



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 4



Dear All

Firstly, a Happy New Year to all our community celebrating Chinese New Year! This year is the year of the snake, which is a lucky year. According to Chinese astrology, the Snake symbolises intelligence, mystery, and renewal. In 2025, the Wood Snake will bring new opportunities for growth and change so I look on excitedly at what this means at Hamsey Green!

This week, we have been really pleased with our sustainability audit by Let's Go Zero! The audit is based around four main areas; decarbonisation, adaptation and resilience, biodiversity and climate education. We are undertaking many initiatives in school and have a few we will be working on around transport and campaigns. We will keep you informed—the first of which is in Science Week in March where children will help us use thermal sensors to see where we may be losing the most heat in our buildings! Hopefully, we can then reduce some of our energy costs too.



On Thursday, our Year 1's were pleased to host the Warlingham Sixth Form PE students who planned hockey lessons for them! The children had a great time collaborating and developing their skills and the Sixth Form students enjoyed the opportunity to teach 5 and 6 year olds!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be undertaking lots of activities with the children. Place2Be has some great resources for families to access too [Resources and activities for Children's Mental Health Week](#).

Mrs Mace

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

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

Friday 7th February— NSPCC Number Day— MUFTI - dress up in digits! £1 donation on Arbor

Monday 10th February 2.50-4pm Reception & KS1 Valentines Event

Thursday 13th February— PTA preloved uniform sale

Thursday 13th February—Year 6 SATs meeting—sign up on Arbor

Friday 14th February 3-4.30pm Years 3- 6 Valentines Event

Monday 17th-21st February—Half term

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


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

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 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 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.



This week, we have explored the celebrations and customs of Chinese New Year. The children have made snakes, blossom trees, Chinese lanterns, money wallets and have we also explored the style of Chinese writing. The roleplay area was turned into a Chinese restaurant and the children have enjoyed taking on the roles of a chef, a waiter and a customer. We also enjoyed making vegetable spring rolls for snack.

Our traditional story this week has been 'The 3 Little Pigs'. The children explored this with lots of different construction and story recall activities. They even got to use a hairdryer to represent the wolf to test their house constructions! Some children also got to make house biscuits.

Through Little Wandles, we have focused on the letter 'o' and the children have taken part in daily sound-based activities, blending and alliteration activities. We also enjoyed rhyme time activities through the song 'Miss Molly'.

Communication this week

- 28.01.25—Email to Year 3 Feet First training
- 28.01.25—Email to Years R-6 M&M Theatre company visit
- 30.01.25—Email to Year 5 summer computing workshop



Attendance

- 1st place: **Morpurgo (6) - 99.1%**
- 2nd place: **Murphy (2) - 98.7%**
- 3rd place: **Dahl (4) - 97.6%**
- Whole school: **94.7%**

Beating asthma together 13th February 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/abb4bb3b-ab3d-4b23-a331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-4715-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Are you a parent or carer whose child has asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on at this event to look at the challenges facing children and young people with asthma and how we can help overcome them.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

You can also register directly using the following link: [register here](#).



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/>



**SUPER
LEAGUE
BASKETBALL**

Super League Basketball Playoff Finals

Sunday 18th May 2025 @ The O2, London

We are pleased to share access to specially discounted tickets (over 60% off!) for the upcoming Super League Basketball Playoff Finals, which take place on Sunday 18th May 2025 @ The O2, London.

The Playoff Finals are the showpiece event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 16,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of The O2, London to enjoy this fast-paced double bill of the two top teams from the Men's and Women's leagues as they battle it out to become the last team's standing in the 2024/25 season.

The day includes live action from some of the best ballers in the country as well as enjoying world-class entertainment from cheerleaders, mascots and other entertainment acts.

Schedule:

12.00pm *Doors Open*
1.30pm *Women's Play-off Final*
4.30pm *Men's Play-off Final*
6.20pm *Expected finish time*

Our school have secured access to tickets for just £10 each for both Adults or Children (normal ticket prices £33 Adult / £26 Children) which is a discount of over 60%. We recommend that if this of interest you book your ticket asap, as we expect these specially discounted tickets will go quickly.

You can book your tickets from:

<https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/2025playoffprimary>

To add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.

Tickets will be dispatched to you direct from Super League Basketball.

Kindest Regards

Andy Webb

Chief Operating Officer

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



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>

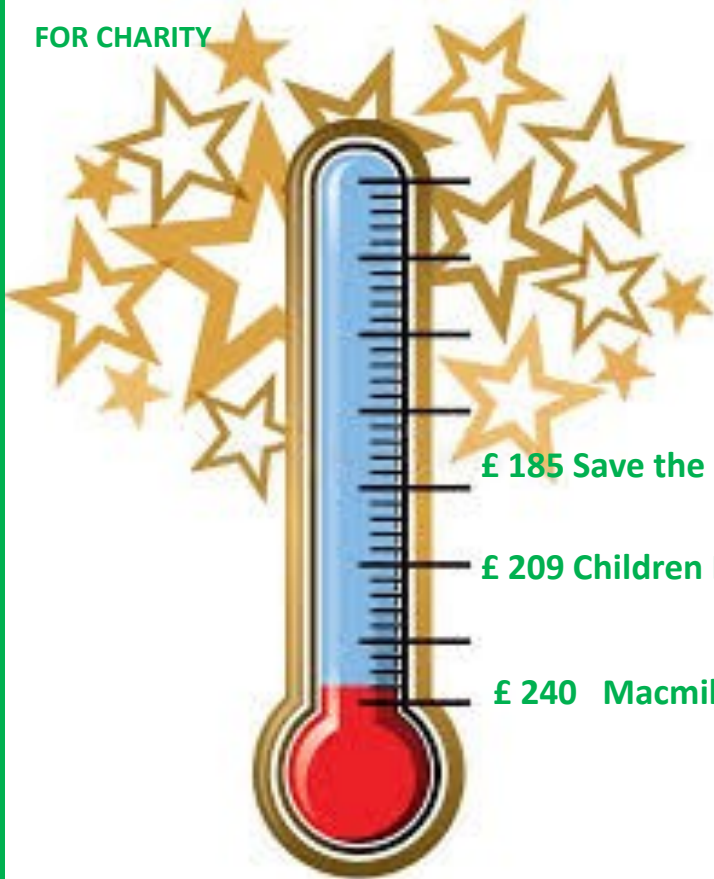
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. Price & Buckland will be conducting their annual stock take **from Thursday 28th November to Friday 6th December**. Orders will be accepted but will 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

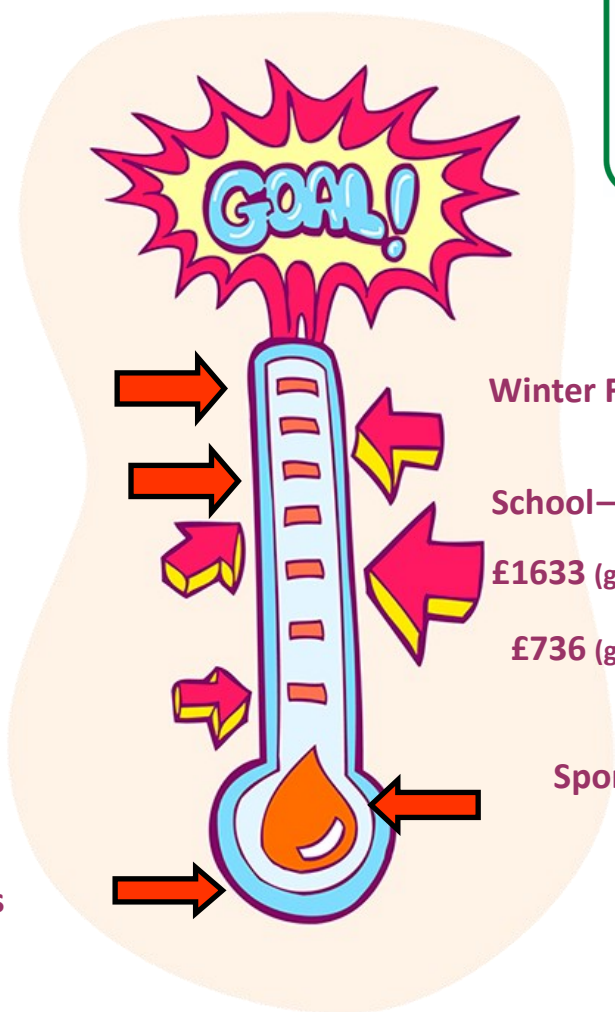
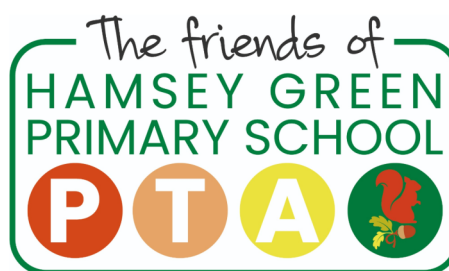


THANKS
for your
DONATIONS

£ 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