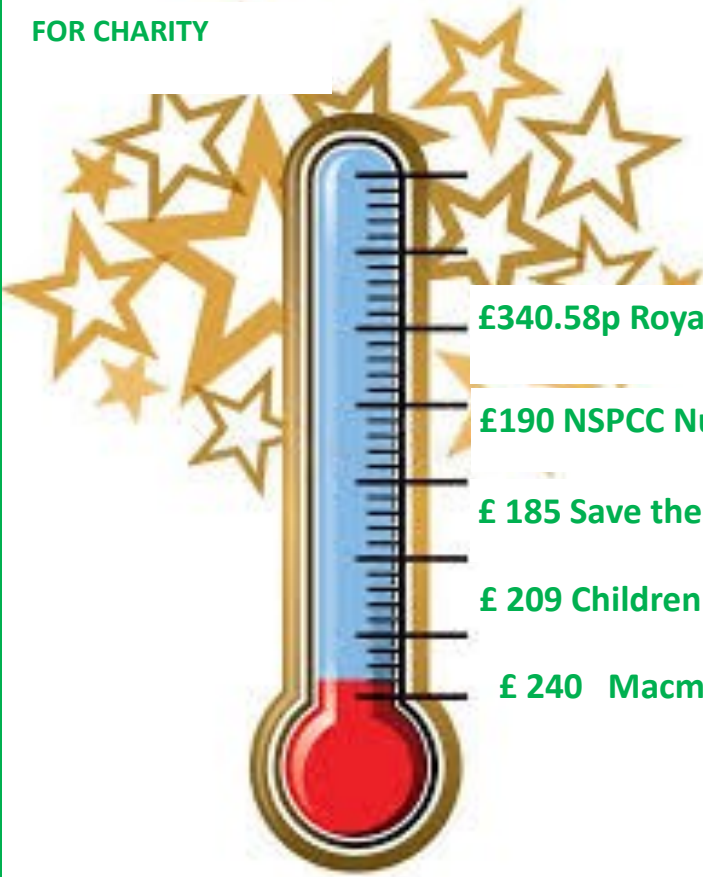
### School Uniform

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!*

FOR CHARITY

THANKS  
for your  
DONATIONS



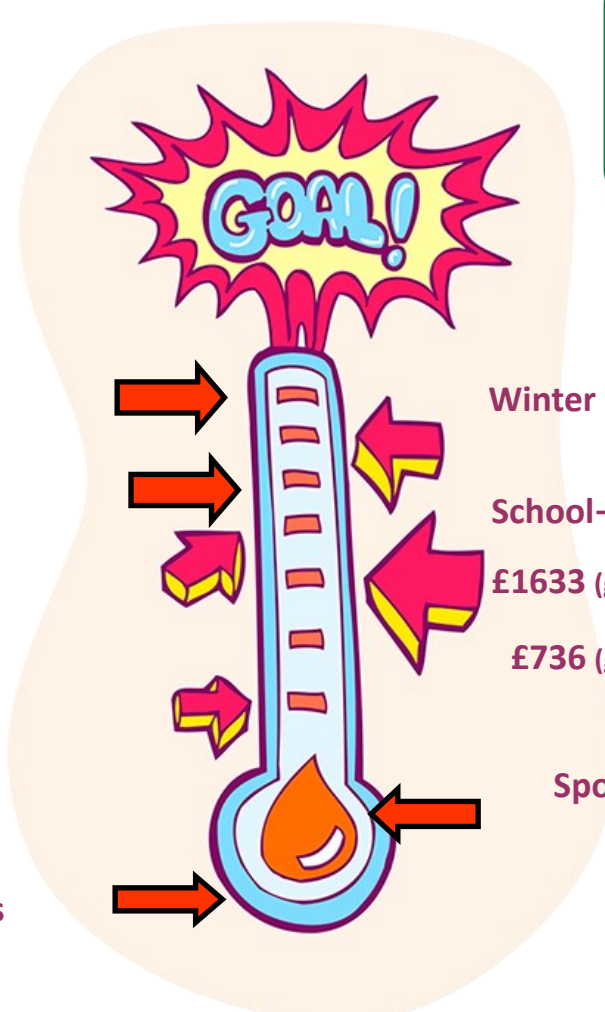
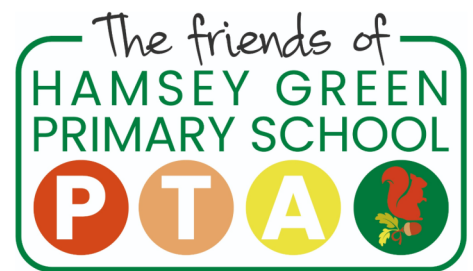
£340.58p Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

£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

Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service



**If you need support now, here's what to do**

**If you're in immediate danger:**  
call 999

**If you have an urgent need, call our crisis team on 0800 915 4644 . It's open 24 hours a day – 7 days a week.**

**If you're not in a crisis, but still need support ...**

**If you do not need urgent support, you can talk to your mental health lead in school. They are there to listen and support you with your mental health and wellbeing. If you do not know who this is, talk to a member of school staff you trust and they will be able to help you.**

**Visit our website, [www.mindworks-surrey.org](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org) – this offers a wide range of information which can help your mental health and wellbeing. We have resources such as My Safety Plan and self-help tips to help guide you through your wellbeing during challenging times. You'll find links to useful websites, recommended reading , plus coping strategies to help you through difficult times.**

**We are partnered with Kooth, who are a digital mental health platform providing confidential support for all young people. Here you can access forums, activity centres, messaging and live counselling. You can get support when you need it, with no waiting lists or need to be referred by an adult. Visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) for more information.**

- Sometimes it might feel easier to message/ text about how you are feeling and there are many places you can do this:
- **Shout** : is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258.
  - **Chat Health** : is a safe and easy way for you to speak to a qualified health professional. They provide information about services near you that can provide support. Contact them through their website [www.chathealth.nhs.uk](http://www.chathealth.nhs.uk)

**The CYP (Children & Young People) Haven is a safe space for any child or young people aged 10–18 to go where they can talk about worries and mental health in a confidential, friendly and supportive place. Scan the QR code for more information.**



**We also work closely with young people groups such as Amplify, their contact email [amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk) and Surrey Youth Voice, where your voice can help us help other young people's mental health and wellbeing services across Surrey and North East Hampshire. Contact them on 01483 519 464 or [user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk)**

**Mindworks Surrey provides a dedicated out-of-hours helpline for parents and carers of children with suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental needs such as ASD and or ADHD. It's open 5 pm–11 pm, seven days a week. Call 0300 222 5755.**

**Mindworks Surrey also offers a range of groups and youth clubs for both children and young people. These are all open to self-referral and you can find out more information on our website by scanning the QR code.**



**The Mindworks Access and Advice Team can also provide support in signposting you to more help. Call them on 0300 222 5755.**

**Find out more at [mindworks-surrey.org](http://mindworks-surrey.org)**



**Mindworks Surrey is the children and young people's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service in Surrey.**

**It is delivered by a group made up of NHS, national and local voluntary sector organisations all working together.**

**For more information visit our website:**  
[www.mindworks-surrey.org](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org)



**Worried about exams? Watch our short video on exam stress. It can help you with effective study strategies and relaxation techniques:**





## Tandridge Family Centre

**EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025**  
Wednesday 9th April and Wednesday 16th April  
10.30 - 12

### Rainbow Group Holiday Session

A fun and social play session for children aged 0-7 with additional needs, developmental concerns or disabilities to practice socialising and offering parents/carers on-site advice from the Early Support team in Surrey County Council. No need to book just pop in for a play and a chat.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01883 723496



Tandridge Family Centre  
Hurst Green Infant School, Wolfs Wood,  
Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 0HJ



## Tandridge Family Centre

**The last Friday of each month**  
10.30-12.00

### Connect Café Coffee Morning for SEN Parents

Come along to the Tandridge Family Centre and meet other parents and carers with SEN children. Share your experiences, struggles, ideas and tips in a supportive environment.

2025 Dates

31st Jan, 28th Feb, 28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June  
this is not a playgroup, but young children are welcome.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01883 723496



Tandridge Family Centre, Wolfs Wood,  
Oxted, Surrey  
RH8 0HJ



### Surrey Early Years Parent Survey

As part of the expansion to funded entitlements, Surrey County Council have created this short online survey to help further understand the experiences of families with children between 0-5 years in accessing childcare and applying for, and using, the funded childcare entitlements.

Surrey are looking to better understand what factors are most important to parents when they are considering childcare places, as well as finding out how informed parents are about funded entitlements that are available.

Surrey are really interested in parent feedback and hope that they will be able to use this to continue to offer support to the early years sector around sufficiency and sustainability.

Please follow the link below to access the survey.  
<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/85b0c98d>



**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