



# Hurst Green Happenings

## 8 September 2023

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and have been enjoying the glorious weather this week.

I'd like to extend a huge welcome to our new Reception children who have now started with us full-time. They have settled in beautifully and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks.

Next Friday is our Mufti Day and we'll be asking for donations of wrapped sweets for the Hurst Green Fair on the 16th (if you're going, please pop along to our stall and say hello).

Please do come along to our Meet The Teacher Evenings next week—they are a good opportunity to find out what your children will be learning and experiencing at school.

Enjoy the weekend!  
Mrs George



**PARKING:** Please can we remind those who drive to school to be mindful when parking their cars and not to obstruct the driveways of our neighbours.

**FOREST SCHOOL:** Please remember to send in appropriate Forest School clothing for your child. When the weather is hot, children don't have to wear our waterproof overalls and jackets (which can be very sweaty for them in the warm weather), but only if they have long sleeves and trousers. Giving your child clothes that cover them up protects them from stings and scratches, as well as the sun.

**WATER:** Please remember to bring your child's water bottle in daily. We are a water only school and do not allow squash or juice in water bottles.

### MUFTI Day—Friday 15 September

Next Friday we will be inviting children to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for sweets (individually wrapped ones please (see examples below)) so we can put them in jam jars for our sweetie jar hoopla at the Hurst Green Fair on Saturday 16th September.



### School Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please inform the school office by **9.15** either by phoning 01883 712171 or emailing our dedicated absence email: [absence@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:absence@hurstgreenschool.org)



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# Hurst Green School Association News...

**Secondhand Uniform Sale:** Don't forget next Wednesday we'll be selling used uniform (£1 per item) in the top playground (where Reception go in) during drop off.

**Hurst Green Fair:** We'll be at the Hurst Green Fair on Saturday 16 September where we will have a stall with our very popular sweetie jar hoopla and raising money for our lovely school. We will be asking for donations of wrapped sweets (Quality Street, Swizzles wrapped lollies etc.) on MUFTI (wear your own clothes day) so please do support us. The sweet game is very popular and we get through lots of sweeties!

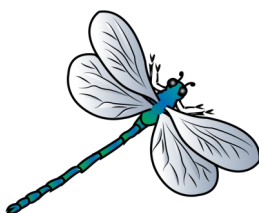
**Jam Jars:** We are looking for donations of jam jars which we can fill with sweets and use at the Hurst Green Fair. If you have any jam jars, please let the HGSA know at [hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org).

**Joining the HGSA:** If you're interested in joining the HGSA or would like to find out a little more about what we do, we'd love to hear from you. Please email [hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org).

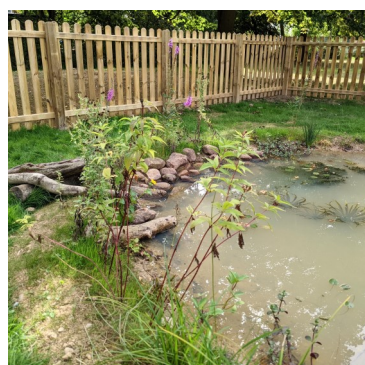


## Pond News

Our wildlife pond is now complete and is already attracting wildlife. Our nursery children went to see the pond this week and saw a dragonfly laying eggs in the water! Little froglets have also been spotted in and around the pond.



We will soon be receiving some pond dipping equipment and some of our staff are having some pond dipping training with Surrey Wildlife Trust so it won't be long until the children are fully able to explore the pond and all the creatures that are making it their home.



## Eggs

Some egg-citing news (excuse the pun) ... our hens are finally laying eggs.

The chickens have proved very popular with our children who love going to visit them. The joy on their faces when they saw that the hens had laid eggs was precious. It is such a wonderful way to help them connect with animals and nature and understand where food comes from.

We'll be naming them next week (children's suggestions will go to a vote) so watch this space...



# After School Clubs



We are starting the year gently with clubs—more will be added as the children settle into their new school routine.

Clubs run from 3.15-4.15 and should be booked with the club provider. All clubs will start w/c 18th September.

## TUESDAY

### Dance Fitness and Movement

Reception, Y1 and Y2

£5/session

To sign up, please contact Jolene on 07894 715655

## WEDNESDAY

### Taekwondo

Reception, Y1 and Y2

£5/session

To sign up, please contact Coach Hachem on 07747 779717

## SAVE THE DATE: Meet The Teacher Evenings

Next week we will be running our Meet The Teacher evenings where parents and carers will get the chance to come into school and meet their child's teacher. These sessions are a great way to find out more about what we teach and how we teach it and to see your child's classroom. You'll also have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Sessions will take place at 6pm on the following days:

Tuesday 12 September—Year 1

Wednesday 13 September—Year 2

Thursday 14 September—Reception



## Year 1 Superheroes

You may have seen some little Superheroes zooming about the school at drop off yesterday!



Our Year 1 children donned their Superhero costumes to take part in a fun-filled day full of challenges and tasks to help defeat a supervillain trying to take over the school!

Thank you so much to everyone for taking part and for making the effort. The children had a great time, as did the teachers and staff!



## Reminder!

Please could we remind you that there should be no scooting or cycling down the alleyway next to school or on either playground. Children should dismount and push their bikes/scooters up/down the alley to avoid collisions with pedestrians. Bikes and scooters can be stored on the racks to the side of the hall.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2023	
Friday 1 September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 12 September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher— 6pm
Wednesday 13 September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher— 6pm
Thursday 14 September	Year R Meet the Teacher— 6pm
Friday 15 September	Wear Your Own Clothes Day (in exchange for sweets)
Saturday 16 September	Hurst Green Fair
Tuesday 19 September	Individual School Photos
Friday 6 October	Outdoor Learning Day
Tuesday 10 October	Year 2 Harvest Assembly—parents welcome (2.45pm)
Wednesday 11 October	Rec Harvest Assembly—parents welcome (2.45pm)
Thursday 12 October	Year 1 Harvest Assembly—parents welcome (2.45pm)
Friday 13 October	Nursery Harvest Celebration —parents welcome (11.30am)
Wednesday 18 October	Open Morning (slots at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30)
<b>Monday 23 Oct—Friday 27 Oct</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 30 October	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 3 November	Flu Immunisations
Monday 6 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 Nov	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15 November	Open Morning (slots at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30)
Monday 10 December	Nursery Christmas Performance
Tuesday 11 December	Christmas Performance (Reception parents)
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas Performance (Year 1 parents)
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Performance (Year 2 parents)
Friday 15 December	Last Day



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Spring Term 2024	
Tuesday 2 January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 January	BACK TO SCHOOL!
Tuesday 9 January	<i>Can Bears Ski?</i> Theatre visit to school
Wednesday 10 January	Open Morning (slots at 9.30, 10.30 and 11.30)
Wednesday 31 January	Life Bus Visit (All Years)
Monday 12 Feb—Friday 16 Feb	HALF TERM
Thursday 28 March	INSET DAY
Summer Term 2024	
Monday 15 April	BACK TO SCHOOL!
Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May	HALF TERM
Monday 3 June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 July	Last Day



On the 9th September, I will be cycling from Ruben's Hotel, London to San Sebastian, Spain to raise money and awareness for Ruben's Fund, a charity close to my heart.

The ride is in memory of my son Ruben who passed away on the 12th January 2022 at three and a half months old, to Cardiomyopathy, as a result of a rare genetic condition - GACI.

Since losing Ruben, Charlotte and I have supported the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital charity with setting up Ruben's Fund which will fund research into the genetic diagnosis of cardiomyopathy in children. We have pledged to

raise £200,000.00 to support a dedicated research project, and so far, we have raised £146,000.00 towards our goal.

We have arranged many different fundraising initiatives since setting up the fund on 12 March 2022, however, now is the time for me to complete a challenge.

This year would have been Ruben's 2nd Birthday. To honour his memory, I will be to cycling from Ruben's Hotel to San Sebastian, a gruelling 1019km route, which connects my two boys, Ruben and Sebastian. This journey has a lot of meaning and emotion behind it, and it will cover seven stops on route to Spain. I am hoping to complete it within 8 days, unsupported.

The plan is to bike pack the whole route unassisted with various sections joined by fellow fundraisers. The sections are:

1. Ruben's Hotel, London – Portsmouth Harbour
2. Saint - Marlo – Rennes
3. Rennes – Nantes
4. Nantes – La Rochelle
5. La Rochelle - Bordeaux
6. Bordeaux – Hossegor
7. Hossegor – San Sebastian

If you would like to support by donating to my endeavor, please click here: [Ride for Ruben 2023 | Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals Charity \(rbhcharity.org\)](https://rbhcharity.org).

Thank you for taking your time to read, and for your continued support to Ruben's Fund. With your help, we will reach our goal!



# AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS

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### Coaching and Games

Ages 5 - 18

Sessions Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4pm

10 session terms; £5 Members, £6 Non-Members per session

For more details email [hurstgreentc@gmail.com](mailto:hurstgreentc@gmail.com)

### HURST GREEN TENNIS CLUB

Mill Lane, Hurst Green, RH8 9DF

[www.hurstgreentennisclub.co.uk](http://www.hurstgreentennisclub.co.uk)

[www.facebook.com/HurstGreenTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/HurstGreenTennisClub)



## JOIN OUR NEW OLYMPIC TAEKWONDO CLUB

**Wednesday after school**

**10 sessions**

**£50/child**

**at Hurst Green Infant School**

Contact coach Hachem  
07747779717 for booking



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Places are now available in our Nursery for children aged 2-4, offering all the benefits of a school environment.

We would love to show you what we have to offer.



For more information on our Nursery Open Mornings, please contact the School Office on 01883 712171 or [office@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:office@hurstgreenschool.org)

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for terms & conditions. Enter by 30/09/2023.





# Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at **[surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)** or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

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