

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Hamstel's Colour Events

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that our school will be **hosting our Colour fundraising event** to support the development of our school library. Our school library is an important space in the school in which all our children from Nursery to Year 2 visit and use on a weekly basis to develop their reading for pleasure and support their learning. However, the space is now in need of refurbishment and updating to ensure it remains a welcoming, engaging, and inspiring environment for all children.

As part of the project we plan to:

- Purchase a wide range of new and engaging books to further enrich our library collection.
- Purchase new furniture, improve library shelving and book displays to make books more accessible and appealing.
- Develop inviting reading areas where children can enjoy books in a comfortable and inspiring environment.
- Introduce additional resources that support reading for pleasure and a love of learning.
- Further develop themed book collections to reflect pupils' interests and support the wider curriculum.

Together, these improvements will help us further develop our library so that it continues to inspire a lifelong love of reading and supports every child on their learning journey.

KS1 and Reception children

Our sponsored '**Colour Run**' will take place on **Friday 23rd October 2026**, and **KS1 and Reception children** will have the chance to take part. They will run or walk the 2km route set out for them around the field with the support of the staff or complete a maximum of 30 minutes of running or walking. At the finish line, each child will receive their very own medal to celebrate their achievement. Please note that we have **reserved Friday 13th November 2026** as a backup day in case the weather isn't kind to us.

The children should come dressed in their brightest, sportiest outfits, with comfy trainers ready for action.

We'd love to see all our parents and carers out on the sidelines, cheering the children on as they run and walk! So, please see the timetable below to see when your child will be taking part and come along to watch the fun!

Year Group	Parents Arrive / Start Times	Finish
Year 2	8.45am for a 9.00am start	9.30am
Reception	9.45am for a 10.00am start	10.30 am
Year 1	2.15pm for a 2.30pm start	3.00pm

Please enter via the Poynings Avenue gate and make your way to the middle of the field, which is the family support area. When you reach the field, you will be able to take up a sideline position around the inside of the course to cheer the children on.

The children will be brought to the field by their class adults and will stay with them whilst they complete the run/walk. At the end of the event, we will bring the children together and congratulate them on their achievement. The classes will then be led back into school by their teachers.



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At the end of the afternoon, classes will be led back into school by their teachers to collect bags etc. Once you have waved the children off, please go to the normal classroom door to collect your child.

Nursery Colour Parade

Our Nursery children are still settling in, so joining the whole-school run may feel a little overwhelming at this stage. Instead, we would love them to come to their Nursery session dressed in their *brightest, most colourful clothes!*

Throughout the session, the children will enjoy a variety of fun and colourful activities with their adults. To celebrate, we would like to invite parents and carers to join us at the end of your child's session to watch the children parade proudly around the Nursery garden in all their colourful glory!

- **Nursery AM parents and carers** – please come at **11:00am**.
- **Nursery full-time and PM parents and carers** – please come at **2:15pm**.

Collecting sponsor money or making a donation:

Sponsorship forms are coming home today for the run. Children are encouraged to collect sponsorship from family and friends to support the event.

If you would prefer to donate directly, contributions for either the **Nursery Colourful Parade** or the **Colour Run** can be made using the following link: <https://gofund.me/1f9ca062a>

Any money that is collected must be handed into school in a named, sealed envelope by Friday 13th November 2026.

Safeguarding:

With so many people on the site, it is vitally important that we keep all children safely together in their classes. With this in mind, we would respectfully ask that you do not attempt to take children away from their class and that you do not try and approach them when they are running or being supervised by their teachers.

While we know that you would love to go and see your children, to give them a cuddle and praise them on their performance, we hope you understand that it would be too unsafe to allow them to go and see their parents with so many people around and the entrances to the school potentially open at set times. Please however, feel free to clap, whoop, cheer and wave as much as you wish!

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to a fun, colourful event that will help us make our school library an even more inviting space for reading and exploring books for our children.

Best regards,

Mrs Vicki Tracy
Vice Principal

