

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2026

Good news from across the School

The children at Herne are amazing! This week each year group has shown our values with flying colours: **Nursery** have been very chatty to all staff popping over to Nursery and practised their conversation skills. **YR** have been noted for their exceptional manners especially thank you Mrs Chalk (our cook) at lunchtime.

Y1 were exceptional role models in worship and showed great respect.

Y2 personified Simcha (Shared joy) on the bus to and from swimming.

Keep up the great work everyone!



PARENTAL CONSENTS

Please can parents and carers log on to the Arbor App and check that all their child's parental consents and medical / dietary information are up to date. Thank you

DONATED SECOND HAND UNIFORM

A huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated uniform to our school. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and are now overflowing with donations!

For the time being, we will not be accepting any further uniform donations. Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. If you need any uniform for your child, please help yourself to the uniform rail outside the main office.



NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

For the safety and wellbeing of all our children, please **do not** bring dogs onto the school site during drop-off or pick-up times, including after-school club collection. We appreciate your support in keeping our school environment safe and welcoming for everyone.



NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION AT SCHOOL...

The Immunisation Service will be visiting the school on Monday 5th October. All parents and carers will have received an email from school with the link to the NHS e-consent portal. Here you will need to give parental consent for the immunisation of your child. If you have not already completed this, please do so via the link below by 4pm on 30th September. [Click here to complete the seasonal flu form](#)

KENT FAMILY

'Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the [Kent Family website](https://family.kentchh.nhs.uk). It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.'



HELLO YELLOW

Hello Yellow! World Mental Health Day (9th October)

This year, we are raising awareness for 'YoungMinds UK' a charity fighting for a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health. 'YoungMinds' provide young people with the tools to look after their mental health. They empower adults to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives. They give young people the space and confidence to get their voices heard and change the world we live in.

We invite you and your child to wear yellow on **Friday 9th October** for World Mental Health Day. Wear it loud, wear it proud because we stand brighter, together.

Please could all children wear any item of yellow alongside non-school uniform. Most importantly, we want to share the resources which 'YoungMinds' offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

YOUNGMINDS

Hello
Yellow

ATTENDANCE

Great whole school attendance this week of 97%

Top 3 Classes this week

1. Squirrels with 99.6%
2. Dormouse with 99.3%
3. Rabbits 98.5%

WELL DONE!



WELLBEING NEWS

Now the children have had a chance to settle into their new classes we will be starting our Nurture interventions next week.

From Tuesday 22nd September, there will be a FLO drop-in three times a week. On a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mrs Stroud (FLO) will be available, no appointments necessary, you can discuss any concerns about school, changes in family circumstances, children's behaviour or anything you feel may impact your child's journey with us at school. If you wish to see Mrs Stroud, please go to the doors near the Year 2 gate (ICT doors), where Mrs Stroud will be between 8.45 and 9.30. We are here to help even if it's just a friendly ear to listen.

On Wednesday 30th September 1.30-3pm we will be having a "Social Prescriber Walk and Talk" at the Cherry Orchard Park with Mrs Stroud (Infant FLO), FLO from the Juniors and Megan, Social Prescriber with Red Zebra. If you want to find out what a Social Prescriber does and how she can help this is a perfect opportunity to ask any questions, please come along and chat to us in an informal setting, we would love you to join us.

Forest Group News

This week in Forest Group we have been finding out about things we have in common with other people by playing "Would you Rather". We discovered which other children in the group liked sweets or chocolate, which liked swimming or football and lots more. Thank you for bringing the children to the Cove in the morning, we are getting used to the new routine.

The afternoon Forest Groups will start next week and if your child has been selected to join us this term you will have received an email. We look forward to getting to know your children and having lots of fun together.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Windmill Nursery

Highlights from this week:

We've had lots of fun this week in the Nursery! This week we explored the nature nook and had lots of fun building obstacle courses and making autumn soups in the mud kitchen!

This week, we read the story "Elmer" and we created our own colourful Elmer elephant by collaging using tissue paper.

We learned a new rhyme 'Wind the Bobbin Up' as part of our Phonics Rhyme Time. Can you sing it at home too and find the ceiling, windows and doors in your home?

Next Week:

We will extend our learning about colour as we will be reading the story 'Mouse Paint' by Ellen Stoll Walsh and will explore colour mixing.

We will be learning a new Herne handwriting pattern; dots. We will be making dots in lots of different ways.

In RE, we will be reading the story of The Good Samaritan.

Notices:

HW1 library day and our Hive slot are every Monday.

HW2 library day is on a Friday and our Hive slot is on a Thursday.

Please ensure all children have wellies in school Thank you.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week has been a week of firsts in Reception! We have really enjoyed visiting the hall for our very first lunch and playing with our friends at lunch time in the playground.

In Phonics, we have learned four new sounds s for snake, a for astronaut, t for tiger and p for penguin! Could you challenge your child to show you what sounds they know?

In COOL Time, the children have enjoyed exploring our outside area with all of our friends - water play being a particular favourite activity!

Next Week:

We will be learning some new sounds in phonics and will begin to read simple words.

We will be visiting the HIVE for outdoor exploration and we will join our Reception friends for a singing worship in the hall.

In maths, our focus is comparing quantities and we will be collecting different items to count, sort and compare.

Notices:

Wednesday 7th October 2025 - 2:20pm - A Day in the Life Parent Workshop

You are invited to attend a workshop to find out what your children will be up to over the next few terms in school. We will look at reading, routines and play. Please let us know that you are able to attend on the class sign-up sheet outside the class gardens.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

All the children have really settled into their Year One routines and have learnt so much already! They are confident with recognising the widgets for the different areas of learning on our visual timetable and are learning specifically what Geography, Physics (Science) and RE actually are. A big highlight this week was naming, smelling, feeling and cutting all the lovely vegetables you kindly bought in! The children learnt how to cut safely using our DT knives whilst ensuring good hygiene. The tasting of the soup was a real pinnacle moment-many children were so brave whilst trying it! Thank you so very much for your contributions. We really appreciate your support and following this activity, know the children do too.

Key learning for next week:

Next week we are having a new key text-Martha Maps it Out! We will use this as a basis for nouns - places, which is a blue carriage on the Sentence Train. Our focus spelling words are 'I' and 'the'. In Maths we are adding two numbers together using a number line and exploring part-part-whole models. As the children are reversing some of their written numerals, we are also going to practise forming numerals 0-9 correctly. Other areas of the curriculum include describing properties of materials in science, talking about how Christians show God that they love Him in RE, naming primary and secondary colours in Art and designing a balanced meal for Science. We are also learning the difference between physical and human features of the world around us. We will explore these features in our local area by having a morning walk around our local area on **Wednesday 23rd September.**

Notices:

We are hosting our first Parent Workshop in the hall at **2:15pm** on **Monday 28th September** and **Thursday 1st October**, you only need to attend one session. This will be an opportunity to find out about the importance of reading and activities we do in school to support your child, then you'll be able to come into their classrooms to join in with some reading activities. We are sure your children will love to show you what they can do! Please sign up for a slot on the sign-up sheet on class whiteboards. We look forward to welcoming you!



Year 2

Highlights of the week

The children made us so proud as we took them swimming! Not only did they have a fantastic first swim but they really enjoyed the simple pleasures of life by walking to the bus stop and travelling on the bus together. We absolutely loved hearing them chat and laugh with each other as we made our way. Tuesday morning was pure joy.

We also loved having our individual photos this week. We can't wait for you to see them soon.

Key learning for next week:

We will be writing our own retellings of 'The Great Kapok Tree' using our story map from this week and using key vocabulary that we gathered to create a word map using nouns, adjectives and verbs. In Maths we are estimating numbers on number lines.

In Art we are adding white to a colour to notice tint for Art, naming and locating the seven continents in Geography, looking after God's world for RE and refining knife cutting skills in DT

Notices:

In Science we are exploring habitats around the world and this term we will be creating our own habitats using shoe boxes. Next week, please could you bring in any shoe boxes you have so that we have plenty to use. Thank you.

