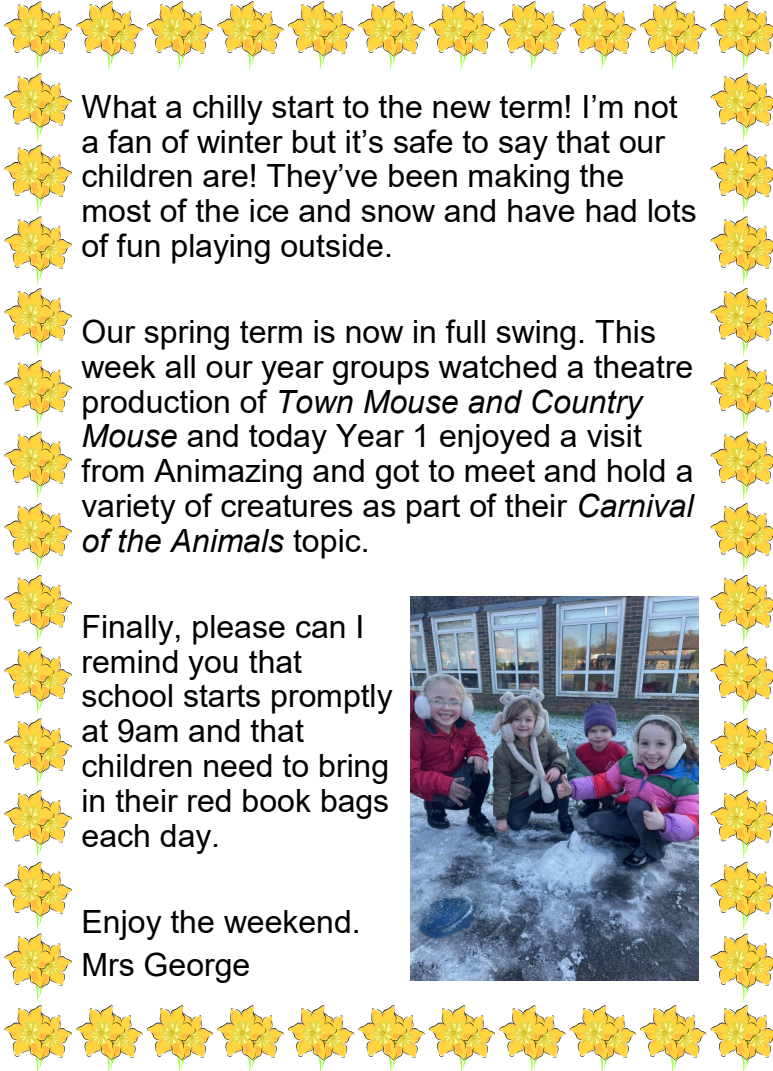




Hurst Green Happenings

16 January 2025



What a chilly start to the new term! I'm not a fan of winter but it's safe to say that our children are! They've been making the most of the ice and snow and have had lots of fun playing outside.

Our spring term is now in full swing. This week all our year groups watched a theatre production of *Town Mouse and Country Mouse* and today Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Animazing and got to meet and hold a variety of creatures as part of their *Carnival of the Animals* topic.

Finally, please can I remind you that school starts promptly at 9am and that children need to bring in their red book bags each day.

Enjoy the weekend.
Mrs George



Weekly Attendance

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

These are our attendance figures for this week:

Whole School: 92%
Reception: 92%
Year 1: 94%
Year 2: 90%

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 at the latest.

Please call 01883 712171 and leave a message on the absence line or email absence@hurstgreenschool.org

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Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery

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Look out for us on Facebook! We have reinstated our school Facebook page and will be posting news and stories very soon...



Please can we ask parents/carers not to walk up and down the ramp at pick-up when Year 1 children are being dismissed. It makes it difficult for teaching staff to keep the children safe. If you need to use the ramp, please can we ask you to wait until all the ramp is clear of children.



Wilder School Actions for Nature

In February 2025, Surrey Wildlife Trust will launch their Actions for Nature Competition - complete and report one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community and **Hurst Green Infant and Nursery school** will be in with a chance of winning a funding grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement.

Action for Nature—Peck of the Bunch— Helping the birds

HOMES FOR BIRDS - With natural nesting sites in decline, [adding a nestbox to your garden](#) can make all the difference to your local birds. The total area of all gardens in the UK exceeds that of our nature reserves, and as development destroys trees, hedges and old buildings, natural nesting sites are in decline. Hedges and large shrubs also provide shelter for nesting birds and perches.

FOOD FOR BIRDS - [Placing bird feeders in gardens and on windows](#) is a great way to support bird species. Making sure food is available at all times is important as birds have different needs throughout the year, such as feeding their young. Why not get creative and make your own? Keep your feeders clean to stop diseases spreading between birds.

WATER FOR BIRDS - [Water for birds in the way of bird baths, ponds or water trays](#) is important not only for drinking but bathing and keeping clean also. Always ensure the water is kept clean.

Taking place between **24th-26th January 2025**, the [Royal Society of the Protection of Birds' Big Garden Birdwatch](#) is the world's largest wildlife survey. Spending just one hour counting the wild visitors outside your window or in your local park helps give the charity a snapshot of how our wildlife is faring. [Sign up today](#) for your free Big Garden Birdwatch guide."



TERM DATES 2025/26

Terms dates for the academic year 2025/2026 are now available on our website.

[Please click here to view them.](#)

Year Reception Screening

On Tuesday 28 January School Nurses will be coming to school to check Reception children's height and weight as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

Part of these checks include a review of their growth, vision and hearing.

To consent, please click [here](#) using the code SR125010.

Parents' Evenings 2025

This year Parent Consultations will take place on **Monday 10** and **Wednesday 12** March.

We will be in touch with more information on how to book in due course.

This year we've introduced a new **FREE** after school **Book Club**, run by Miss Merritt. Each term a different year group will get the chance to take part and this term is Navigator's turn. Book Club takes place one Friday a month and families will be invited to a session where they can spend time together enjoying some of the wonderful books we have in our library.

Summer term will be Reception's turn, so watch this space!

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR **BOOK CLUB**

JOIN YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL AND ENJOY READING SOME OF THE WONDERFUL BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY TOGETHER

HURST GREEN Infant School & Nursery

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2025	
Tuesday 28 January	Reception Screening
Thursday 13 February	HGSA Valentine's Disco
Monday 17 to Friday 21 February	Half Term
Tuesday 4 March	HGSA Sponsored Pancake Flip
Monday 10 March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 25 March	Oxted Library trip
Wednesday 26 March	Oxted Library trip
Friday 28 March	Oxted Library trip
Friday 28 March	HGSA Mother's Day Shop
Friday 4 April	HGSA Sponsored Chicken Run Last day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 April	Back to School
Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May	Half Term
Friday 27 June	INSET DAY
Thursday 10 July	HGSA Summer Disco
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of Summer Term! 1.30 finish

Theatre fun for all

Children enjoyed a morning of theatre and storytelling earlier this week thanks to Pied Piper Theatre Company who beautifully retold the fable of *Town Mouse and Country Mouse*.

Huge thanks to the HGSA (and to our families for supporting them) for funding this wonderful experience.



Animal Magic!

Here are a few highlights from Navigators' Animazing experience...



After School Clubs

All clubs run 3.15—4.15 unless otherwise stated

MONDAY

Rugbytots—Reception, Y1 and Y2

£6/session

To sign up, visit click [here](#)



TUESDAY

Dance & Acro - Reception, Y1 and Y2 (*finishes at 4pm*)

£5/session

To sign up, please contact Jolene on 07894 715655



WEDNESDAY

Taekwondo—Reception, Y1 and Y2 (*finishes at 4pm*)

£6/session

To sign up, please contact Coach Hachem on 07747 779717



THURSDAY

Athletics—Reception, Y1 and Y2

£6/session

To sign up, click [here](#)



FRIDAY

Football (run by Sports Elite) —Reception, Y1 and Y2

£5/session

To sign up, please contact the School Office





How to make your own bird feeder



What you need:

- dry ingredients
 - bird seed
 - dried fruit
 - cooked rice
 - breadcrumbs
 - grated cheese
 - chopped nuts

- hard cooking fat (lard or suet)

- a pine cone, coconut shell or yoghurt pot



Use an old yoghurt pot for this, and always recycle after it's been used

- string



1 Mix all the dry ingredients together in a bowl



2 Add the fat and give it a good mix around

3 Choose your feeder



plaster all over a pine cone



put it round the inside of a coconut shell



press into a yoghurt pot

You can hang this upside down like a bell or turn it out like a cake

4 Hang your feeders with string (you may need to make holes and tie the string in before adding the mix)



Hang your feeder where you can watch birds without disturbing them

If you need to melt the fat, ask an adult to help

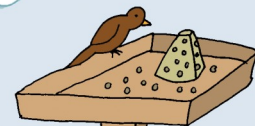


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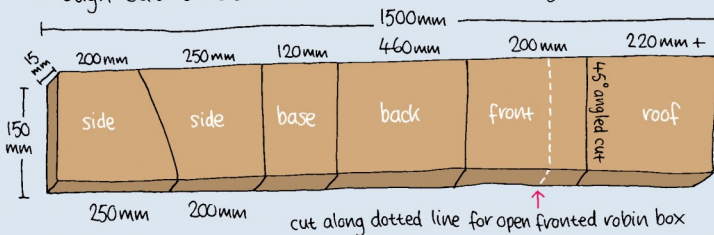


How to make a nest box



What you need:

- rough cut timber
- some old rubber or a hinge
- 20mm nails
- tools:



- ▶ saw
- ▶ hammer
- ▶ hand brace or drill
- ▶ pencil, ruler and scissors

always get an adult to help with tools!

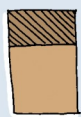
1 Mark out and saw panels

Use diagram above, and write the name of each panel onto the marked out wood.

2 Choose your box type



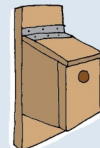
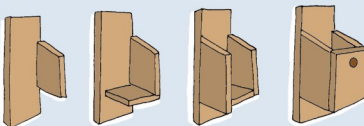
hole fronted box:
blue tits (25mm)
great tits (28mm)
sparrows (38mm)
starlings (45mm)



open fronted box for robins

3 Assemble the box

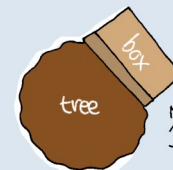
Nail the panels together:



Fix on the roof panel with a hinge or strip of old rubber.

Where to put it:

2-5 metres above the ground, somewhere sheltered.



2-5m above ground

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Hurst Green Beavers Open Evening

Come along and try something new!

www.1stoxtedscouts.com

#SkillsForLife

Want to have fun, learn new skills and make new friends? Come along and try lots of great activities at our Beavers taster session

Who

All local young people aged 5 to 7 years old (plus a parent / carer)

When

Tuesday 4th February, 5.30pm to 7:00pm

What

Open evening of activities for girls and boys

Where

Hurst Green Scout Hall, Mill Lane, Hurst Green, RH8 9DF (located just inside entrance to car park for Holland Sports / Trim Trail)

Contact

Phil Hosp at oxtedscoutsenquiry@gmail.com or call / WhatsApp 07799 062103 to find out more



Volunteer at ParkPlay!

Make friends, have fun, get moving.
FREE every Saturday morning.

#MeetMovePlay



Hurst Green ParkPlay

Needs help from the community!

ParkPlay has started at **Holland Junior School** Every Saturday from 9:30am but to continue we need a few more volunteers to help!

If you can spare an hour or so every few weeks to join the team and help run fun, simple games for your community then we would LOVE to hear from you.

To volunteer please email Carmen Lambert Singer - c.lambertsinger@gmail.com



AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS

BOOK NOW AND GET WITH THE GAME



Visit lta.org.uk/youth

Coaching and Games

Ages 5 - 18

Sessions Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4pm

10 session terms; £6 Members, £7.50 Non-Members per session

For more details email hurstgreentc@gmail.com or

Phone, text or WhatsApp Patrick 07791 841270

HURST GREEN TENNIS CLUB

Mill Lane, Hurst Green, RH8 9DF

www.hurstgreentennisclub.co.uk

www.facebook.com/HurstGreenTennisClub

Beating asthma together

13th February 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/abb4bb3b-ab3d-4b23-a331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-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

Beating asthma together: Asthma triggers, the effects of smoking, vaping, housing and air pollution on asthma

10th March 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/4d69dc58-004c-4124-879f-53f117c194c2@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Does your child or young person have asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on this webinar which focusses on what action we can take to reduce their exposure to triggers that can make their asthma worse.

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