

Thursday, September 25, 2025

## Hamstel's Colour Run

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share with you that our school will be **hosting a fundraising event** to support an exciting whole-school initiative: the continued development of our Outdoor Learning Garden.

As a school, we are very lucky and proud to be able to offer this wonderful space to all children as part of their enriched curriculum. However, we are keen to enhance and improve the garden further so that it continues to inspire creativity, exploration, and learning for **every child**.

This fundraising event will help us expand opportunities for creative play, tool use, and hands-on activities that promote health and well-being, environmental awareness, and fundamental life skills.

As part of the project we plan to:

- Develop a **workshop area**, equipped with benches and age appropriate wood work tools
- Install a **seating area** for whole-class gatherings
- Build a **mud kitchen** area for imaginative play
- Provide new **gardening tools** suitable for our young children
- Establish a safe **water play area** for water exploration and early science concepts
- Develop a **sensory garden** and further develop wildlife habitats
- Enhance our **fire-pit area** for outdoor learning
- Provide large **weaving frames** to support physical and creative development
- Develop a **den building area** that children can access independently
- ...and much more!

By raising funds through this event, we can continue to create rich, memorable experiences for every child while also growing resources that support their education in fun and inspiring ways.

Our sponsored '**Colour Run**' will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, and all children will have the chance to take part. They will run or walk the 2km route set out for them around the school field with the support of the staff. At the finish line, each child will receive their very own medal to celebrate their achievement.

**The children should come dressed in their brightest, sportiest outfits, with comfy trainers ready for action.** Let's make it colourful, energetic, and fun!

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



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Hamstel Road,  
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Year Group	Arrival	Finish
Year 2	8.45am	9.45am
Reception and Nursery <b>am</b> children	10.00am	11.15am
Year 1 and Nursery <b>full time and pm</b> children	1.45pm	3.00pm

Please enter via the Poynings Avenue gate and follow the one-way system to the field. When you reach the field, you will be able to take up a sideline position around the track to cheer the children on. There will be some chairs available for those who prefer to be seated during the event.

The children will be brought to the field by their class adults and 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.

## Year 1 / Nursery full time and afternoon session children:

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, parents will be invited to go to the normal classroom door to pick your child/ren up.

Sponsorship forms are coming home today, and children are encouraged to collect sponsorship from family and friends. If you or others sponsoring your child would prefer to make a direct donation instead, you can do so via the [following link](#):

## 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 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 open at set times. Please however, feel free to clap, whoop, cheer and wave as much as you wish!

We are always grateful for your support and look forward to a fun, colourful event that will help us make our Outdoor Learning Garden an even more inspiring place for our children.

Best regards,

Mrs Vicki Tracy  
Vice Principal

