



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 8



Dear All,

The sun was shining and the blue skies have definitely perked everyone up. We have had yet another fun packed week this week at Hamsey! It started on Tuesday, when some of our girls were selected to represent Hamsey at a special football event at Reigate Grammer School. They certainly did us proud 'tackling' all the skills based activities.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Also on Tuesday, we opened our doors to an educational consultant and our Director of Education. They were looking to see how our children were getting on in their learning as they had heard such good things— and our children and staff did not disappoint! Not only did they see great behaviour for learning, pupils engaged in science, phonics and maths lessons, they talked to the children about British Values, looked at their books, and also observed them at lunchtime. The children were so proud to talk to them about their learning and show the work they were most proud of this year. It really warmed my heart to hear others recognised what we already know that “the pupils at Hamsey Green and Acorns are absolutely delightful!”



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of taking some of the Year 3s and 4s to Warlingham Secondary School for a New Age Kurling workshop! This is basically curling but indoors. The children learnt new skills as well as having so much fun. We have asked to borrow the kit for the rest of the school to have a go in Sports Week in June! Something to look forward to.



This week, has been book week too! As well as the children having a great time swapping books on Wednesday, the highlights have to be the fantastic dress up day on Thursday and watching the performance of Alice in Wonderland— how apt and exciting that the end song was 'Defying Gravity'—Mrs Key and I joined in at the back of the hall! The children were mesmerised by the performance and the M&M director commented that they were one of the best audiences they had had! Again another proud moment for us. Year 6 were invited to a workshop to help them develop further drama techniques to implement next term for their play— great fun was had with their improvisation. Thank you to you all for the amazing costumes and sorting out PJs for those who wanted to snuggle with a story.



Finally, as we go to print, we look forward to welcoming you in to 'read with my child' this afternoon. A lovely opportunity to share books/stories and celebrate a love of reading.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace



This week, we have continued to enjoy our 'Up in The Air' theme. The children have enjoyed the lovely spring weather, using binoculars outside to observe what they could see in the sky. This also created lots of observational drawing opportunities. The children also enjoyed a number cloud game on the playground.

To continue the children's enjoyment of a flight experience, we transformed a table and a parachute into a hot air balloon along with a flight simulated experience.

Throughout the week, the children have had an opportunity to make different forms in sand. We have also explored shape and numbers through a variety of games and activities.

On Shrove Tuesday, we took part in a pancake tossing game. Those who took part were given the opportunity to predict how many they could flip in a minute and then we compared the actual results. This caused great excitement amongst some very competitive children! We also made pancakes out of playdough, explored a pancake resource tuff tray and enjoyed eating pancakes with fruit at morning snack!

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. It was lovely to see such a variety of costumes as well as children enjoying books throughout the day. The staff came dressed as the characters from our Talk for Writing story 'Peely Wally' much to the delight of the children. We even reenacted the story!

Due to the kind donations for our greenhouse project, we have started to pot some seeds to start a growing project.

In Little Wandles phonics, we have focussed on the letter 'r' and we have explored the song 'ring-o-roses' in rhyme time.

Communication this week

03.03.2025—Email to Year 6—re residential

05.03.2025—Email re parents' evening

06.03.2025—Email re red nose day



Attendance

Joint 1st place:	Dodd & Donaldson (1) 100%
3rd place:	Blackman (5) - 98.3%
Whole school:	95.6%

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

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

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

Contact email addresses for your information:

absence@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all absences including sickness and any medical appointments (future and on the day)

basc@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all enquiries, bookings and amendments to bookings for wraparound care


office@hamseytlt.co.uk—for all other enquiries

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 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)

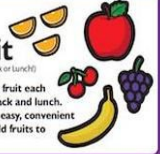
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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



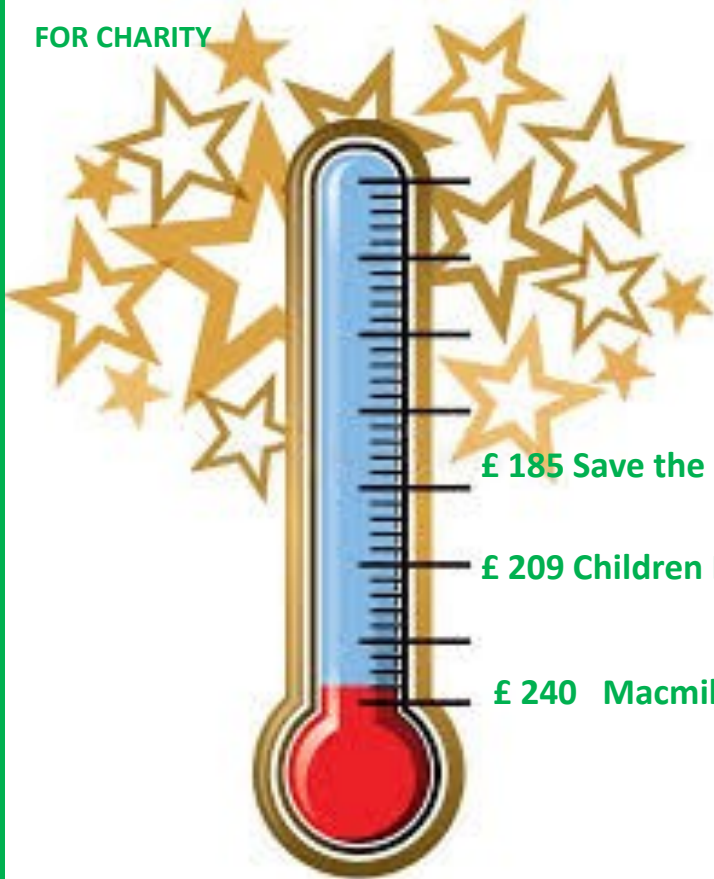
School Uniform

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.

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

FOR CHARITY

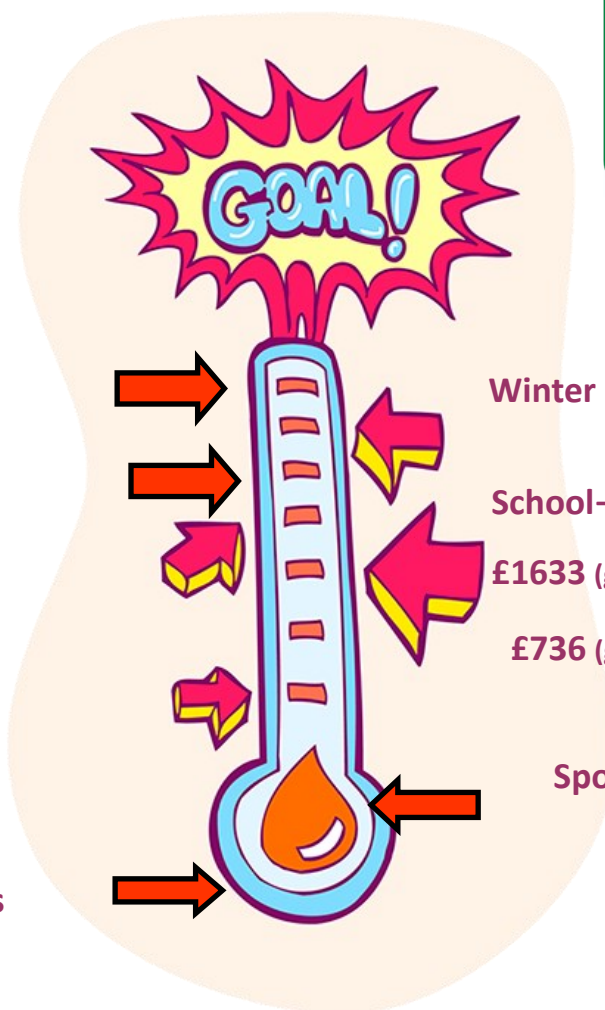
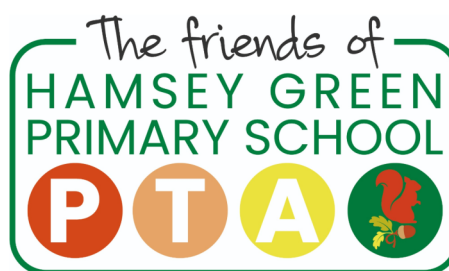


THANKS
for your
DONATIONS

£ 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