



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2025 Week 2

Dear All

This week has at least been a bit warmer! The children have been busy engaged in learning their new topics (please see Curriculum Maps on our website!) I have been particularly impressed now with how quickly the children are able to learn their 250 word text in their Talk for Writing sessions. The whole school are learning about suspense stories, so if you have any appropriate stories to read/tell them, I am sure this will help build their vocabulary and understanding of this genre.

Year 2 have been busy in Science learning about plants. The children investigated different plants and labelled the parts.



In Assembly this week, we have been learning about being energy efficient. This will all lead into our 'Let's Go' audit next week to find out how sustainable the school is and build up on suggestions to help us become even 'greener.' A big thank you to the PTA who have organised a clothing collection bin for us to start this project.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Mrs Mace

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

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

****Monday 20th Jan— PTA Coin Wars week—winners prize TBC 31ST JAN**

Tuesday 21st Jan— 2.15pm Parent drop in/coffee and chat in small dining hall

Tuesday 21st Jan—selected pupils to Woodlea Maths Master Class session

Thursday 23rd Jan—NSPCC Day Workshops for Year 2, 5 & 6

Tuesday 4th Feb—selected pupils to Warlingham Park for Writing workshop

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

Thursday 13th Feb— PTA preloved uniform sale

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


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

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.



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@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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.



It was lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear them excitedly sharing all their news from the festive break with staff and peers.

We have used the recent snowfall as our topic of interest this week, with many creative activities as well as lots of opportunity to be outside to enjoy it first-hand. The children had the opportunity to mark make in the snow and enjoyed using paint filled pray bottles as a fine motor activity to colour the snow. We have also explored ice as a different medium to paint on and we have enjoyed a sensory arctic tuff tray.

We have encouraged the children to think about how the weather makes their bodies feel, what different types of weather they experience in winter and what clothes we wear to keep warm. The children were shown a selection of winter scenes and have had the opportunity to create their own 'Winter Picture' on foil. We practised our letter formation on snowman pictures and we worked on our number skills with a dice snowman game.

During our Little Wandles daily phonic sessions, we have focused on the letter "d". The children have enjoyed recognising the initial sounds of words and they are getting good at blending familiar words together. Our rhyme time sessions have been around the song "Jack and Jill".

We have launched our new Talk For Writing story this week - The 3 Billy Goats Gruff, with a planned hook activity. The children were encouraged to share their current knowledge of the story, and we will revisit this at the end of the half term to compare the progressive learning that has taken place.

Communication this week



13.1.2025—Email to Years 2 & 6—NSPCC workshop

15.1.2025—Email to whole school - school gates reminder

16.1.2025—Email to Year 3—Feet First walking scheme

Attendance

1st place: Bunzl (3) - 99.33%

2nd place: Dahl (4) - 98%

3rd place: Dodd (1) - 97.5%

Whole school: 96.1%

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)

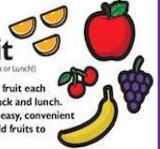
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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!

Recycle  Charity



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>

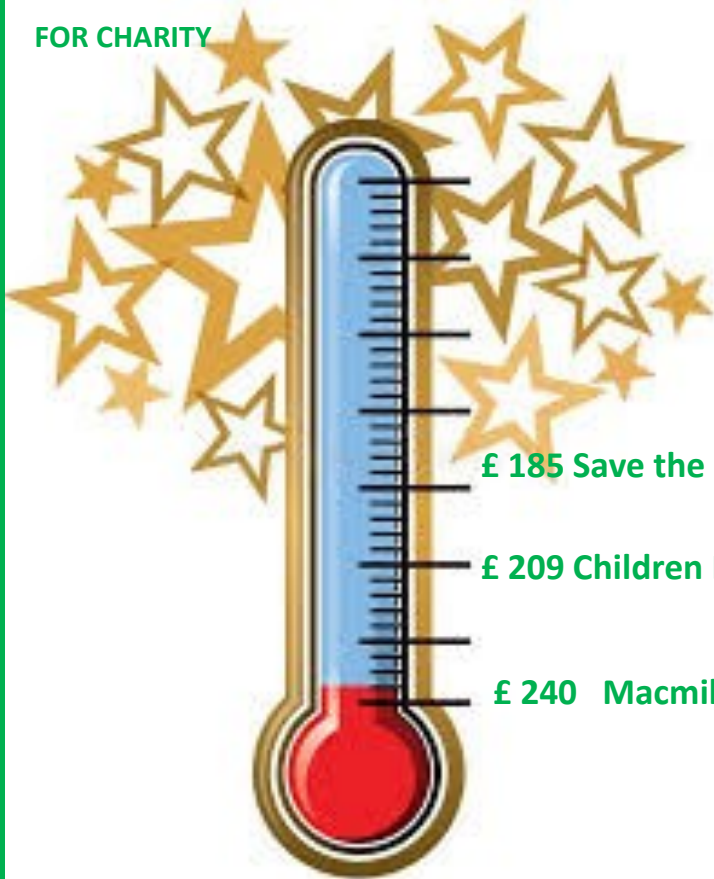
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. Price & Buckland will be conducting their annual stock take **from Thursday 28th November to Friday 6th December**. Orders will be accepted but will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

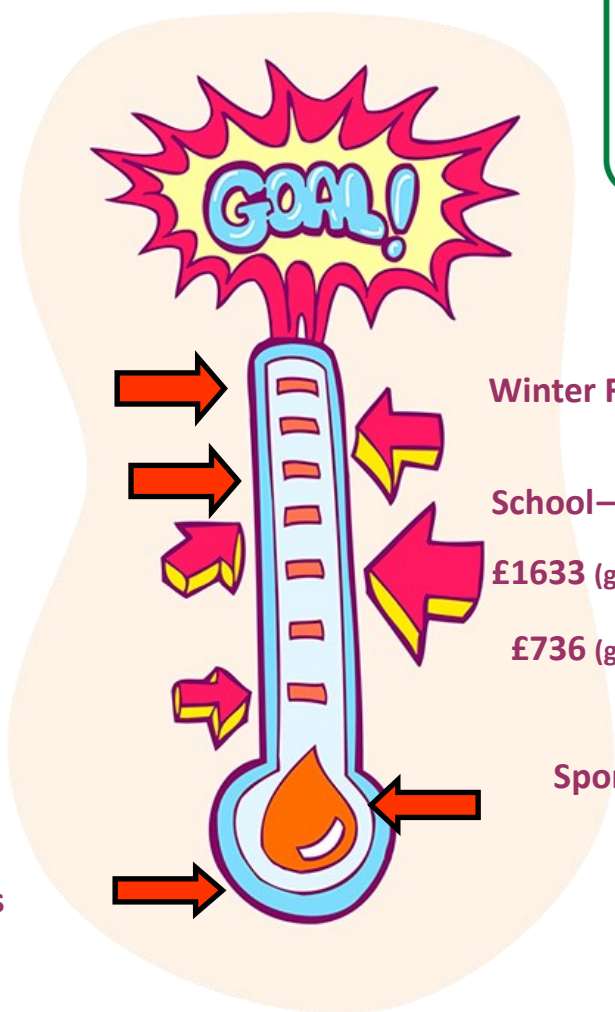
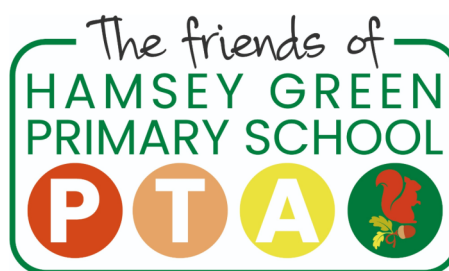


THANKS
for your
DONATIONS

£ 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