



# Hurst Green Happenings

## 2 February 2024

### Weekly Attendance

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

These are our attendance figures for last week:

Whole School: 88.2%

Reception: 87.1%

Year 1: 92.9%

Year 2: 84.6%

Whole school attendance so far this year: **93.4%**

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 on the absence line or email

We are still a way off the national attendance target of 95%. If you're unsure if you should send your child into school, please speak to a member of the office team or look at the guidance sheet sent out with this email.

As a school we aim to provide lots of learning opportunities for your child. We want to give them the best foundation for their future education, health and happiness. To help us achieve this, we put on lots of 'extras' throughout the year (like phonics workshops and Wild Read events), so please do try and tap into them if you can as they are there to enrich your child's learning.

Lastly, parents' evenings are coming up soon—if you've not yet booked, please do so. We do expect all parents to make an appointment to discuss their child's progress in school.

Have a super weekend!

Mrs George

When parked in the car park, please don't leave your car engine running idly. Alongside CO<sub>2</sub>, vehicles emit carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to cardiovascular and respiratory conditions. When you're parked and leave your engine running, these harmful gases have nowhere to go. Instead, they directly pollute the air in the area you're parked in.



Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside the school. This is a residential area and there are children crossing the roads. Parking irresponsibly can be dangerous as it can obscure the view for other road users. Please also bear in mind that traffic wardens have been seen around this area and anyone parking on double yellow lines could incur a fine.





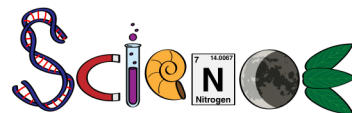
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On Thursday 8 February we'll be putting on our popular **Valentine's Disco**. Year Reception, 1 and 2 (sorry, no nursery children) are invited to dance and have fun with their friends. There will be a disco, games, crafts, tattoos and refreshments. Entry costs £4 per child (please pay by cash on the door).

The disco starts at 4 until 5.15 and is drop off only.

If you're able to volunteer, please email [hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org](mailto:hgsa@hurstgreenschool.org)— thank you!



On Monday 18 March children will be donning their lab coats and putting on their safety goggles when Hurst Green School turns into a science lab!

Science educator and provider, Fizz Pop, will be running science experiment workshops throughout the day.

There is no charge for this visit. The cost is being covered by our school fund, so thank you to everyone who has contributed to this so far.

## Wild Read Events

As part of Book Week, we'll be lighting the camp fire and roasting marshmallows as we explore the simple joy of telling and sharing stories at our Wild Read events (all 4-4.30):

**Reception:** Tuesday 5 March

**Year 1:** Thursday 7 March

**Year 2:** Friday 8 March

Please do take advantage of these wonderful opportunities we provide for your children. Our staff work very hard putting these events together and would really love to see lots of children there.

Contact the office to book your space!

## Really Wild School

In exciting news, we are working with Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) to become a Wilder School.

Their schools' project aims to enhance biodiversity across the county whilst helping children develop a lasting connection with nature to ensure nature is valued and protected into the future.

They will work with our staff and children over the course of the year on a number of projects which will make our school more wildlife-friendly, while at the same time provide new and interesting outdoor learning experiences for our children which tie into the curriculum. The project will help make our school a happier, healthy place, not only for our planet, but for our children, too.



## 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.



Year 2 will try their hands at making pizza on **Thursday 29 February** when they go behind the scenes at Pizza Express in Oxted.

Please don't forget to pay £3 towards the trip (to cover the train fare) if you've not done so already.

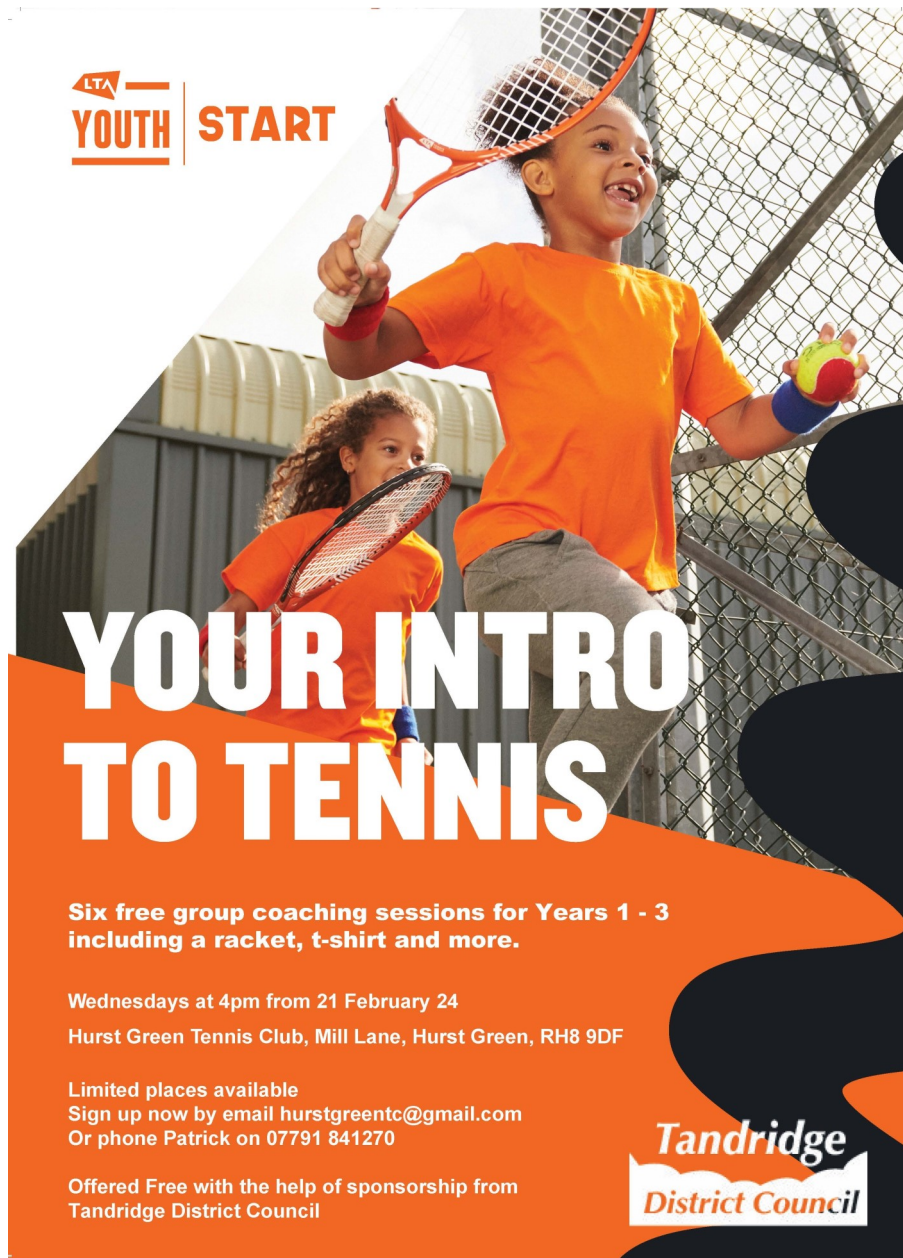
# FREE TENNIS COACHING!

Would your child like to try tennis lessons for FREE?

Hurst Green Tennis Club are delighted to be able to offer the LTA Youth Start Programme to local families. This is an opportunity for your child to take part in 6 tennis coaching sessions without paying a penny!

The criteria for these sessions are that your child should not have played tennis before and you must be willing to continue with tennis sessions should your child enjoy it (sponsored places are available).

We are very lucky that these places are being offered to families at Hurst Green Infant School first so please do email or call Patrick using the details below if you would like to take part.



**LTA**  
**YOUTH START**

# YOUR INTRO TO TENNIS

**Six free group coaching sessions for Years 1 - 3  
including a racket, t-shirt and more.**

Wednesdays at 4pm from 21 February 24  
Hurst Green Tennis Club, Mill Lane, Hurst Green, RH8 9DF

Limited places available  
Sign up now by email [hurstgreentc@gmail.com](mailto:hurstgreentc@gmail.com)  
Or phone Patrick on 07791 841270

Offered Free with the help of sponsorship from  
Tandridge District Council

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## NEW! Eco Lunch Club

We are very excited about our brand new Eco Lunch Club, which starts after half term and will run every Thursday lunchtime.

Initially, we will open it up to Year 2 only (because it's their last year with us) and if there's space, Year 1 children will be invited to join in if they wish.

Sadly, we are unable to continue with our after school Eco Club, but we hope this will give children who are interested the opportunity to enjoy our eco activities!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2024	
Thursday 8 February	4—5.15 HGSA Valentine's Disco
Friday 9 February	HGSA Sponsored Pancake Flip
<b>Monday 12 Feb—Friday 16 Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 29 February	Year 2 trip to Pizza Express
Tuesday 5 March	4-4.30 Reception <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Thursday 7 March <b>World Book Day</b>	Come dressed as your favourite book character! 4-4.30 Year 1 <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Friday 8 March	3.15-4.15 Year 1 Drama Workshop 4-4.30 Year 2 <i>Wild Read</i> at school
Monday 18 March	Fizz Pop Science Workshops in school for all years
Tuesday 19—Thurs 21 March	Class trips to Oxted Library
Friday 22 March	Gym session for Year 2 in Bletchingley (TBC)
Tuesday 26 March	Reception Screening Tests 3.15-4.15 Year 2 Drama Workshop
Wednesday 27 March	HGSA Sponsored Easter Bounce-a-thon
Thursday 28 March	<b>INSET DAY</b>
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 May—Friday 31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 23 July	Last Day

# After School Clubs

## **MONDAY**— Rugbytots

(3.15—4.15) - Reception, Y1 and Y2—£6/session

To sign up, please visit:

<https://www.rugbytots.co.uk/Oxted/Class/Details/82256>



## **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



## **AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR TENNIS**

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Visit [lta.org.uk/youth](http://lta.org.uk/youth)

### **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

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# VALENTINE TRAIL

10th - 18th February 

Join our trail to find the pairs of animals

Pick up your entry form at reception.

Find the 10 pairs of animals.

Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm



  
**£3 per  
entry**

Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)



**YMCA EAST SURREY**

## Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Proud to be part of  
**Min@works**  
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.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/](http://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/)**

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# YMCA

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Here for communities  
Here for you

# HOLLAND JUNIOR

HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

# 2024

12th-14th  
February

8.45am-3.00pm

£35 per day  
£94.50 for all three



SPORTS  
ELITE



10% sibling  
discount

FOOTBALL  
CRICKET & ROUNDERS  
BASKETBALL  
TAG RUGBY  
DODGEBALL  
JIU JITSU  
LASER QUEST  
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MOVIES & GAMES STATION  
DAILY CHALLENGES  
ARTS & CRAFTS

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ENQUIRES- 07710570547  
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## Teaching Assistant

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a committed Teaching Assistant to join Limpsfield C of E Infant School as we continue our strong new partnership with St Mary's C of E Primary, under the leadership of their Executive Headteacher, Sarah Lewis.

At both schools we pride ourselves on offering our children the very best opportunities where they can develop a love of learning and can thrive in a caring Christian family.

**Start date:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Contract type:** Full Time or Part time

Full time hours- Daily 8.30am – 3.15pm (half an hour for lunch) TERM TIME ONLY (with attendance at three INSET days)

**Salary:** PS3: £21,269 – £21,776 FTE (Pro-rata salary £15,720 - £16,095)

Part time- either daily 8.45am-1.00pm or 12pm-3:15pm TERM TIME ONLY (with attendance at three INSET days)

**Salary (8:45am-1pm):** PS3: £21,269 – £21,776 FTE (Pro-rata salary £10,061-£10,301)

**Salary (12pm-3:15pm):** PS3: £21,269 – £21,776 FTE (Pro-rata salary £8,174-£8,369)

**Contract term:** Fixed Term Appointment until the end of this academic year

**Closing date:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm Noon

**Shortlisting:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Interviews:** Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February

We are looking for a hard working teaching assistant who is dedicated to supporting children's learning. This role would involve working with a class, groups of children and/or 1:1 with children who have additional needs. Applicants must be flexible to work across the year groups and willing to support children with a range of additional needs, and in return we are able to offer high quality CPD tailored to the successful applicant's development needs. The teaching assistant will be part of a friendly and caring team, must have high expectations and be passionate about early learning.

The post is offered on a temporary basis until the end of the academic year, although there is a possibility that this could become a permanent appointment in the future.

We strongly encourage visits to the school; please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a visit, or telephone 01883 723183 for further information.

***Limpsfield Church of England Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment.***

***Safer recruitment practices are in place and the successful candidate will be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service, undertake an Occupational Health Check and complete other pre-employment safeguarding checks.***

Application packs and an application form can be downloaded from the school website  
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**Contract type:** Full Time

(Monday – Friday 8.30am – 3.30pm; 32.5 hours per week, term time only plus 3 INSET days – includes half an hour unpaid lunch break).

**Salary:** PS6: £27,897-£30,048 FTE (Pro-rata salary £21,444 - £23,097)

**Contract term:** Permanent with a probation period of 3 months.

**Closing date:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm Noon

**Shortlisting:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Interviews:** Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> February

We are looking for an enthusiastic and well-organised HLTA to join our school, providing PPA or class cover in the event of short-term absence across all year groups, subject leadership release time, as well as planning and running intervention groups for children. Knowledge of Read Write Inc is highly desirable. A HLTA or learning support qualification is welcomed but not essential, providing the successful candidate is willing to undertake the appropriate training.

This position may suit a graduate or experienced teaching assistant who is considering a career in teaching.

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## HALF TERM WITH JUMPING JACKS

MON 12TH FEB - FRI 16TH FEB 9AM - 3PM

ALL ACTIVITIES, TRIPS, SNACKS, DRINKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED

OFSTED REGISTERED - DBS - FIRST AID TRAINED - SAFEGUARDING - FOOD SAFETY AND HYGIENE

The Studio, High street, Limpsfield, RH8 0DR - 07852139218 - [jumpingjackswacc@gmail.com](mailto:jumpingjackswacc@gmail.com)