

HERNE CE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 2nd October 2026



HARVEST GIVING – WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER

This Harvest we will be supporting the work of Foodbank and collecting donations on their behalf. We have chosen Foodbank as our Harvest charity as they work with our local community and assist families in times of need. Please have a look at the items listed below and if you are able to donate an item, we will be collecting these on Wednesday 14th October.

This Harvest the Food Bank would appreciate:



Instant mash, canned peas, canned carrots, canned sweetcorn, canned potatoes, pasta sauce, cup soup, long life juice, long life whole milk, tinned fish, rice pudding, instant coffee, large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+), cleaning sprays, washing up liquid, toiletries (all), tinned fish, tinned, beans and soup. If you need the support of foodbank, please call **01227 936450** or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org



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 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 **6th October 2025**.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can contact the school office via email office@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk as you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

HELLO YELLOW



On **Friday 9th October** your child is invited to wear something yellow as part of the 'Young Minds Mental Health' awareness day. We will be approaching this

through our 'Colour Monsters' story book which we use in school. Each monster is a colour and represents an emotion. We will be talking about emotional vocabulary and our awareness of how we feel. We will discuss that all emotions are important and that we can look after our own and others' emotions in different ways such as our mindfulness, values and behaviours.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

A friendly reminder to parents to please **book your Parents' Consultation appointment via the Arbor App**. Please make sure you book your appointment as soon as possible to secure your preferred time with your child's teacher.

SCARECROW TRAIL

Come along and enjoy the **Herne & Broomfield Scarecrow Trail** on Sunday 4th October! Maps are available to purchase from **Herne Centre** for **£5**.

There is also a **Children's Scarecrow Art Competition**! Collect your scarecrow picture from Herne Centre or print the one attached, get creative and enter your design. We can't wait to see your fantastic scarecrow creations!



FLU IMMUNISATIONS



A reminder to parents that the **flu immunisations will take place in school on Monday 5th October**. If you **missed the deadline for giving consent** and would still like your child to receive the flu vaccination, you will now need to contact your **GP** to arrange this.

KENT LIFE CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

Newsquest have teamed up with Fenwick to invite Kent schoolchildren to design the **Kent Life magazine 2026 Christmas cover**! A selection of entries will be published in the Christmas issue, with the winner's artwork featuring on the front cover! To enter, simply scan your child's drawing, painting or illustration and email it to

kentchristmascover@newsquest.co.uk, including the child's name, age and school. To enter children must live in Kent and be in full-time education. **Entries must be received by Tuesday 27 October 2026**. Good luck to everyone taking part!



WELLBEING NEWS

During our Nurture Groups this week we have been working together to make our school scarecrows for the scarecrow trail on Sunday. We have made "Zog and Princess Pearl", our scarecrows will be on display at the Herne Centre. Why not go for an explore and see how many scarecrows you can find. See the attached poster for more details. Please feel free to send any photos to wellbeing@herne-infant.kent.sch.uk.

Forest Group News

This week we have been printing using Pine Cones. The children found that the end of the pine cone was the easiest part to use as it kept their fingers away from the paint. They enjoyed creating pictures with their friends.

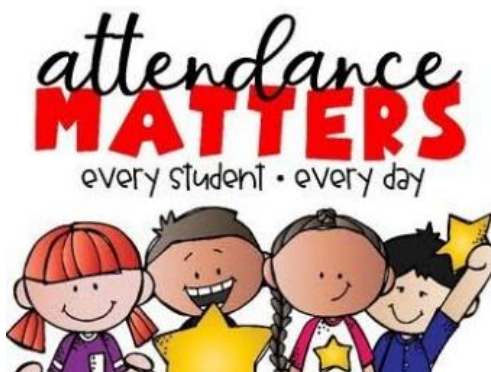
In the afternoon groups we have been finding out what happens when we add a "magic liquid" (vinegar) to coloured mud which we had mixed with bicarbonate of soda. The children really enjoyed watching the froth appear and seeing the different colours we made by adding powdered paint. We have also been making conker runs out of guttering and drain pipes and seeing how far we can get the conkers to roll.

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance this week **94.60%**

Dormouse, Owl and Rabbit Classes all with over 99.3%

Huge well done to **SQUIRREL CLASS** with **99.3%**



THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM CLASS

Dragonflies

This week in Dragonflies we have been learning the story of The Enormous Turnip. We have role played the story and worked together to think about how we would put the story in the right order. We have been learning about 'pink' words relating to who is in the story. In maths, we have been thinking about more and less as well as working hard to recognise and form numbers. We are getting to know each other very well through a range of games and activities.

Butterflies

This week in Butterflies, we have enjoyed exploring with paint, foam and rice! We have developed our turn taking skills and practiced making vertical and horizontal lines with a range of resources. We have all loved our bucket time activities and the children are settling well into the daily routines.



Windmill Nursery

This week:

We have been getting creative in the nursery this week! Our book of the week 'The Little Red Hen' inspired our play, as we used our imaginations to make bread for our friends out of playdough and in the mud kitchen.

A highlight of this week was exploring the musical instruments, we enjoyed counting how many times we shook our shakers and tapped on our tambourines!

It has been 'Go Green Week' and we made some amazing creations with junk modelling, such as dinosaurs and rockets!

Next week:

We will continue our learning on Harvest and Autumn by reading the story 'Leaf Man.' We will be making portraits out of leaves and Autumn treasures that we can find in our outdoor areas.

We will continue working on our gross and fine motor skills in our write dance sessions, with our focus on dots.



Year R

Highlights from this week:

This week, we were so excited to receive a special delivery from a mystery sender! We solved the clues to work out our story of the week, 'The Three little Pigs'.

We have used the story to help us with our learning across all areas this week.

In maths, we weighed the mass of the three little pigs' building materials and compared them using the words 'heavy' and 'light'.

During our Literacy time we learned key vocabulary and actions.

We have also continued our own learning by building houses for the three little pigs using bricks, Lego and junk modelling whilst considering which materials would work best.

Key learning for next week:

Next week, we will be receiving another special delivery with clues for 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

In maths, we will be exploring language related to size and will measure and order different objects from the story by size.

We will be visiting the hall for the first time to play some team games. Can you practice changing at home in preparation for PE.

Notices:

Labelling clothes: Please ensure all items are labelled so we can return them to their owners.

Wednesday 7th October 2.20pm - A Day in the Life of YR Workshop - Please sign up on class whiteboards and we can't wait to see you next week.



Year 1

Highlights from this Week:

The children have enjoyed focusing our learning on food! A particular highlight was making healthy chips using potatoes like Oliver in 'Oliver's Vegetable's' and having a nibble! Go Green Week also enabled us to think how we can recycle food such as using compost bins and using left over food for other purposes such as printing and threading with. The children were avid litter collectors around the school (items were, of course, strategically placed by adults!) and loved reusing all your recyclable rubbish in our COOL Times! We hope you enjoyed receiving them at home time!

Key learning for next week:

We are continuing to delve into the text 'Oliver's Vegetable's' and reflection on our chip making skills to write Oliver some instructions using sentences and time related vocabulary such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'lastly' for him to follow. Our key spellings are 'I', 'the', 'is', 'was', 'go', 'to', 'no'. In Maths we are learning that subtraction is the opposite to adding and have a go at subtracting a single digit number from a given number to ten. We shall be referring to our part-part-whole models, bar models, number frames and even number lines. We are also going to find out about our first artist of Year One to inspire us to create our art pumpkin artwork- Yayoi Kusama. In Science we are grouping together a variety of everyday objects based on the materials they are made from and discuss why everyday objects are made from them such as plates, cups, knives and forks.

Notices:

Please ensure all items of clothing are named and that book bags are free from keyrings due to storage purposes. Thank you.



Year 2

Highlights of the week:

The children have loved digging deeper into environmental issues during *Go Green Week*, taking part in another swimming session and singing new songs to recognise tempo and pulse. The children have also created some lovely pieces of artwork of our class animals for our new hall board.

Key learning for next week:

To consolidate this weeks English learning of statements, commands and questions we will be creating our own posters to encourage others to be environmental friendly, which we will display around the school. In Maths we are adding a single digit to a double-digit number using concrete and pictorial representations. Alongside to this, we will be looking closely at one of Pablo Picaaso's famous artworks in Art, locate the five oceans in Geography, recapping health and hygiene in Design Technology and painting our boxes to create habitats of the world for Science.

Notices:

Please sign up for our first parent workshop in Year Two, where the focus is Reading. You will start the session in the hall hearing about what we do to promote and practise reading and what you can do to best support your child at home. After this you will be joining your child in class to join in with some activities! The workshop will start at **2:15pm**. The dates are **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October**. We look forward to welcoming you!

As part of our learning about seasonal foods and knife cutting skills in Design Technology, we are planning to prepare, make and taste apple crumble! If you are able to contribute towards ingredients, please could you sign up on the recipe list on class whiteboards. Thank you so much for your support.

