



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 7

Dear All

I hope you all had a wonderful half term and that you enjoyed having your children relaxing! This week we have been very busy as usual. We have reminded the children about always demonstrating their polite manners, kind words and kind actions. We appreciate the support you give school to reinforce this expectation.

I began the week at De Stafford School hall with 18 year 5s and 6s! They were participating in a Sports Hall MultiSkills Athletic Event which involved speed racing, relays, obstacle races, long jump, chest jumps and javelin! This is an event we have not competed in before so I was so proud of the children's ability to look, listen and follow the instructions. We competed against five other schools and we were pleased we came joint fourth! The children's behaviour was impeccable and I was so proud of them.



On Tuesday, we welcomed some of our Trustees, our CEO, our Director of Finance and our Director of Education for a visit. I was so proud to show them around– the children were all working hard, offering to hold doors open without being prompted and modelling their 'proud walking' around the building– especially by Inkpen and Butterworth groups on their way to their phonics lessons.



On Wednesday, as part of their Sustainable CPFC Project, a group of Year 5 pupils pitched to me a great idea to encourage traffic reduction days. They will be running a travel to school day on wheels (such as skateboards, scooters and bikes) in the Summer Term and designing the children a trail to ride on during sports week. What a great idea!

Next week is book week! Please do make a note of the daily events that are going on. We are all very excited about seeing Alice In Wonderland on Thursday as well as it being dress up day/PJ snuggle with a book option. I hope to see you next week at parent drop in on Tuesday afternoon at 2.15pm or at the Read with My Child event on Friday afternoon.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend– attempting to locate the planet alignment in the night sky!

Mrs Mace



It was lovely welcoming the children back after half term and hearing all their news.

This week, we have launched our new topic of 'up in the air'. We created a topic-map from the children's current knowledge of what might go up in the air and we will revisit this at the end of the term.

The children have enjoyed a variety of arts and craft activities which have included making aeroplanes, kites and windsocks. We tested the windsocks with the children to see if they work outside. We also focused on our understanding of distance by using small aeroplanes on the playground. The children had great fun learning to see who could throw them the shortest and furthest distance. The children even got to experience a simulated helicopter ride as we converted our bubble cars into two helicopters in front of our white board.

We launched our talk for writing story 'Peely Wally' with a hook! The children discovered an unusual and very large bird nest in our flower bed which prompted lots of opportunities for discussion. The children have enjoyed learning some new actions for the story.

In phonics, we have focused on the letter 'U' through the 'what's in the box?' game and we have been developing our awareness of initial sounds and written name recognition. We have continued to enjoy pat-a-cake as our rhyme time song.

### Communication this week

27.2.2025—Email to school re read with my child

27.2.2025—Email to school re Rotary Club photo competition



### Attendance

**1st place: Donaldson (1) - 100%**

**2nd place: Dodd (1) - 98.33%**

**3rd place: Murphy (2) - 98%**

**Whole school: 95.94%**

### How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC



WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

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

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

**Monday 3rd March– Friday 7th March** Book Week

**Tuesday 4th March 2.15pm** Parent Forum small dining hall

**Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th March**—Reception Parents Evenings

**Wednesday 5th March**– Book Swaps—books to classrooms first

**Thursday 6th March** Dress up and M&M Production of Alice in Wonderland £3.50 on Arbor

**Friday 7th March 2pm**—Read with My Child in classrooms

**Monday 10th March-Friday 14th March** Science Week

**Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th March** Year 3 Feet First Walking Training

**Friday 14th March**—7.30am– 8.15 (last order) Breakfast with my Child

**Friday 14th March** Red Nose Day (RED MUFTI) £1 donation on Arbor

**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

### 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 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. A number of cars have been reported to the Police.**

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 \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) - 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@hamseytit.co.uk](mailto:absence@hamseytit.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.

**Please try and book any medical/dental appointments outside of the school day.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://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. 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)

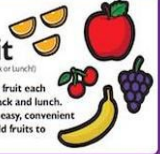
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

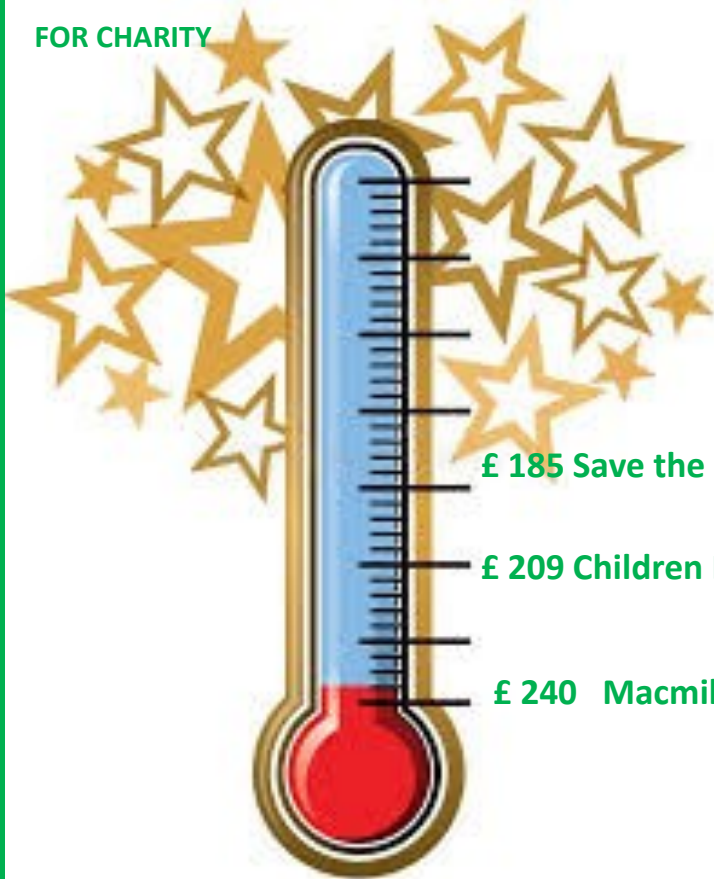
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. Price & Buckland will be conducting their annual stock take **from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Orders will be accepted but will not be processed or dispatched until after the stock take is complete.

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

Asda's new campaign, [Cashpot for Schools](#), is inviting customers to join in with fundraising for their local primary school by shopping at the supermarket either instore or online. All you need to do is download the [Asda Rewards app](#), opt-in, chose the primary school you want, then shop and scan your app at checkout. Asda will donate 0.5% of your spend to your chosen school. It won't cost you a penny!

<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/the-body-coach-partners-with-asda-for-cashpot-for-schools/>

FOR CHARITY

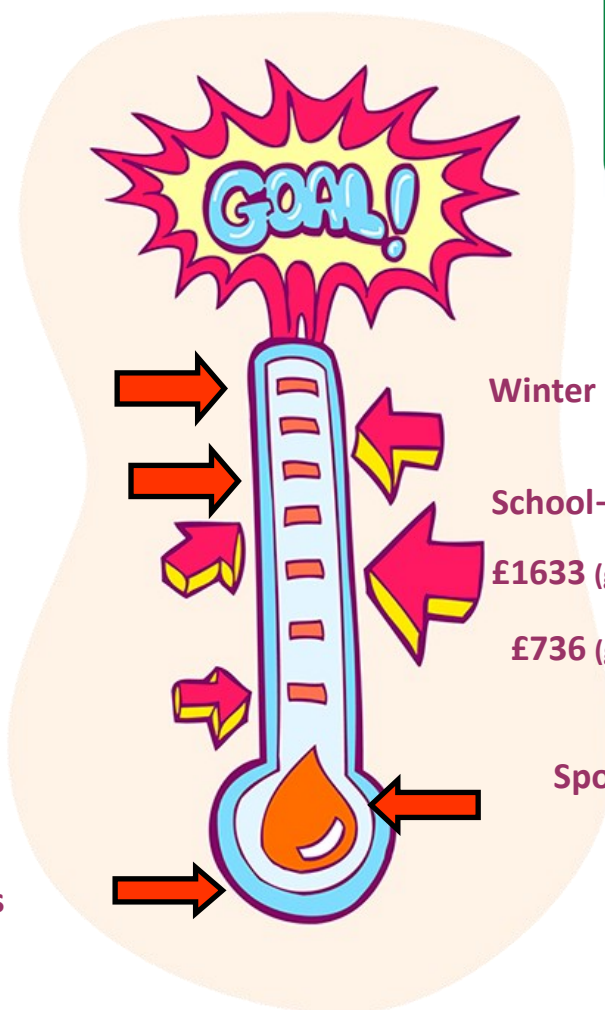
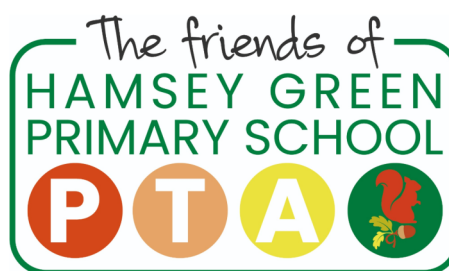


THANKS  
for your  
DONATIONS

£ 185 Save the Children Christmas Jumper

£ 209 Children In Need

£ 240 Macmillan Coffee Morning



Winter Fair

School—Winter event

£1633 (gross)

£736 (gross) School Autumn event

Sponsored bounce

£2543.80

Christmas Cards

**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