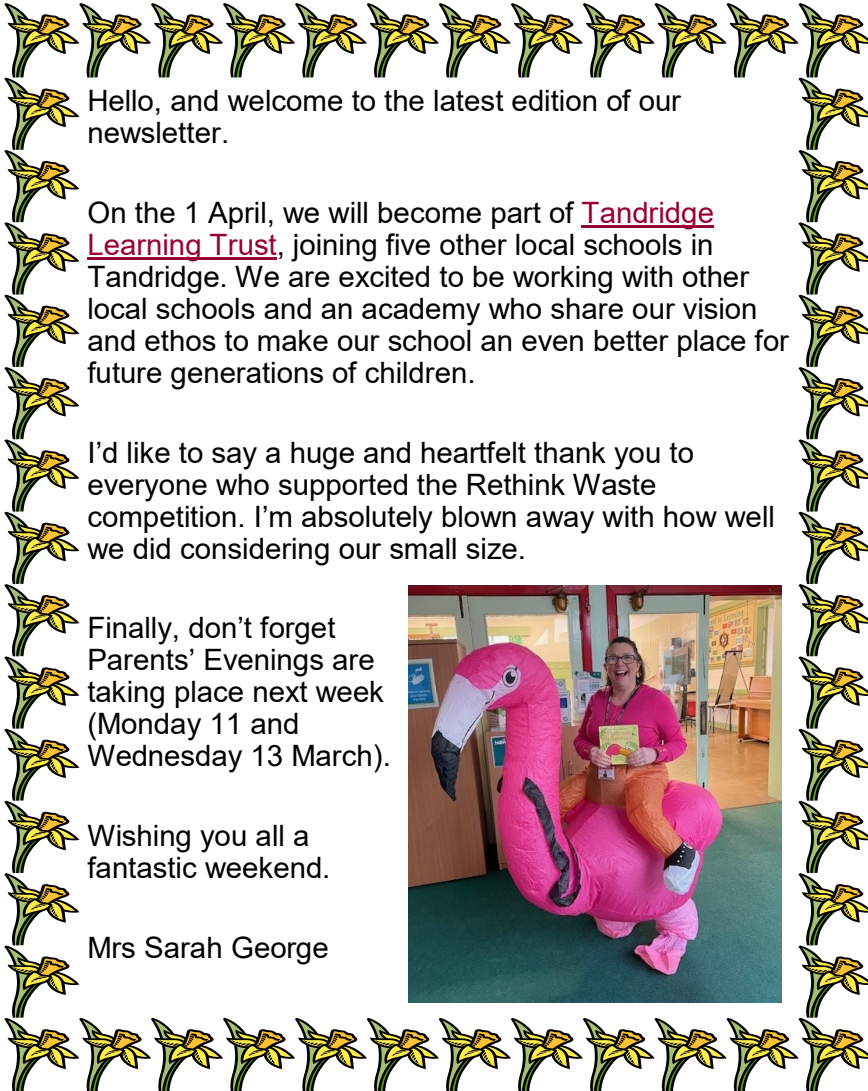


# Hurst Green Happenings

## 8 March 2024



Hello, and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

On the 1 April, we will become part of [Tandridge Learning Trust](#), joining five other local schools in Tandridge. We are excited to be working with other local schools and an academy who share our vision and ethos to make our school an even better place for future generations of children.

I'd like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Rethink Waste competition. I'm absolutely blown away with how well we did considering our small size.

Finally, don't forget Parents' Evenings are taking place next week (Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 March).

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Sarah George



### Weekly Attendance

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

These are our attendance figures for last week:

Whole School: 91.7%

Reception: 83.0%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 88.7%

Whole school attendance so far this year: 93%

Please remember school attendance is mandatory. Holidays should be planned for school holiday times to avoid missing school time.

***If your child is absent, you must notify the school office every day before 9:15am***

Please call 01883 712171 and leave a message or email [absence@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:absence@hurstgreenschool.org)

This week has been **World Book Week** and we have been celebrating the joy of reading, telling stories and books.



We loved seeing children dressed up as their favourite book characters for **World Book Day** yesterday—we were very impressed by some of the outfits.

Many thanks to Waterstones in Redhill for providing all the children with their free books.

Earlier this week we also enjoyed our first **Wild Read** event—thank you to those who attended and to Miss Merritt for organising and running such a super event!

### Paying in cash?

When paying cash in to the school (e.g. for a school trip or a HGSA event), please make sure you put the correct money in a named, sealed envelope.

The envelope containing your money should then be put into the red letter box outside the school office—not given to staff or put in book bags.

We often get handed loose change during the busy morning drop-off and pick-up periods and it's sometimes difficult to remember who has handed the cash over!

## Second Place for Rethink Waste

A huge thank you to our amazing school community for supporting us in the Rethink Waste competition.

Despite being the smallest school taking part (we have 105 pupils on roll versus the 1000 students of the winning school) so we did incredibly well.

Thanks to your remarkable efforts, we will receive £1,500 which will be put towards environmental projects to make our school greener and to enhance our outdoor learning facilities.

**Rethink Waste**



**Are you on Instagram? Follow us @hurstgreen\_sch**

## Oxted Library

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we'll be taking children on a school trip to visit Oxted Library. Children will travel on the train to Oxted where they'll spend the morning at the library, listening to stories and finding out about all the different books you can read for free.

These trips are being paid for by the School Fund and will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 19 March—Navigators (Y1)

Wednesday 20 March—Pioneers (Y2)

Thursday 21 March—Explorers (Rec)



## Dinosaur Crafternoon

This term Year 1's topic is *Prehistoric Warriors*, which they are really enjoying.

As part of their learning, we are inviting parents into school on the afternoon of **15 March** to take part in some dinosaur craft activities with their child. We'll be making dinosaur sock puppets and creating dinosaurs out of junk.

The event will take place in the school hall from 2.15pm until 3pm. If you've not yet confirmed, please let the office know if you can attend. And don't forget to bring in an old sock for your child to craft with!



**COMIC RELIEF**

Next Friday (15 March) is Comic Relief. Children may come to school with a red nose (either painted or wearable). We will be making a collection on the gate—all donations would be much appreciated.



**Surrey**  
Wildlife Trust

## Take Action for Nature and help us win £500

This year, Surrey Wildlife Trust has been working our school to encourage practical actions beyond the school grounds and help nature thrive.

Complete one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community and we could be in with a chance of winning a £500.

Explore your possible [Actions for Nature](#) and log them [here](#).

Thank you for your support.



If your child has borrowed any Forest School clothes or tights from school, then please can we ask that you return them ASAP as our spare clothes supply is dwindling!

## Keeping Hurst Green tidy!

Our little Hurst Green heroes did a fantastic job of cleaning the streets of Hurst Green last month at our after school litter pick.

It was touching to see how the children picked up on the amount of rubbish thrown on the ground and they were very enthusiastic about tidying it up.

We will be heading out again after school on Friday 22 March and hope to make it a monthly activity if there is the demand.

## WANTED: Tea Cups

Do you have any old tea cups at home? Or have you seen any in the charity shops?



Our Reception class have turned a section of their outside learning area into a wildlife and bird viewing hub and would love to upcycle old tea cups and saucers into bird feeders.

If you're able to help, please contact the school office.

Thank you!

# After School Clubs

## MONDAY— Rugbytots

(3.15—4.15) - Reception, Y1 and Y2—£6/session. Click here to [book](#).

## TUESDAY—Dance Fitness and Movement

(3.15—4.15) - Reception, Y1 and Y2—£5/session. To sign up, please contact Jolene on 07894 715655

## WEDNESDAY—Taekwondo

(3.15—4.00) - Reception, Y1 and Y2— £5/session. To sign up, please contact Coach Hachem on 07747 779717

## School bank accounts

We'd like to clarify where you should pay money into. Anything relating to the school, like trips, should be paid into the School Fund Account:

**Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery Fund, 30-91-72, 00184502**

Any payments for the HGSA should go to:

**Hurst Green School Association, 30-91-72, 01578512**

If you are unsure, please check with the school office before making a payment.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2024	
Monday 11 March	Parents' Evening
Monday 13 March	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief—come to school with a red nose!
Monday 18 March	Fizz Pop Science Workshops in school for all years
Tuesday 19 March	Year 1 trip to Oxted Library
Wednesday 20 March	Year 2 trip to Oxted Library
Thursday 21 March	Reception trip to Oxted Library
Friday 22 March	Gym session for selected Year 2 in Bletchingley
Tuesday 26 March	Reception Screening Tests with School Nursing Team 3.15-4.15 Year 2 Drama Workshop
Wednesday 27 March	HGSA Sponsored Easter Bounce-a-thon
Thursday 28 March	INSET DAY
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15 April	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL!</b>
Tuesday 23 April	Reception trip to Surrey Wildlife Trust
Thursday 9 May	Year 1 Natural History Museum trip
<b>Monday 27 — Friday 31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 June	INSET DAY
Monday 10 June	Oxted Fire Crew visiting Year 2
Friday 28 June	2pm Relax and Read (all years—parents welcome)
Tuesday 23 July	Last Day

## Reception Screening Tests

On **Tuesday 26 March** the School Nursing Team will be coming into school to check Reception children's height, weight, vision and hearing. These tests are free and can help flag up any concerns around your child's health and development. Please make sure you give consent (details in the letter sent out) by **Monday 25 March** at the latest.

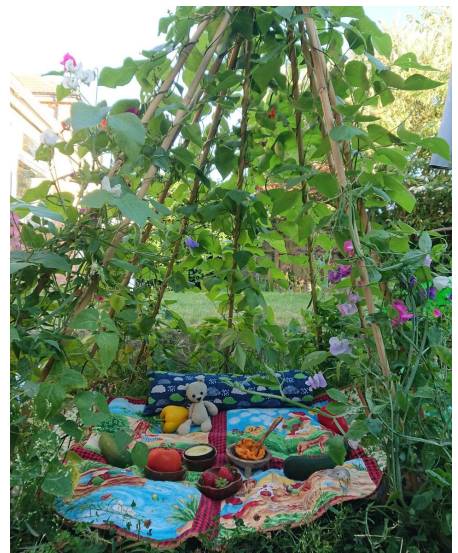
Click [here](#) to give your consent using our school's unique code: **SR125010**

## WANTED: Garden Canes

We would like to create some sweet pea and bean tepees in our field for the children to enjoy in the summer months.

We are in need of some **garden canes** (ideally 1.8 or 2.1 meters in length) to create a structure for scented sweet peas and runner beans to grow up.

If you have any spare garden canes, please get in touch!





ONLY £55  
PER CHILD  
PER DAY!  
EVERYTHINGS  
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# Easter Club

2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 9TH, 10TH, 11TH APRIL 2024

# KIDS FUN FEST

OUTINGS . ARTS AND CRAFTS . GAMES . BAKING . COMPETITIONS

8AM UNTIL 6PM ALL SNACKS, DRINKS AND FOOD INCLUDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON 07932466643

FULL TIMETABLE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE RELEASED SOON!

OFSTED REGISTERED, DBS, PFA, SAFEGUARDING.

WE ACCEPT VOUCHERS!



# EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

Join in the fun this Easter - book a place in our three session camp where your child will experience high energy coaching, matchplay and team competitions, all guided by our enthusiastic and highly qualified team of professional coaches

TUE 2ND APRIL - THU 4TH APRIL

AND

MON 8TH APRIL - WED 10TH APRIL



9:00AM - 12:00PM UNDER 11'S  
1:30PM - 4:30PM OVER 11'S

**3 sessions for £70**

Use QR code to book

**matchpoint**  
TENNIS

MATCHPOINT LIFELINE, HOLLAND ROAD, HURST GREEN RH8 9BQ

# Enter our **Super Draw**

## **Nintendo Switch Bundle**

**OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chance to win up to £25,000
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Go to

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Search for: Hurst Green



GambleAware



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 24/02/24



**Tandridge  
District**

## **Specialist Energy Advice**

***Struggling with the cost of living? Worried about energy bills?  
Problems with your energy supplier?***

Our **Specialist Energy Adviser** can help you with

- Energy saving advice
- Checking you are getting the benefits you are entitled to at the correct rate
- Support to speak to your energy supplier about billing queries, getting help with debts, identifying options for going onto a different tariff
- Priority Services Register
- Eligibility for Warm Home Discount, Cost of Living payments, Winter fuel payments
- Information about using Smart Meters
- Grants for making your home more energy efficient

**Call or email to ask for Energy Advice**

**Tel: 01883 730259**

**[oxted@catd.org.uk](mailto:oxted@catd.org.uk)**

**YMCA EAST SURREY**

## Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Proud to be part of  
**Mindworks  
Surrey**

The children and young people's emotional  
wellbeing and mental health service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.



For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:

[www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/](http://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/)

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