



Hurst Green Happenings

15 January 2026

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Holliman, who has been on maternity leave. It's lovely to have her back with us as our Forest School Leader and Year 1 Teaching Assistant.

Tomorrow is our Phonics Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers. During this session we'll be showing you how we teach children to read and how you can support their learning at home. I hope to see lots of you there.

I'm excited to introduce some new regular newsletter features: *Staff Spotlight* and *Book Nook*. These will give you the chance to get to know members of our team as well as reading tips and book recommendations for children.

Later this month, we'll be welcoming Coram Life Education back to school to talk to children about RHSE – see page 2 for more details.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs George

Weekly Attendance

The government has set a target of **95%** attendance.

These are our attendance figures for this week:

Whole School: 95%

Reception: 95%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 95%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory. Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid a penalty notice. See page 4 for more information.

If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day by 9:15am at the latest.

Call **01883 712171** or email absence@hursttlt.co.uk

Introducing... Dough Discos!

Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Reception class squeeze playdough in their hands whilst listening and dancing to music. It helps strengthen their hand muscles to improve pen holding and letter writing! Reception need some more playdough.

Click [here](#) if you'd like to buy some pots for our school.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Meet Steve, our wonderful Chef from Olive Dining. When he's not cooking for the children, Steve enjoys watching football and is an avid Liverpool FC fan! He also loves The Beatles and once featured in Paul McCartney's *Hope of Deliverance* music video!



RHSE workshop—Parent Invite

On **Wednesday 28 January**, Coram Life Education will visit our school to deliver RHSE (Relationship, Health and Sex Education) workshops to our children, from Nursery to Year 2. The team from Coram will also be offering a free **session to parents and carers** to talk about how RHSE is taught in schools. If you would like to come along, the session will run from **2.45 to 3.15**.

Book Nook



READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

READ ALOUD!

Reading aloud benefits ALL children AND teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books that your child is unable to. This will help improve their reading, comprehension and vocabulary.



MAKE READING FUN

Choose books that match your child's interests and age level. Engage with the story by discussing it, acting out parts or trying different character voices.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Show your love for reading by reading regularly yourself. Children are more likely to read if they see you enjoying it.



Pied Piper Theatre Visit

Children were treated to a visit from Pied Piper Theatre Company on Tuesday who put on a wonderful production of Zoom! This beautiful story, told with puppetry and music, is about a little girl who meets an alien and learns all about how to protect planet Earth.



Year 1 Go Wild!

As part of our Carnival of the Animals topic, Navigators had a visit from Animazing who brought in lots of interesting creatures for the children to meet and hold, including a Royal Python, African Bull Frog and Giant Spiny Stick Insects. They were very brave!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRINGTERM 2026	
Friday 16 January	Reception and Year 1 Phonics Workshop at 9.15am
Monday 19 January	Drama4ALL Workshops for YR, Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 28 January	Life Education visit—All Years
Tuesday 10 February	Police visit—All Years
Thursday 12 February	Reception trip to Oxted Library
Friday 13 February	NSPCC's Number Day
Monday 16—Friday 20 February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 February	Y2 trip to Hever Castle
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Monday 9 March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 11 March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12 March	Nursery trip to Oxted Library
Thursday 19 March	Reception trip to Pizza Express
Monday 23 March	Y2 Multi-Skills Event at Tatsfield School
SUMMER TERM 2026	
Monday 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 25—29 May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 3 June	Y2 Multi-Skills Event at Hurst Green
Tuesday 9 June	Class Photos
Thursday 18 June	Reception trip to Bigwood Estate
Thursday 9 July	Y2 trip to Godstone Farm
Thursday 16 July	Reception trip to Unicorn Theatre to see Lion Inside
Friday 17 July	Year 1 trip to Unicorn Theatre to see Lion Inside
Thursday 23 July	Last Day of Term!

Penalty Notice Information to address poor attendance at school

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

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/carers 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/carers 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/carers 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.



SPRING TERM CLUBS

Rectangular Snip

MONDAY (3.15 - 4.00)

Music with Mini Notes

£6/week

[https://bookwhen.com/mini-
notes#focus=ev-sa6ir-20260112151500](https://bookwhen.com/mini-notes#focus=ev-sa6ir-20260112151500)



TUESDAY (3.15 - 4.00)

Taekwondo

£6/week

Please contact Coach Hachem on
07747 779717

WEDNESDAY (3.15 - 4.00)

Dance (Bastet School of Dance)

£6/week

To sign up, please contact Jolene on
07894 715655



THURSDAY (3.15 - 4.15)

Rugbytots

£6.50/week

[https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Oxted/Class
/Details/97687](https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Oxted/Class/Details/97687)



FRIDAY (3.15 - 4.15)

Football (Sports Elite)

£6/week

Please sign up on Arbor under
'School Clubs'





Ideal for young families

**A fun 30 minutes of puppets, a bible story,
action songs, craft and prayers**

Every third Sunday of the month

Coffee at 8.30am ready for a 9am start



St John's Church, Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA



At Oxted Library!

CHILDREN'S CRAFTERNOONS

SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY
JANUARY CRAFT

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
LUNAR NEW YEAR

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
BOREDOM BUSTER

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH
S.T.E.M.



All 2.30-
3.30pm

Ages 5+

Drop in
No need to book

£1.50



ACTIVE STORYTIME:

LUNAR NEW YEAR - HORSES!

**Stories, songs
& colouring**

No need to book

**Suitable for
under fives**



TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
10:30-11:00AM



Oxted Library
presents



The Three Little Pigs
Puppet Show

Thursday 5th February

FREE 2.15-2.45pm No need to book

For National Storytelling Week

