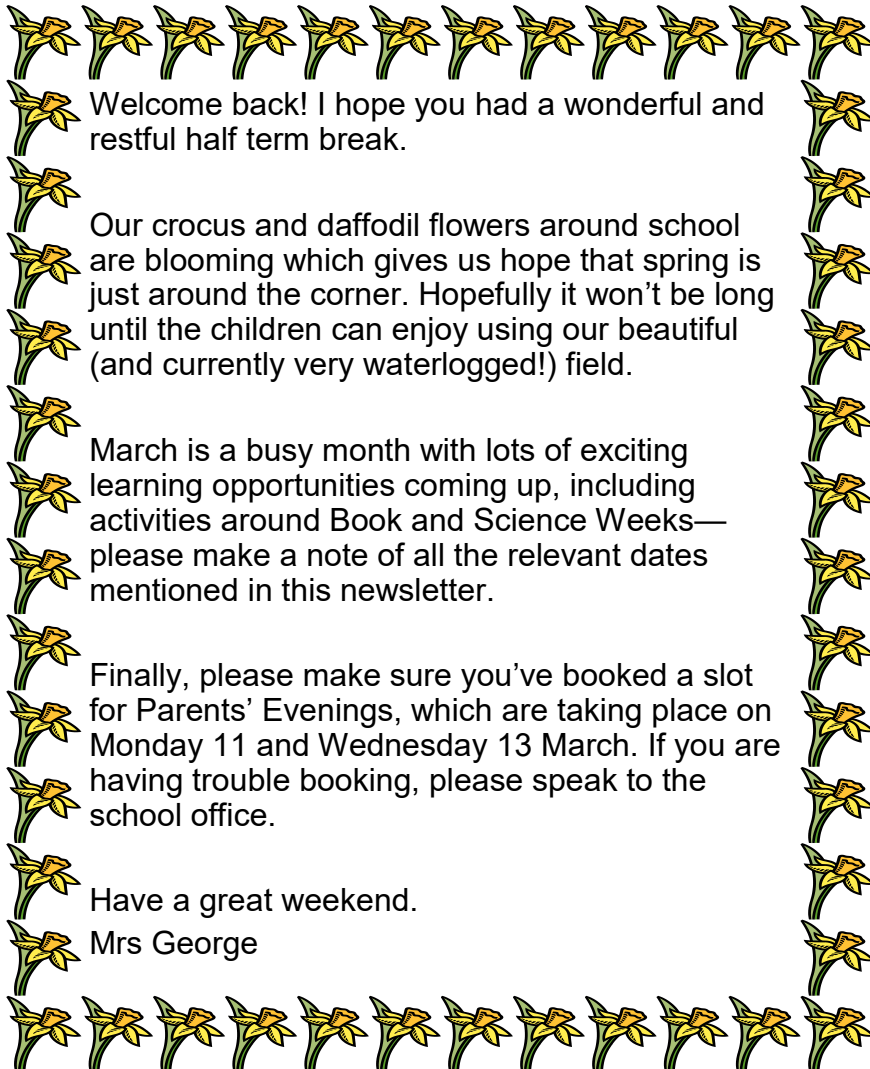




# Hurst Green Happenings

## 23 February 2024



Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful and restful half term break.

Our crocus and daffodil flowers around school are blooming which gives us hope that spring is just around the corner. Hopefully it won't be long until the children can enjoy using our beautiful (and currently very waterlogged!) field.

March is a busy month with lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up, including activities around Book and Science Weeks—please make a note of all the relevant dates mentioned in this newsletter.

Finally, please make sure you've booked a slot for Parents' Evenings, which are taking place on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 March. If you are having trouble booking, please speak to the school office.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs George

### Weekly Attendance

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

These are our attendance figures for last week:

Whole School: 94.7%

Reception: 91.9%

Year 1: 94.2%

Year 2: 97.9%

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)

### School Gates

If you arrive to school early to collect your child and you use the car park, please make sure you close the car park gates behind you.

For safety reasons, the car park gates need to remain shut until 3pm when they can be left open for pick-up.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Thursday 7 May** is World Book Day and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

World Book Day provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure and the many benefits that reading and books bring.

We are looking forward to seeing what the children dress up as. As always, our staff will be taking part too!



## 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)

Libraries are a fantastic free resource for literature and Oxted library has some beautiful books. If you'd like to become a member, please pop in and speak to a member of the library team.



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## Points Mean Prizes

With only seven days left until the Rethink Waste competition ends, we are encouraging everyone to take part to help us win money for our school.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we are currently in second place, which is incredible considering we are the smallest school taking part.

Let's give it one final push to see if we can keep our place on the schools' leader board.

If you've already signed up, please make sure you have completed all of February's activities.

If you've not yet registered, you can do so via this link: <https://rethinkwaste.co.uk/Dashboard>

Thank you!

## 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 (please bring in an old, spare sock) and creating dinosaurs out of junk.

The event will take place in the school hall from 2.15pm until 3pm.

If you can come along, please confirm with the school office.

Later this year, our Navigators will be off to London's Natural History Museum! We'll be sending a letter out about this soon.



## Fire safety



On Monday 4 March Firefighters from Oxted Fire Station will be coming into school to talk to our early years children about fire safety and the vital role firefighters play in keeping people safe.

They'll be bringing a fire engine along so children will have the chance to get up close to these amazing machines and find out more about how they work.

This service is provided free of charge by the team at Oxted Fire Station.

Later in the year, Pioneers will be visited by the fire service team to tie in with their topic of the Great Fire of London.

## BRICKS NEEDED!

We are currently in need of engineering bricks to make a base for a new shed for our Nursery playground. If you have any leftovers at home (however few!) or have any contacts that might be able to help us out, please do let us know!



## YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

One of our Reception children, Carter Dean, along with his older sisters, is raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer who help families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them.

Carter and his sisters are taking part in the *Swim 5k in March Challenge* in memory of their cousin, Abi Marie.

If you are able to donate, please visit the JustGiving link [here](#). Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

## 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

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Spring Term 2024                 |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 29 February             | Year 2 trip to Pizza Express  |
| Monday 4 March                   | Oxted Fire Crew visiting Reception                                      |
| Tuesday 5 March                  | 4-4.30 <i>Wild Read for all years</i> at school                         |
| Thursday 7 March                 | <b>World Book Day</b><br>Come dressed as your favourite book character! |
| Friday 8 March                   | 3.15-4.15 Year 1 Drama Workshop   |
| Monday 11 March                  | Parents' Evening  |
| Monday 13 March                  | Parents' Evening  |
| 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 Year 2 in Bletchingley (TBC)                            |
| Tuesday 26 March                 | Reception Screening Tests<br>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   |
| Tuesday 23 July                  | Last Day  |



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