HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2026

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE READY!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **5th October 2026**

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. For these individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database. Please contact the school office via email office@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk to ask for this.

HERNE CENTRE PARKING REMINDER

A thank you from the Herne centre for considerate parking. A reminder that the two bays to the left as you drive up the ramp marked as Parish Council staff only are for staff only.

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Virtual Parent/Carer Consultations are taking place on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October.**



Parents and carers will receive an email advising of booking an appointment. This will be done using the Arbor Parent Portal and App. The time slots are 10 minutes long and we will be adhering strictly to these. However, if you run out of time and there are further matters to discuss, your class teacher will arrange another time to continue the conversation with you.



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

WELLBEING NEWS

In our nurture groups some of the children have enjoyed planting spring bulbs in our sensory garden, making dragon scales for our school scarecrow (to be displayed at the Herne Centre for the Scarecrow trail), playing parachute games and making car tracks with our friends.

FLO drop-in sessions on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs Stroud in the meeting room (opposite the office) 8:45 – 9:30am.
No appointment necessary, you can discuss anything including challenges your child is having at home (Such as sleep, toileting, routines etc), changes in family circumstances, children's behaviour etc.

"Social Prescriber Walk and Talk" at the Cherry Orchard on Wednesday 30th September (See attached flier). Please come along and chat to us in an informal setting, we would love you to join us. We meet at 1.30pm in the Cherry Orchard.

Forest Group News

This week in Forest Group we enjoyed having a scavenger hunt, we had to work with a partner to find sticks the same size as Mrs Stroud's stick, some of us found this a little tricky so our friends helped us. In the afternoon forest groups we have seen some amazing baking in our mud kitchen, some wonderful natural weaving and some incredible dens. The children have worked really well together sharing skills and ideas to create some excellent dens.
It is really important your children have wellies in school, as the weather gets more unreliable the Hive starts to get muddier and the children cannot come to the Hive in the same shoes they wear in class. If your child does not have a pair of wellies an old pair of trainers would be sufficient.

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

ATTENDANCE

A whole school attendance this week of 95.70%

Squirrel, Rabbit, Owl and Fox Classes all with over 96.1%

Huge well done to

OTTER Class with 99.30%

THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Dragonflies

Wow! What a lovely first few weeks we have had in Dragonflies. We have spent time getting to know our new Dragonfly friends and adults. In maths, we have been exploring numbers to 20 and in writing we have been learning about the story of the three little pigs. We have enjoyed doing lots of craft activities and the new home corner role play area has been a big hit! Next week we will be learning about the story of The Enormous Turnip and continuing our understanding of more and less in maths. Don't forget the Dragonfly adults are on the playground from 8:30-8:45am on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Please come and say hello!

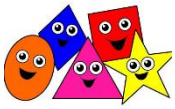
Butterflies

We have had an amazing start to the term in Butterflies. The children have settled really well and have spent time getting to know their new adults and friends. This week we have particularly enjoyed playing with the cars and babies showing love and care as we have looked after them! We have all spent time exploring outside and have loved engaging in water play. Next week we are going to continue to engage in bucket time activities, alongside exploring stories using story sacks and spending time with our friends in Butterflies.



Windmill Nursery

This week:



It has been another busy and fun week in the Nursery! We loved exploring different shapes and going on our own shape hunt in our outside areas!
We continued our learning on colour by reading the story 'Mouse Paint.' We enjoyed finding out how different colours mix together to make new ones and even made our own mouse paintings!
This week, we have been singing lots of number rhymes to help us learn number names and to practice our counting up to 5 both forwards and backwards!

Next week:

Our book of the week will be 'The Little Red Hen' which will help us begin to explore seasonal changes and harvest.
We will also be taking part in 'Go Green Week' with the rest of the school. We will be discussing how we can look after our planet and will be enjoying hands-on activities such as junk modelling and rubbish sorting!



Year R

Highlights from this week:

The children have wowed us this week with their phonic knowledge and the ability to read simple words such as, 'sit', 'man' and 'dip'. The children have been learning a cued articulation action for each sound; we wonder if they can remember them at home?
In maths, we enjoyed visiting the HIVE for the first time. We went on a hunt to find different amounts of natural materials such as twigs and leaves and matched them to the correct numeral.
The children enjoyed meeting our class faith doll called Jariah in RE and learning about her religion, Christianity.

Key learning for next week:

Next week, we will be delving into the world of fairy tales. On Monday the children will receive a special delivery with clues to help them work out our book for the week-shhhh! Don't tell the children! We will be using our story, 'The Three Little Pigs' to explore mass in maths, materials in science and collage in art. In handwriting, we will be learning how to form our new handwriting patterns, which are vertical and horizontal lines. We will apply this as we draw houses for the three little pigs.

Notices:

Please ensure all items are labelled so we can return them to their owners. Thank you.

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

Come and join us as we tell you all about a typical day in Year R! Please meet us in the hall to find out what it is like for your children at Herne Infant and Nursery School and all the wonderful things we do.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

What another fun and busy week! The children have really enjoyed learning about Primary colours in art and have had fun mixing paint together to make Secondary colours using their fingertips. The children thought it was pure magic! We really enjoyed our walk around the perimeter of the school searching for human and physical features in our local area and finding out about our final type of nouns.

Key learning for next week:

As part of our whole school theme of 'Go Green Week', we are going to be looking at ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle in order to look after our wonderful world. This will include a litter hunt using litter pickers, sorting the found items according to materials (linking in our Science learning) and which recycling bin we could put them. We will also be going to the ICT Suite to play a recycling game. In Writing, we are focusing on sentence structure such as word order, capital letters, finger spacers and full stops. For our Maths learning we are exploring number families and number bonds of numbers to ten. In Art we are exploring different sizes of paintbrushes and painting tools, and using the story of Oliver's Vegetables for Design Technology which will cumulate with us making potato chips at the end of the week!

Notices:

Please can we have all your junk to reuse during COOL Time! We would like clean plastic/cardboard boxes, tubs, kitchen rolls (no toilet rolls please) and lids. Thank you!

Please remember to sign up for one of our parent sessions next week! Our focus is Reading and we just know the children are going to love welcoming you into their classroom to show you what they can do!

Diary date:

Parent Session – Focus on Reading - **Monday 28th September** and **Thursday 1st October**, both at **2:15.**



Year 2

Highlights of the week

The children are love our Music activities this term! We wonder if the children are singing some of our new songs that are teaching the children rhythm, beat and pitch at home? Many apologies if they do as they are very catchy and are bound to stick in your head for quite some time! We have also enjoyed adding white and black to coloured paint to explore what happens.

Key learning for next week:

Next week is our whole school 'Go Green Week' and so we will be participating in many learning activities linked with keeping our planet environmentally clean. An example of this is discussing food waste and how important it is to use locally sourced food. In Writing we are using statements, questions and commands to plan a poster to encourage people to be environmentally friendly and in Maths we are comparing and ordering numbers 0 to 100 using the more than, less than and equals to symbols. Other areas of the curriculum include creating mood inspired pictures based on Pablo Picasso in Art and naming the five oceans in Geography.

Notices:

Please can we have all your junk modelling to reuse during COOL Time! We would like clean plastic/cardboard boxes, tubs, kitchen rolls (no toilet rolls please) and lids. Thank you!

Diary date:

We are inviting parents/carers to come in and join in with some Reading activities during a special session on either **Thursday 8th October and Friday 9th October,** starting at **2:15pm.** You only need to attend one. We will start in the hall and then join your children in their classrooms for some Reading related activities. Please sign up for one of these on class garden whiteboards. We shall look forward to seeing you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

